



TWAIN HARTE SCHOOL

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Parent Newsletter for the week of November 14th

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

November 16	Board of Trustees Mt., 4:00 p.m.
November 17	4-8 Character Counts Assembly, 2:10 p.m., gym
November 18	Minimum day dismissal (heads up, it's a Friday!) K-4 VIP Assembly, 9:00 a.m., cafeteria Report Cards sent home with students
November 21-25	Thanksgiving break, no school

This Monday marks the beginning of the second trimester. The grade book for the first trimester closed this past Thursday and teachers are working on report cards now. Those will go home on Friday the 18th. Also, don't forget that Friday, November 18th is a minimum day as we head into Thanksgiving break!

We finished the last school year with a chronic absentee rate of over 20% school wide. Chronic absenteeism is defined by the state as students who have missed 10% of the school year *for any reason*. As we complete the first trimester, our chronic absentee rate is 12.5%. While this has been a big improvement over last year, it is still higher than what it should be. Please make sure that you make school attendance a priority for your child. Also, please try to schedule appointments after school so you are not taking students out of school before the end of the day. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that your child is here and prepared to learn.

Please remind your child to keep looking in our lost and founds. The cool mornings and warm afternoons have led to an increase in sweaters and jackets! We have two locations for lost and found, one in the mall area of the upper building, and the second in the hallway outside the office. If your child is missing an item, remind them to check in both locations. Also, please remember to put your child's name on their jackets, sweaters and lunchboxes so we can make sure they have a chance of getting reunited.

Remember to keep collecting Box Tops for Education from General Mills products. Each Box Top collected is worth \$0.10 and we use those funds to help support our Treehouse Primary Intervention program. You can collect them and turn them into your child's teacher or into the front office.

Don't forget that yearbooks are on sale. You can pre-order your yearbook until the end of February for \$30, after that, the price increases to \$40. Mrs. Roberts in the library is our yearbook coordinator, and you can get in touch with her with any questions at vroberts@twainharteschool.com or by calling the office at 586-3266.

Go Braves!

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