



Parents,
We have gotten off to a great start and are rolling along now. It is hard to believe we have already been in school for six weeks. Thank you for sharing your most prized possession with us, your child. We want to do everything we can to make their school experience the best we can. We can do that best by working together with you as a team. Please always feel free to share any thoughts, ideas or concerns you have about the school. Our goal is to be the best we can be!

Traffic Officers

Parents as you know we had police officers who started last week work with the traffic in front of the school. The district is paying to have this done to better help our traffic movement. I know that many of you have been frustrated with the traffic situation and it is also causing parents to drop students off in no drop off zones which are not safe. They will be trying several things before starting anything permanent. They asked me to pass on a couple of things that might help at this point.

- *Leaving the school is a right turn only.
- * When you are exiting, traffic is still moving so please go ahead and pull into the inside right lane to prevent traffic from stopping.
- *Leave a few minutes earlier in the mornings.
- *Look into a different route since you will not be able to turn left into the main entrance.

What's Happening at WSE October

- Bully Prevention Month
- 4 – 5:00 Title 1 Information Mtg.
- 7- Family Fitness Fun Day
- 14 – Fall Picture Retakes
End of 1st 9 weeks
- 19 – Unity Day
Report Cards go home
- 21 – 8:30 Awards Assembly 4th & 5th grade
9:30 Awards Assembly 2nd & 3rd grade
- 26, 27, & 28th - 1:35 Early Release Days for
Parent Teacher Conferences
- 31 Halloween

November

- 2 – 5th grade to NBMS
- 3 – 3rd grade Field Trip
- 4 – Special Olympics Bowling Competition
- 8 – Election Day
- 11 – 9:00 Veteran's Day Ceremony
6:30 PTA Family Movie Night
- 14-18 Book Fair
- 15 – 6:00 Family Reading Carnival
- 16 – Progress Reports go home
- 17 – 3rd-5th grade Grand Friends Day
- 18 – K-2 grade Grand Friends Day
- 21-25 Thanksgiving Holidays

Traffic cont.

We will let you know when the city has made a final decision on how to best help our traffic situation. Thank you for your patience and please just know we want help help expedite you time and keep our students safe.



Parent Conferences

We have 3 early release days on Oct. 26, 27 and 28. These days we will release at 1:35 for parent teacher conferences. Each parent is asked to meet with their child/child's teachers in order to check on their progress. We know that your child will be more successful if we work together on their education. If you have not already signed up for a conference please do that as soon as possible.

ABSENCES/ATTENDANCE

Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. If a student is absent 2 days a month or average of that it is considered chronic absenteeism.

Regular school attendance is essential for a student to make the most of his or her education—to benefit from teacher-led and school activities, to build each day's learning on the previous day's, and to grow as an individual. Absences from class may result in serious disruption of a student's mastery of the instructional materials; therefore, the student and parent should make every effort to avoid unnecessary absences.

Compulsory Attendance

State law requires that a student between the ages of 6 and 19 attend school

Excused absence

Parent note may excuse a student from an absence for illness, religious holiday, military related trip, attending a funeral. Communication with your school is of most importance to avoid attendance issues.

Extracurricular Activities Offered

"NBISD Community Education offers a variety of exciting extracurricular activities for your child at several of our elementary campuses. Activities include tennis, golf, music, gymnastics and many more! Please go to the NBISD website (Community/Community Education) to view class offerings and register your child TODAY! Contact Jennifer Vasquez for more information - jvasquez@nbisd.org or 830-643-5729"

Attendance Cont.

Doctor's Note After an Absence for Illness (All Grade Levels)

Within three days of returning to school, a student must bring a statement verifying the reason for the absence. If the student is absent for more than 5 consecutive days because of a personal illness he/she must bring a statement from a doctor or health clinic verifying the illness or condition that caused the student's extended absence from school. Otherwise, the student's absence may be considered unexcused.

Unexcused absence

No communication on the student's absence will result in a unexcused absence.

Vacations and family trips are considered unexcused absence.