

**Tracking Our Progress**

- This year our goal is to decrease chronic attendance by 5% and have an ADA of 95%
- Current data:  
91% Average Daily Attendance  
23% Chronic Attendance

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day



**Take the Dunbar Family Attendance Pledge and learn how attendance affects your child's education and what you can do to support them.**

**Attendance Awareness Campaign ☺**

**Date: Jan.30.2020 Time: 5:30-7:00pm**

- Light refreshments will be served
- Lots of prizes including...
  - Free family round trip tickets to Port Jefferson and back on BPT ferry.
  - Bass Pro shops giveaways
  - Chipotle gift certificates
  - Starbucks gift certificates

Dear Families,

Thank you to all those who attended our Holidays Around the World event in December. It was so nice to gather with our Dunbar family and listen to stories and eat breakfast together. We hope to see even more of you at our next event, our Attendance Awareness Kick-Off on January 30th. Congratulations to those of you who signed the attendance pledge last month and won the raffle. We hope you enjoy the gift cards to Chipotle! For those of you who didn't enter last month, be sure to read through the newsletter and bring back the pledge on the back for another chance to win. We look forward to working with all our families as we strive to improve our attendance.

**YMCA NEWS**

Childcare: Register for 1/2 childcare on 1/8/20. Take advantage if you do not have any pickup arrangements for your child. Registration must be received by 1/2/2020.

**Sign form attached on back page if interested in YMCA childcare for Jan.8<sup>th</sup> 1/2 day.**

**Winter Attendance Tips:**

- Adjust winter clothes for children's needs. Dress babies and young children in one more layer of clothing.
- Don't forget winter accessories. Remember warm boots, gloves or mittens and a hat, which make a big difference in keeping young children and babies from illness.
- Get immunized. Keep vaccinations current, including the flu shot (for children 6 months and older).

95%	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

**BE SMART BE THERE!**

Percentages based on 190 academic days

**Half days matters** - Plan in advance for your half days, please do not keep your child home because it is easier for you. Check out afterschool options at BPT YMCA.

**Rainy days matters** - Do not keep your child home because of rain, unless the BOE gives us the day off due to bad weather, your child's education is important.

**Sleep matters** - Make sure your child is getting enough sleep so he/she is ready for school, especially on Mondays.

**Wellness matters** - Please schedule wellness visits after school. Doctors are available after 3pm for wellness visits. (If your child's doctor visit must take place during school hours, be sure to bring your child to school after the visit.)

**Attendance Matters!** If your child has missed 5 days of school (excused/unexcused) you can expect regular calls, school meetings, and scheduled home visits. Students who are chronically absent will be more likely to be retained in their grade level for the following school year. By order of our principle A. Perrin.

### After school care sign up

If you are interested in afterschool care on January 8, 2020 (one session day) please complete this form and return to the Dunbar main office by January 2, 2020. Please note there will be a \$10.00 fee per child that must be paid before services are rendered. Supervisory services will be provided by the Raphola Taylor Center.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of students: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of students: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade level(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Raffle -

I've read the attendance newsletter and pledge to do my part making sure my child comes to school the month of December. Please sign and return for a special prize! J

Name of parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_