

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT No. 1
Pine Street Elementary School

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Dear Pine Street Elementary School Parent/Guardian:

It always a pleasure working with you and your child.

In order to help your child achieve the most from school, it is important that s/he maintain high attendance. Our records show attendance has been a challenge so far this year.

Days Absent: _____ Days Tardy: _____



Tips for Improving School Attendance



1. Remember that good attendance benefits 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. Students are expected to be at the bus stop 5-10 minutes before "pick-up" time.
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 or days students are off 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 to be comfortable during the day.
5. Remember that there are 175 student school days out of 365 total days in the year. Families are encouraged to take vacations during the school calendar scheduled vacation week/s.
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.

If there are reasons why your child is not coming to school (academic difficulties, medical reasons, etc.), please call me at the number below, so that we are aware of, and can attempt to address the underlying issue.

We appreciate your efforts and concern.

Sincerely,



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