

# Pirate's Post



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School success starts with attendance.

Our overall attendance has gone down 2 percentage points from 15-16 to 16-17 and even more this year. Our attendance rates are on a downward trend and our chronic absenteeism rate (students missing 10% or more) is on the rise. School MUST be a priority. EVERYDAY, ALL DAY Matters!! Please do not allow your child to miss school unless it is for an appointment that cannot be scheduled before or after school. Please review the attendance/truancy policy (p191) on the district website.  
[https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoollfiles/704/policy\\_board\\_bk\\_2016-17.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoollfiles/704/policy_board_bk_2016-17.pdf)



Attendance is important! It is important that your child comes to school on time, every day well rested and ready to learn. Regular attendance is critical for your child to achieve his/her highest potential. Academic and social learning takes place all day, every day at Plato. Students who arrive late, leave early, or are absent miss valuable instruction time.

A missed school day is a lost opportunity for students to learn. We can't teach our students if they aren't here. Any absence, whether excused or not, denies students the opportunity to learn in accordance with the school's instructional program, but students who miss school are sometimes further excluded from learning opportunities as a consequence of chronic absenteeism.

**LOOKING AHEAD for 18-19 School Year:**  
Please plan vacations and out of town trips during our many breaks throughout the year. Avoid bringing your child late or picking up your child early unless you have a doctor's appointment and are able to provide documentation. We will need a note from the doctor to put on file anytime your child is late, leaves early, or is absent. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

**PLEASE SEE 18-19 SCHOOL CALENDAR ON THE BACK OF THE POST.**



WOW: temperance  
~moderation in action,  
thought, or feeling  
Quotes:

-It's easier to leave angry words unspoken than to mend a heart those words have broken. ~UKA  
-If one will not, two cannot quarrel. ~UKA  
-A man who cannot tolerate small ills can never accomplish great things. ~Chinese Proverb  
-A problem is a chance to do your best. ~Duke Ellington

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**WE HAVE A FEW  
MORE YEARBOOKS  
FOR SALE IN THE  
OFFICE. STOP BY AND  
SEE ELISHA TO  
PURCHASE ONE.**

## Important Dates

May 21 - LATE START MONDAY  
May 22 - Senior 18 Reception @ 4:30p  
May 23 - K/1 Assembly @ 9:00am  
May 23 - 2/3 Assembly @ 10:30am  
May 24 - 4/5 Assembly @ 9:00am  
May 24 - 5th Grade Promotion @ 1:30 pm in the Gym  
May 24 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

**IMPORTANT:**  
ALL BOOKS ARE DUE TO THE LIBRARY

PLEASE COME CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND! ALL ITEMS WILL BE DONATED THAT ARE NOT PICKED UP BEFORE FRIDAY.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!!!

## LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

**IMPORTANT:**  
PLEASE LABEL ALL JACKETS, BACKPACKS, LUNCH BOXES, ETC.

Aug 3 - Elementary Check-in @ DMS 11am-2pm  
Aug 6 - Elementary Check-in @ DMS 4pm-7pm  
Aug 13 - Back to School Night 5:30-6:30  
Aug 15 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL  
Aug 20 - LATE START MONDAY  
Aug 27 - LATE START MONDAY  
Aug 30 - School Pictures

***H.B. 1975, effective July 1, 1995, provides that if a child is absent without a valid excuse for four (4) days or parts of days within a four (4) week period, the parent will be notified, or if a student is absent without excuse for ten (10) days or parts of days within a semester, the building principal must notify the parent and immediately report such absences to the District Attorney's Office.***

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