Principal’s Note

Dear Parents and Guardians,

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We would like to bring to your attention a matter of great concern at our school: student attendance and tardiness. In recent days, we have observed a significant increase in the number of absences and tardies, which is affecting not only the students’ education but also the overall learning environment.

As of late, we have experienced days with at least 50 absences and 30 tardies among our little over 350 students. This level of absenteeism and tardiness is a serious issue that we all need to address collaboratively. Here are a few key points to consider:

1. **Importance of Regular Attendance**: Regular attendance is crucial for a student's success in school. Frequent absences can lead to gaps in learning and decreased academic performance.

2. **Tardiness Disrupts Learning**: Tardiness not only impacts the student who arrives late but also disrupts the entire class, making it challenging for teachers to maintain a productive learning environment.

3. **Partnership with Parents**: We believe in a strong partnership between the school and parents. It is our shared responsibility to ensure that students are present and on time for school.

To address this concern, we are taking the following steps:

1. **Increased Communication**: We will continue to send reminders about the importance of regular attendance and punctuality.

2. **Monitoring and Support**: Our school staff will closely monitor student attendance and tardiness, and we will reach out to parents and guardians to offer support and resources as needed.

3. **Consequences**: In line with our school’s attendance policy, we will implement appropriate consequences for students with excessive absences and tardies.

4. **Positive Reinforcement**: We will also recognize and reward students who consistently maintain good attendance and punctuality.

We understand that circumstances can sometimes lead to absences and tardiness. However, it is essential that we collectively work towards ensuring that all students have the opportunity to receive a quality education.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to your child's education. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our school office. Together, we can make a positive impact on our students' educational journey.

Love Melrose Absolutely!

Principal Anderson

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11/9 - Mid-Florida Credit Union - KDG
11/9 - Journalism - St. Pete Pier
11/15 - Great American Teach In
11/15 - Journalism - Carter Woodson
11/20 - Thanksgiving Break Begin

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Report Bullying & Harassment
(Reporting can be done anonymously)
~3 Ways~

1) Tell the Principal or another trusted adult
2) Use the online reporting system by going to: bullying.pcsb.org
3) Call the Campus Crime Stoppers Hotline
   1-800-873-8477

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If you move or change your phone number throughout the year, please stop by the front office or send a note with your child to update your information. **Attention Families: Please refrain from use of profanity and threatening school personnel when visiting the campus. These actions/behaviors will lead to a Trespass warning issued by the local authorities.**
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
Many times, we receive calls wanting to celebrate scholars’ birthdays with cupcakes and sweet treats in the classroom. Melrose has limited those celebrations to twice a year for sweets and treats:
Christmas and End of Year Celebrations

Many teachers supply a special birthday hat for the scholar to wear throughout the day.

Please do not send food items to school.

Attendance Matters
...every school day counts!

Help us meet our attendance goal. Please be sure scholars are present and on time daily.

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iMOMS

Meeting: November 16th
Time: 7:30am-8:00am
Come on out and learn how you can support your scholar(s).

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The Civil Air Patrol is the Congressionally Chartered Auxiliary to the United State Air Force. The Cadet Program is one of CAP's three primary missions along with Emergency Services and Aerospace Education.

As Cadets participate in the program, they advance through a series of achievements, earning honors and increasing leadership responsibilities.

DEVELOPING THE AEROSPACE LEADERS OF TOMORROW

Highlights from a CAP Annual Membership Survey

Cadets:
97% "CAP has been a turning point in my life."
96% "I've started to think more about my future because of CAP."
87% "I do things at CAP I can't do anywhere else."
82% "I earn A's and B's at school."

Parents:
95% "My Cadet has become better at taking feedback."
92% "As a parent, I've seen improvements in my cadet's overall attitude."
78% "As a parent, my Cadet's performance at school has improved."

Along with the STEM Education, Character Development and Leadership Training built into the CAP Cadet Program. Cadets in this academy at Azalea Middle School can also sign up for Engineering, Piloted Aviation, and Drone Aviation.

Key Traits of Cadet Life: The Uniform, Aerospace Theme, Opportunity to Lead, Challenge and Fun.

CAP Cadet Program Core Values: Respect, Integrity, Service, and Excellence

Cadets wear uniforms to school and must meet the grooming standards found in The Civil Air Patrol Regulations. CAP Parents are responsible for annual national dues and uniform costs. Cadets must show an original Birth Certificate or Social Security Card Prior to entry into the program. Parents are required to attend a virtual orientation and digitally sign an acknowledgement of the regulations, requirements, and responsibilities.
Our Engineering Program opens new pathways that create meaningful futures by connecting students to careers in areas they can and can't imagine.

As they engage in hands-on, collaborative problem solving focused on real-world challenges, students use and stretch their imaginations in brand new ways and connect their learning to life. All the while, students step into roles spanning the career landscape - a crucial experience during this transitional time in their lives.

*We offer 6 different custom designed courses based on PLTW Curriculum that challenge our student's skills and imaginations.*

6th Grade - Magic of Electrons
Science of Technology

7th Grade - Energy and Environment
Flight and Space

8th Grade - Design and Modeling
Robotics

In addition, students that are meeting the course criteria can also opt to enter our renowned Aviation Program.

7th Grade - Piloted Aviation
8th Grade - Drone

AMS’s Piloted Aviation Program is comprehensive and gives your student the opportunity to achieve the knowledge and skills necessary to continue their aviation training at the next level.

The Drone (sUAS) program offers 8th graders a chance to earn an actual industry level drone safety certification.

All of our aviation courses are taught by a Licensed Pilot with a Commercial sUAS Certification and an Advanced Ground Instructor’s License.