

# Abbott Warrior Weekly

February 5th, 2023

## Message From the Principal

Hello Abbott parents, students, and staff!



Can you believe it is already February? It seems like time is flying by. Please take some time to check in with your child to see how they are doing by logging into the Infinite Campus Parent Portal or sit down with your child and have them log in for you. In Infinite Campus, you can see how your child is doing academically. Please contact your student's teachers if you have any questions about any zeros or missing assignments. In Infinite Campus, you can also view your child's attendance and tardies.

As we get further into the school year, we would like to remind you of the importance of good attendance and being on time to classes for all students. Good attendance and being on time are important life skills for the future.

Every time a student is tardy to school or class, they are missing the first minutes of class where our teachers are often reviewing, giving instruction, or giving directions for the day. We have seen an increase in student tardies this school year. When a student enters a classroom late, this often causes the class to lose focus or the teacher to have to repeat missed instructions. We need your partnership! Please discuss the importance of being on time with your child.

Every day a student is absent is a lost opportunity for learning. Too many absences not only can affect achievement for the absent student but also can disrupt learning for the entire class. Research shows that students who consistently miss school are at risk of lower academic achievement. If your child is healthy, they should be in school.

## Chronic Absenteeism

Most children miss a few days of school each year without long-term consequences. However, when they miss many days, the effects are almost always negative. If your child has missed 10 days or more of school (approximately 2 days a month), he or she is considered chronically

absent. Over the course of a student's high school career, missing 10 percent of school days would equate to missing almost an entire semester of school.

### **What Can Families Do?**

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves.

What you can do:

- **Avoid scheduling vacations when school is in session.** They are marked vacation, but they are still considered unexcused absences.
- **Build regular routines** for bedtime and the morning.
- Have your child turn off the screens when it is time to go to sleep.
- **Have your child lay out clothes and pack backpacks** the night before.
- **Talk about the importance of regular attendance** and about how your child feels about school.
- **Don't permit missing school** unless your child is sick.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, **talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents** for advice on how to make him/her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- **Avoid medical appointments when school is in session if possible.**
- **Develop back up plans** for getting to school if something comes up. Ask a family member, neighbor or another parent for help.

### **Attendance Notifications**

Automated Attendance Notifications are sent to parents whose children are marked "absent" on a given school day.

We also realize that there are a number of **excused reasons** why your child may be late to school.

**Please call the school if your child is going to be absent. Our office number is 847-888-5160.**

**We thank you for partnering with us to help your child succeed. Attendance matters!**

Best Regards,  
Principal Zugel

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses <b>2</b> days a month..	When a student misses <b>4</b> days a month..
They will miss <b>20 DAYS</b> a year.	They will miss <b>40 DAYS</b> a year.
They will miss <b>30 HOURS</b> of math over the school year.	They will miss <b>60 HOURS</b> of math over the school year.
They will miss <b>60 HOURS</b> of reading & writing over the school year.	They will miss <b>120 HOURS</b> of reading & writing over the school year.
They will miss over <b>1 YEAR</b> of school by graduation.	They will miss over <b>2 YEARS</b> of school by graduation.

# ASUNTOS DE ASISTENCIA

Faltar un día a la escuela puede no parecer mucho, ¡pero las ausencias se acumulan!

CUANDO UN ESTUDIANTE FALTA 2 DÍAS AL MES..	CUANDO UN ESTUDIANTE FALTA 4 DÍAS AL MES
• Se perderán 20 días al año.	• Se perderán 40 días al año.
• Perderán 30 horas de matemáticas durante el año.	• Perderán 60 horas de matemáticas durante el año.
• Perderán 60 horas de lectura y escritura al año.	• Perderán 120 horas de lectura y escritura al año.
• Perderán 1 año de escuela antes de graduarse de la escuela secundaria.	• Perderán 2 años de escuela antes de graduarse de la escuela secundaria.

## School Safety--If You See It, Hear It, Say It

As a school community, working together we can continue to help Abbott be a safe place for our students, staff, and families. We tell our students and staff: *If you hear it, see it, say it!* This applies to our entire school community, including our students, staff, families, and neighbors.

If anyone in the school community hears or sees something that is concerning, or if you have knowledge of a conflict that needs to be addressed, we ask that you notify a trusted adult, a teacher, a school administrator, or the police. Additionally, if you or your child(ren) hear something, please encourage them to report it also. Additionally, please don't promote social media rumors, but instead, tell us. You and your children may also use the District's online reporting tool, available [here](#).

Working together, we can keep Abbott a safe place for all and stop disruptions to the school day.

## Black History Month

This month is Black History month. Black History Month was created to focus attention on the contributions of African Americans to the United States. It honors all Black people from all periods of U.S. history, from the enslaved people first brought over from Africa in the early 17th century to African Americans living in the United States today.

Last week we started celebrating Black History Month at Abbott with Black History Quotes of the Day and a door decorating contest. We will also be having an all school assembly on February 24th. Look for more information and photos in next week's Warrior Weekly.

We have a lot of doors that can be decorated. If you are interested in adopting a door, please contact Principal Zugel by email at [chriszugel@u-46.org](mailto:chriszugel@u-46.org), or contact Assistant Principal Ponquinette by email at [nicoponquinette@u-46.org](mailto:nicoponquinette@u-46.org). You can also call the main office and ask for one of us: 847-888-5160.

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## 5 Essentials Survey

We would like you to share your thoughts to help guide our school improvement, by having you complete the **annual Illinois 5Essentials Survey**.

Teachers, parents, guardians, and 4th through 12th grade students across Illinois are encouraged to participate in the Illinois 5Essentials Survey to share their thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness and help guide school improvement.

**Survey Website:** <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> **Now open!**

**Deadline:** Friday, March 31, 2023

### Parent Survey

All U-46 parents are encouraged to take this survey - whether your child is in an early childhood program, elementary school, or middle school. If parents have more than one child at a school, they can complete one survey for each child. Parents with children enrolled in multiple schools may take the survey for each school. It takes about 10 minutes to complete a parent survey, and it is completely confidential - your answers will not be tied to you or your student.

**The state will only generate the parent survey results if at least 20 percent of parents at a school respond to the survey.** If the parent participation requirement is met, this data will be made available to principals. You can find out if your school has met the parent participation requirement [here!](#)

To take the parent survey, please visit <http://bit.ly/5EssentialsU46> before March 31, 2023.

- Available in English and Spanish
- Email is optional
- Completely anonymous
- 10 minutes to complete
- One survey per child, per school
- How To Complete Tutorial Video in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

Thank you for your help!

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## Activities/Clubs/Athletics/Events Calendar

Please visit our Abbott Website for this week's activities and events!

[www.u-46.org/abbott](http://www.u-46.org/abbott)



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## Upcoming Important Dates

- **February is Black History Month**
  - Monday, February 20th--**President's Day**--No School/Offices Closed
  - Friday, February 24th--**All School Assembly**/Adjusted Schedule
  - Monday, February 27th--Abbott Parent Meeting at 6:00 PM in the library
  - Friday, March 3rd--Kane County Institute Day/No School for Students
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