

Meade Park Elementary



December/January Newsletter

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



Friday, January 6, 2024- Progress Reports go home

Wednesday, December 4 & 12, 2024 - Early Dismissal 1:15

Friday, December 20, 2024- Early Dismissal 1:15 for winter break

Monday, December 23- Monday January 3, 2025- Winter break district closed

Monday, January 6, 2025- Students and staff return from winter break.

Wednesday, January 18, 2025- Early dismissal 1:15.

Friday, January 17, 2025- Semester Closing no school for students

Monday, January 20, 2025- Martin Luther King Jr. Day- No school



Inclement Weather Plan for WINTER WEATHER

All Meade Park students will be bringing home a packet of work and have access to Google Classroom. This is not homework for them to complete. It is an asynchronous packet in case school is cancelled due to inclement weather. Please keep this packet in a safe place at home. In case of an inclement weather day, we will send more information on Class Dojo and/or Google Classroom when needed.

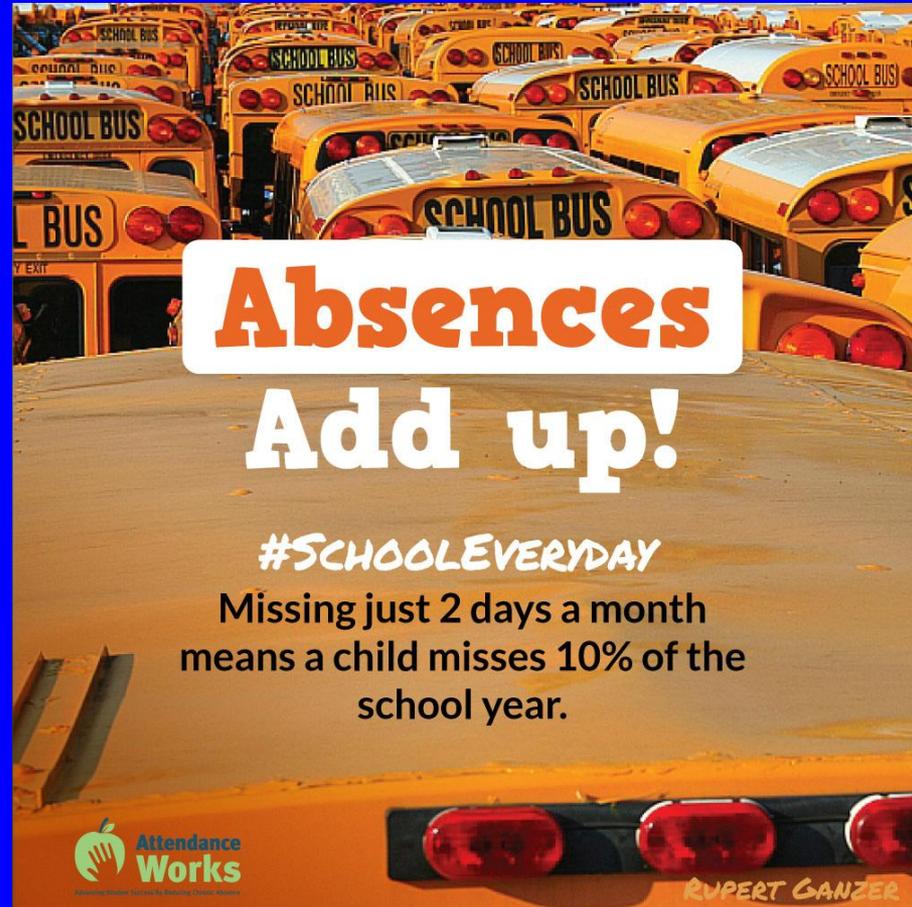


ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT!

In order for all student to get the best education possible, they must be in attendance and on time every day. Students learn best if they are present for instruction on a consistent basis. If your child is sick please call the office at 217-444-1960 to report the absence.

Students who are absent will automatically receive a phone call if they are not already excused for the day by phone call or note. If your child misses the bus and needs a ride call

Mrs. Johnson 217-444-1960



Nurse's Notes

With flu season upon us, the district continues to work to keep all children healthy. Everyone is doing their part:

- Custodial staff is working diligently to clean all surfaces including water fountains, door handles, and desks.
- Staff is modeling and teaching hygienic coughing, sneezing, and nose blowing.
- Teachers encourage hand washing and disinfect surfaces and materials.
- Nurses are working with parents to send students home and make sure they are well enough to return.

How can you help?

- Please continue to teach your children proper hand washing and how to cover a cough or sneeze.
- Remember it is very important for your child to remain home until they are fever-free for 24 hours, without the use of a fever reducer (Tylenol or Ibuprofen).

If you have any questions regarding Influenza A, recommendations for treatment of symptoms, or general health information, please don't hesitate to call the school nurse.



SCHOOL PHYSICALS & IMMUNIZATIONS

DAILY FROM 8:00 AM- 2:30 PM

SIHF will be providing school physicals and immunizations starting Monday July 31st. The clinic is located inside Danville High School. Please call (217) 920-0168 to schedule an appointment.



AVID W.I.C.O.R. MONTHLY

Teacher
Corner

AVID = **A**dvancement **V**ia **I**ndividual **D**etermination
A Simple Way to Keep Students Motivated - Click the link!

Let Students Take Charge of Their Own Learning!

Steps to Success (Click the links below for AVID lessons to try!)

1. **Let students drive their own learning!**
2. **Lead More, Talk Less**
3. **Remove Barriers to Learning**
4. **Let Kids Be Kids!** (scroll down to the middle of the article to see a video of a Socratic Seminar!)



How to Get Students Focused on Learning

Click this link!

BRACE YOURSELVES, TEACHERS! CHRISTMAS IS COMING.

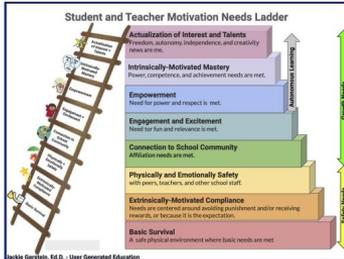


Click the picture to the right!

You think YOUR job is bad? Try teaching students the week before Christmas!



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STAR Note-Taking

S

SET UP YOUR PAPER

- Add your heading
- Set up your paper for 2-column or 3-column notes

T

TAKE NOTES

- Main idea or topic go on left column
- Details, explanations, information, questions, or drawings about the topic go in the second or third column

A

ADD TO YOUR NOTES

- Read your notes over
- Improve your notes by adding questions or details you missed using a different color
- You can remove details if they are not important
- Use highlighters to emphasize important points

R

REVIEW YOUR NOTES

- Review your notes to learn the information
- Add summaries or new questions using a different color
- If possible, review your notes with a Study Buddy

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DECEMBER
EDITION 4

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Focused Ninja read aloud book (click the link for a read aloud!)

W: Writing

I: Inquiry

C: Collaboration *You are here!*

O: Organization

R: Reading



How Can You Assist with Students Staying Motivated to Learn?

- Give them time to ask you questions! Remember that it is developmentally appropriate for them to ask for help.
- Encourage project based learning for ELA and Math.
- One pager! (More to come on this in January!)
- **AVID One Pager** short video (click the link!)

Noisy Class?

- Try the website **Bouncy Balls** to help with expectations and classroom noise levels! (click on the link!)
- Don't forget that your **Class Dojo** also has a Toolkit to assist with motivation and collaboration!

Topic Question:

How can Meade Park students stay focused while learning important reading and math strategies?

Main Focus:

Teachers and students working together to stay focused during instruction and group work.

12 Strategies to Handle

Work Refusals



CHRISTMAS BREAK LUXURIES OF A TEACHER:

Barred Teachers

1. Peeing whenever you want.
2. Going out to lunch like normal people.
3. Drinking coffee before it gets cold.
4. Reading a book not written for children.
5. Wearing comfortable clothes.
6. No bells, no fire drills, no alarm clocks.
7. Silence...sweet silence.

December Fun

