# Yorkshire Elementary School

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# Dear Yorkshire Families,

We have two more full weeks before the Winter Break. Our teachers are working hard to ensure the learning is engaging and fun for our students. Please be sure to send your children to school every day they are healthy!

# Important Dates Coming Up

- **December 6** Strings concert 6:15 p.m.
- December 8 PAC meeting 3:00 p.m. (virtual)
- December 8 Parent education meeting 6:00 p.m. (virtual)
- **December 9** Science Assemblies for K-5
- **December 15** Art and Music Night 6:00 p.m. (in-person)
- December 19-January 2 Winter Break No School
- January 3 School back in session!

# **Attendance Information**

We have updated our attendance data bulletin board. At the end of first quarter, we have 176 students missing 4 or more days of school. This makes us at 22% chronically absent for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. We're going in the wrong direction! Our goal is to be no higher than 15%.

Please remember that we are working on lowering our absentee numbers and that we believe elementary school sets the foundation for a child's educational success. In order to graduate, students must complete certain math, reading, and science classes. If our students in elementary school do not have a strong foundation or if they have holes in their learning, it makes it that much harder for them to be successful in middle and high school or even to graduate.

We ask that families do not take vacations or trips during the school year so that students do not miss large chunks of instruction. I know that sometimes it can be a challenge to plan trips during the summer or other breaks, but it benefits students to have the consistency of daily school.

We understand that when students are ill, they need to stay home. However, when your child is healthy, please make sure they come to school every day and on time. Together we can reach our goal and help set a strong foundation for the future of our students to graduate!

# **Impact Aid Forms**

All parents and guardians who are military-connected or work on federal property in Virginia are asked to complete the Impact Aid Survey. Please remind parents and guardians to complete the 2022-



23 Impact Aid Packet, which is now available in ParentVUE. The requested deadline for completion is **December 16, 2022**. <u>Instructions for completing the packet in ParentVUE can be found here</u>.

