

Mr. Feathers Headquarters

February 19th, 2021

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration remains open. Please help us spread the word regarding registration as this does impact our staffing. If you know individuals who have school age children you can share this link with them. This link contains all the details regarding kindergarten registration.

<https://www.u-46.org/Domain/113>

For those individuals who would like assistance with registration please contact Hawk Hollow's front office to schedule an appointment. 630-540-7676



5 Essentials Survey

Please take 10 minutes to complete the 5 Essentials Survey. The results help guide our school improvement plans. We appreciate your feedback. Currently, only 12% of our population has completed the survey.

<http://survey.5-essentials.org/illincis/survey/parent/>

Picture Retake is Wednesday

For those of you who did not have an opportunity to get your child's photo taken you can sign up on the link below to bring your child in on February 24th from 8:30-10:30

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084DA5AC2AA4FC1-hawk3>

All families MUST self-certify using this link: <https://district.u-46.org/selfCertify/login.cfm>

Masks must be worn until the photographer tells the child to remove it. Parents should wait in cars for their children.

Don't forget to take the 5 Essentials Survey!

It's as easy as 1...2...3!!!!

<http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>



Important Dates

February 24th: Virtual PTH Meeting at 6:30; Picture Retakes – sign up here; ALL families must self-certify before entering the building!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084DA5AC2A44FC1-hawk3>

February 26th: NO SCHOOL, Teacher Institute Day

March 1st: Women's History Month begins

March 1st – 12th: – CoGat Testing for 6th graders and Make-up CoGat for 3rd graders

March 8th: 3rd Grade Virtually Visits the Planetarium

March 17th: St. Patrick's Day; Virtual PTH Meeting at 6:30

March 25th: 5th Grade Health Talk

March 26th: End of Third Quarter

March 29th – April 5th: Spring Recess

School Day

Please remember the school day is from 8:30–2:30. Students are required to attend sessions with teachers when scheduled or they will be marked absent.

Intervention Attendance

Attendance in interventions is MANDATORY! Please make sure your child attends their sessions and/or engages with their intervention. Students are placed in interventions based on deficits observed in class, on MAP, and district based assessments. If you have questions about your child's engagement in an intervention you can reach out to your child's teacher or Mrs. Dupuis. We truly appreciate your cooperation!

Student Handbook: Attendance and Truancy

Several teachers have been experiencing difficulty with students attending afternoon required sessions. Please understand attendance is being taken at afternoon sessions. If your child does not show up for a scheduled session, your child will be marked absent. Attendance and truancy guidelines remain in place even during this unusual school year. Please take a moment to read through the corresponding page from the student handbook that all parents signed during registration.

All schools in District U46 are subject to the School District U46 Board of Education policies, which are covered in this document. Students and staff are expected to follow Board policy at all times. Initial inquiries regarding school rules and policies should be directed to the school principal.

Attendance

Good attendance supports academic success. The habit of regular and punctual attendance is a quality that will follow a student throughout life. School district attendance begins with the preschool and kindergarten program.

District U46 operates a kindergarten program for children who reach the age of five on or before Sept. 1 of the year in which they would start kindergarten. Children entering 1st grade must be six years of age on or before Sept. 1 of the year in which they would start 1st grade. Early entrance to kindergarten or 1st grade may be granted following Board Policy 7.051 Entrance Age and Board Policy 7.053 Accelerated Placement Program.

The 2020-21 school year calendar found on page 7 has been established by the Board of Education and consists of 176 instructional days for students, with five emergency days built into the calendar. A full day of attendance for students must be a minimum of four clock hours of instruction for students in full-day kindergarten or 1st grade and five clock hours of instruction for students in 2nd through 12th grade. On a regular school day, students in full-day kindergarten or 1st grade who received less than 240 minutes of instruction but at least 120 minutes, can be claimed for a half day of attendance. Students in 2nd through 12th grade who receive less than 300 minutes of instruction but at least 150 minutes of instruction can be claimed for a half-day of attendance.

Study halls count toward the instructional time requirement. Lunch hours and recess are considered non-instructional time.

Absence

Parents/guardians are expected to call their child's school before any absence. Just as concern would be felt if a student did not arrive home after school, the same concern exists if a student does not come to school. In addition to the call, some schools may require notes from home following the student's absence. Parents are asked to follow the individual school policy on this matter.

Truancy

The principal has the responsibility for monitoring student attendance and potential truancy.

Valid Causes of Absences:

1. Illness;
2. Observance of a religious holiday;
3. Death in the immediate family;
4. Family emergency; or
5. Circumstances which cause reasonable concern to the parent or guardian for the safety or health of the student. The reasonableness of the concern shall be subject to evaluation by the principal or principal's designee, on a case by case basis.

Excused absences are those with a valid cause and which have been reported to the school by a parent or guardian. Unexcused absences are absences for which there is no legitimate cause, such as truancy.

Truancy is excessive unexcused absences. Chronic truancy refers to a student who is absent without valid cause for 5 percent or more of the previous 180 school days, or approximately nine unexcused absences. Generally, 10 absences and 15 tardies to school are used as a guideline to establish truancy, generating a warning letter to parents and a parent conference with the principal. If truancy continues, a referral can be made to a county attendance officer for further action and support.

Extended Absences

In case of an extended absence due to illness, the student's parent or guardian should contact the principal so that arrangements can be made to discuss the student's progress and homework with the classroom teacher. Parents are discouraged from vacation during the school year except for winter break, spring break, and summer vacation. If an extended absence/vacation during the school year is unavoidable, the absence is marked as unexcused.

Request for Early Dismissal

We encourage parents and guardians to schedule student doctor appointments such that they do not conflict with regular school hours. If an appointment must be scheduled during school hours, the parent or guardian must notify the school of the time, the purpose of the appointment and the name of the person who will be picking up the student. The