

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DAZZLING DOLPHINS FOR DECEMBER

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Kayla Morrison
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Principal's Message

January 7, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family enjoyed the winter holiday break. Hopefully, the foggy and cold weather conditions did not alter any of your plans. We are all happy to be back to school and have hit the floor running. Thank you for making sure your child is dressed appropriately and prepared for school. The New Year is a great time to revisit and even set new goals for the year. While many students are making it to school with time to spare, we are finding that many families are unable to have students to school by the second bell at 8:25 am. During our three week period in December, we had 250 tardies/ lates and 250 absences for the same amount of time.

Our dedicated teachers begin class instruction promptly at the second bell, so even a few minutes make a difference. Our yard supervisors are here at 8:10 am to monitor student safety on both intermediate and primary play areas. Truancy negatively impacts students academically as well as socially. Research also shows that children who have good attendance in school do better overall especially on important state tests. Children can always make up the class work that they may miss, but they never get back the instruction that they miss from the teacher, the discussions, the questions, and the explanations. Regular school attendance has a positive impact on your child's success at school. Please consider improving or maintaining attendance and punctuality as a family goal for 2009!

Thanks to a very invigorating article in the Sacramento Bee yesterday, our phones have been lighting up with questions regarding registration for 2009-10. You will find all the information you need on this Dateline.

Please also note that our kindergartners are having their conferences next week- January 12-16. All kindergartners will arrive at 8:25 and be dismissed at 11:46am. Those students who attend Sundahl Student Care will wait in the lunchroom until 12:05 when their student care time begins. Thank you for making sure you kindergartners and their teachers know how they are getting home next week.

Also enclosed in your child's Wednesday folder, you will find information regarding the 4Father E-Waste program which will help you solve those pesky recycling problems. You will also find information from the Foundation on their upcoming calendar fundraiser.

Finally, please be sure to take a moment to click on the Budget Central area on the www.fcusd.org website. Mr. Godwin, our superintendent, has a recent posting giving information that is so important and vital to all who reside in California. Thank you for being involved as well as informed.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at dchays@fcusd.org or 989.9182.

Take care-

Donna Chulos Hays