
Harrison Leadership

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We want your child to be SUPER and SUCCEED!



Attendance Quote & Facts

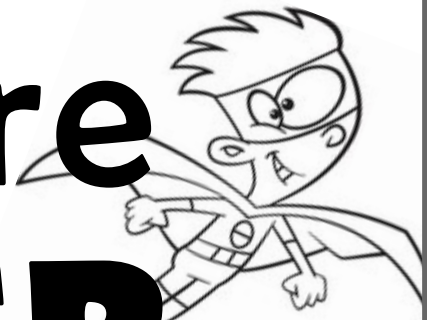
“I didn’t know that missing even 2 days a month (which is about 18-20 days a school year) could put my son behind in his academics, even as a kindergartener!” ~Mother of 3 School-Age Children

Nationwide, as many as 7.5 million students miss 10% or more of school every year for any reason (excused or unexcused). ~Attendance Works

Missing even 10% of school is strongly related to poor academic performance, and is a sign that the student may not finish high school.

~Attendance Works

We are SUPER



from
Bell (8:45)
to
Bell! (3:45)

Help Us Celebrate Attendance



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Excellence for All

What Is Bell to Bell 8:45 - 3:45?

Bell to Bell is a program that each student and grade level will participate in to improve our school's attendance. To meet Bell to Bell for the day the student must be in attendance from the first bell at 8:45am to the last bell at 3:45pm. They must NOT be tardy and must NOT leave before 3:45. Our SUPER Goal for attendance is 95.5%.

STUDENTS: Each student tracks their attendance by filling in "Bell to Bell" on their attendance tracking sheet. Once they have been at school from Bell to Bell for 10 days they earn a prize.

CLASSROOMS: Each classroom works to spell Bell to Bell also—where each letter is worth one day of the classroom achieving 95.5% attendance or higher. Once they spell Bell to Bell, their classroom will earn an attendance prize!

GRADE LEVELS: Grade levels also work to spell Bell to bell. Each day the whole grade has over 95.5% attendance, a letter is added to the for that grade. When complete, the whole grade earns a prize like extra recess, games with the principal, and more!

SCHOOL WIDE: As a school when we hit 95.5% attendance we add a letter to the word DANCE. When we have 5 days of 95.5% attendance the whole school earns a Dance Party in the halls and classrooms of Harrison!

Attendance at Harrison!

Students who are absent, tardy, and leave school early will be monitored daily, as usual. These students will not be eligible for individual perfect attendance prizes during the month they are absent, tardy or leave school early. To be eligible for individual prizes, students must be in school from Bell to Bell 8:45 - 3:45 the entire month!

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Attendance percentages include all spent IN SCHOOL. Being late to school, leaving early from school, and being absent all bring the percentage down.

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If a student misses too much school the district Truancy Officer will be contacted and a meeting will be held with the family at that time.

What Can I Do To Help?

- ◆ Talk to your child about being a leader and the importance of coming to school daily.
- ◆ Work with school staff to solve any problems that may be keeping your child from coming to school everyday.
- ◆ Get your child to school on time (before 8:45 am).
- ◆ Your child should not be picked up early (before 3:45 pm).
- ◆ Avoid scheduling family trips and medical appointments during school hours.
- ◆ Make sure that your child stays healthy by eating nutritious food and getting enough sleep and exercise.
- ◆ Don't accept excuses for why your child must "miss" school or be late to school.
- ◆ Discuss with your child what happened at school each day.
- ◆ Support school rules and consequences for missing school and being tardy.
- ◆ Show your child why education is important. Give examples of how education helps people become leaders and succeed.
- ◆ Lead by example. If children see their family taking off work for no real reason, they may expect to be able to do the same.
- ◆ Be sure that your child is aware of the school's tardy procedures. All students arriving after the 8:45 bell will be marked tardy and will not have that day count as being in attendance from Bell to Bell 8:45 - 3:45!



Students with perfect attendance for the month will be recognized at our SUPERHERO Assembly!