



San Miguel Joint Union School District

Hornet News



24 hour Attendance Line 467-3216 ext. 240

FEBRUARY 2009

- 5 DELAC Meeting 6:30 pm
- 9 **NO SCHOOL**
Staff Development Day
- 10 PTO Meeting 6:30 pm
- 11 School Board Mtg.-7:00
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 President's Day
NO SCHOOL
- 17 Resource Connection
- 24 SSC Meeting 3:30 pm
- 25 Minimum Day out @ 1:10

Principal's Message

Tips for Improving School Attendance

1. Remember that good attendance benefit's your child's education. Students who miss a day of school not only miss instruction, but must make up work and catch up with the new material at the same time.
2. The bus is a consistent way to ensure your child arrives at school in a timely manner. Arriving late can be disruptive for your child, the teacher, and other children in the class.
3. Try to schedule doctor and dentist appointments in the beginning or

end of the day so that your child will only miss ½ of a day of school.

4. Children will get coughs and colds during the winter, but it does not mean that they need to miss school. Collaborate with the school nurse if your child needs medication or cough drops to be comfortable during the day.

5. Monitor your child's attendance through Parent Portal to keep track of absences. If an absence is marked unexcused and you gave your child a note, please contact the school attendance secretary as soon as possible.

6. Remember that there are 180 school days out of 365 total days in the year. Families are encouraged to take vacations during the eight weeks of summer vacation, two weeks near the holidays, or over the week break in the spring.

7. Keep in mind that patterns are formed early. It is more difficult to break a bad habit (children begging to stay home from school "just this once") than saying "no" in the beginning.

8. If there are reasons why your child is not coming to school (school phobia, relationships with peers, academic difficulties), please contact your school counselor so that the underlying issue can be addressed.

Buzz Marathon

February 21, 2009

Volunteers and runners are needed for this year's Buzz Marathon. If you are interested in helping please contact Eileen Rogers at 467-3216 ext. 125.

READ ACROSS AMERICA

"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child."

What better way to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday than reading to a child? February 27th we urge you to participate in the eleventh annual Read Across America and read to a child.

WHY CELEBRATE DR. SEUSS?
Dr. Seuss epitomizes a love of children and learning. Also, his use of rhyme makes his books an effective tool for teaching young children the basic skills they need to be successful. When we celebrate Dr. Seuss and reading, we send a clear message to America's children that reading is fun and important.