

WE are not "LION!" Our attendance is great!

Attendance= 98%

Keenan Elementary is making a special effort to ensure that all students fully benefit from their education by attending school regularly. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Your student can start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Consistent attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

Keenan has set a goal for the 2018-2019 school year to improve our attendance. For the 2017-2018 school year we ended the school year with an attendance rate of 96%. This year our goal is to end the year at **98%!**

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

We miss your student when they are gone and we value their contributions to our school. We would like you to help ensure that your student attends regularly and is successful in school. If your student is going to be absent, please contact Keenan and don't forget to send in a note for their absence.

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

We know that there are a wide variety of reasons that students are absent from school. There are many people in our building prepared to help you if you or your student face challenges in getting to school regularly or on time. We promise to track attendance daily, to notice when your student is missing from class, communicate with you to understand why they were absent, and to identify barriers and supports available to overcome challenges you may face in helping your student attend school.

HOW WE WILL RECOGNIZE YOUR LION

Each month we will be recognizing the classes that have 98% of their lions present. We also want to give a shout out to everyone who is here every day each nine weeks. We will recognize each little lion with their name on the attendance board and by having grade level drawings for student prizes.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences (excused and unexcused) can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) increases the chance that your student will not read or master math at the same level as their peers.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By being present at school, your child learns valuable social skills and has the opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with other students and school staff.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.
- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.

Thanks for your continued support!! We couldn't do it without you. Next week we will kick-off our attendance campaign with an Attendance Spirit Week! Check out the attachment below!

[Attendance spirit week.docx](#)