

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

PROMOTING POSITIVE ATTENDANCE



Why is good attendance important?

Excellent attendance is one of the keys to student success! We know that increased attendance leads to improvements in grades and behavior. When school attendance is a priority, children understand the importance of school, develop healthy life skills, and have a better chance of graduating from high school on time.

Students who attend school regularly feel more connected to their community, develop important social skills, and create more friendships.

What does 95% attendance mean?

As a district, we are setting a goal of 95% student attendance. This sounds impressive, but still represents a significant amount of lost time in school.

- 95% attendance = 9 missed school days per year
- 95% attendance = half a school day missed every two weeks
- 95% attendance = nearly 2 weeks missed over the course of a school year
- 95% attendance = half a school year missed over the course of ten years

An attendance rate of 95% and above is vital to student success. Help your child reach this goal!

When to keep children home

Unless they are sick, children should be in school every day. If your child has been diagnosed with a contagious disease or if any of the following conditions exist, please keep your child home from school.

- Fever (temperature 100.4° or higher)
- Blistery rash
- Chills and fatigue
- Frequent cough
- Headache
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Muscle or body aches
- Nasal congestion or runny nose
- Recent loss of taste and smell
- Sore throat
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Pink, crusty eyes
- COVID-19 symptoms

Tips to improve attendance

- Help your child develop daily routines such as going to bed and waking up on time, setting an alarm clock, and picking out clothes the night before.
- Try to schedule dental and medical appointments outside of the school day whenever possible. The student should attend class the remainder of the school day.
- Keep your child home ONLY if they are truly sick. Headaches or stomachaches may be signs of anxiety. Talk with your child about stress or other concerns.
- Watch your child's grades and seek help from teachers or tutors if necessary. Children who are falling behind sometimes have anxiety and want to skip school.
- Schedule family vacations during the summer or scheduled breaks such as the spring or winter break.
- Make sure teachers know how to contact you to discuss any concerns.
- Ask for help from school staff, after-school programs, other parents, or community agencies if you are having trouble getting your child to school on time.
- If your child needs medication while at school, contact the school office for instructions.



When children want to skip school

Children may ask to skip school for many reasons. Ask questions to find out if they are sick or if another problem exists. In many cases, they should attend school.

- Did they finish homework or study for a test? They may feel nervous if they skipped assignments or are not prepared.
- Are they overtired? Make sure they get to bed on time and are not playing games or using a phone at night.
- Is anyone at school troubling them? If they are having a conflict, be sure to contact the teacher.
- Are they just looking for a day off? Remind them that they must make up missed school work. Avoid allowing treats, television, and screen time so they want to go back to school.
- Are they worried about something in school or at home? Sometimes, helping a child express feelings puts them more at ease.
- Do they have only a slight headache or stomachache? Suggest that they go to school and offer to pick them up later if they still feel sick.
- Is your child having nightmares or crying about school? If you believe something is wrong, contact your child's doctor or the school office. MPS has school nurses, school psychologists, and school social workers who can offer confidential help.

Contact the school

If a child must miss school for any reason, a parent or legal guardian must call the school office. Calls and messages must include the reason for the absence. If you know in advance that your child will miss school, you may call, email, or send a note ahead of the absence. Your school can tell you the best way to report an absence.

Excused Absences: Absences are considered excused for illness, medical and dental appointments, legal/court obligations, funerals, and religious observations.

Unexcused Absences: An absence is unexcused if the school is not contacted by a parent or guardian or if the absence does not meet the criteria for excused absences.

Keep track of attendance

Parents and guardians have access to Campus Parent to track grades and attendance. Contact your school for login information. Check at least once a week. If you see unusual absences, check with your child and the school to make sure absences are recorded correctly.

Special Education Services for Children with Disabilities

Schools are required to provide specialized instruction and related services such as speech, occupational, and physical therapies. When a student with a disability does not attend school, the student misses regular instruction and also any specialized instruction or therapies. Making up this time may not be possible. Regular attendance allows students to get the most benefit from these supports.

For information on special education protections, visit dpi.wi.gov/sped or refer to dpi.wi.gov/sped/laws-procedures-bulletins/bulletins/14-03

For more information on attendance

Visit mpsmke.com. Under the Families tab, click on RtI & PBIS. In the right column, click on Family Resources.

Answers to Frequently Asked Compulsory School Attendance Questions <https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sspw/pdf/schlattendqa.pdf>

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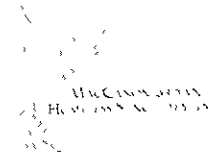
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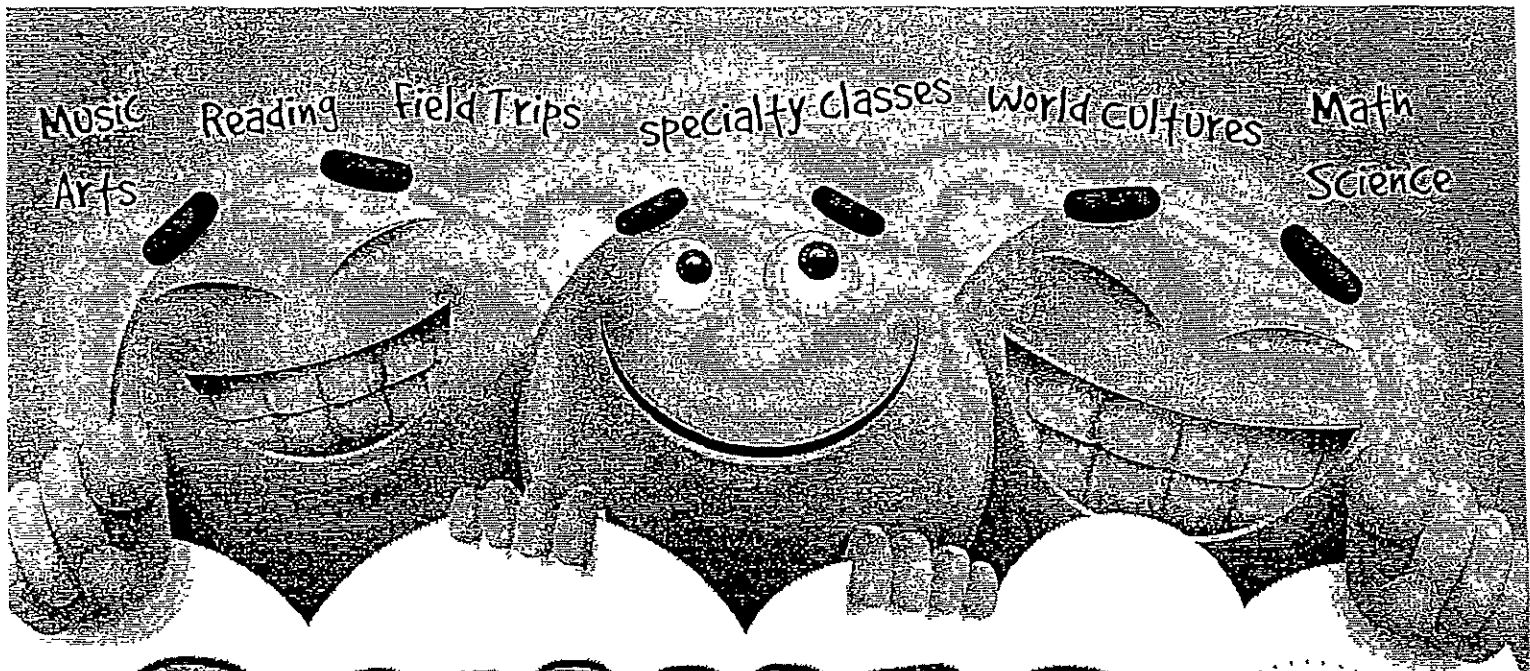
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Transportation is available for community members thanks to United
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Call 1-866-907-1493 to schedule.





SUMMER ACADEMY

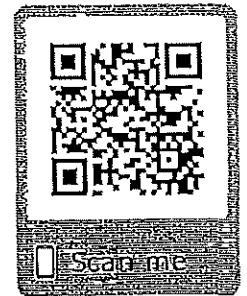
K5-Gr. 8



Exciting Adventures and Activities to Inspire Learning

Register by May 31, 2024. Spots are limited!

For more information and to register, scan the QR code or visit mpsmke.com/summeracademy.



Summer Academy is open Monday – Friday, June 24 – July 26, 2024, 8AM – 12PM. Before/after childcare varies by site. Closed July 4–5, 2024. Families provide transportation. Any Milwaukee resident is eligible.

Summer Academy Sites

Bathme Academy	K5-8 ESL	Emchman Park	K5-8	Pizza	K5-8
Birney	K5-8	Garfield	K5-8	Jackson	K5-8
Cassette	K5-8 ESY	Sanctiellow	K5-8 BIL/ESL	Unity	K5-8 ESL/ESY
Hayes Bilingual	K5-8 BIL/ESL	Washington Montessori	K5-8 Montessori		

Available at select sites:
 BIL = Bilingual program (English/Spanish)
 ESL = English as a Second Language
 ESY = Extended School Year (must have an IEP)

MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY



LibraryNow Drop-In Session

LibraryNow for Summer Break

Thursday, May 9
3:30-4 p.m.

Milwaukee Public Library welcomes Milwaukee students, families and educators to learn more about LibraryNow. We will share ways to keep students thinking and growing this summer break.

Time will be provided at the end for Q&A and troubleshooting.

Register for this program at milpublib.qrd.by/dropin



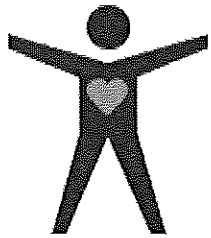
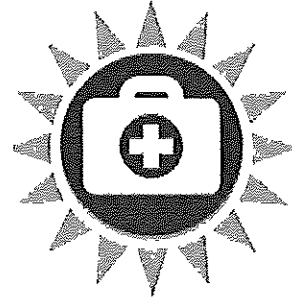
School Nurses

Keep Students Healthy



A School Nurse Benefits Students!

School nurses are often the only healthcare provider students see regularly.



Students need to be healthy to learn. School nurses play a vital role in making sure children are healthy and ready to learn.

Schools with a full-time nurse report better attendance.



Thank you, school nurses!



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Proclamation

BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

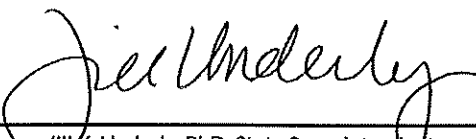
School Nurse Day

- WHEREAS: In Wisconsin, we believe each student needs to learn in an environment that promotes social, emotional, and physical well-being and removes barriers to learning; and
- WHEREAS: School nurses are professional nurses that advance the well-being, academic success, and life-long achievements of all students by serving on the frontlines and providing a critical safety net for our state's most vulnerable children; and
- WHEREAS: School nurses address the home and community factors (e.g. social determinants) that impact students' complex and life-threatening health problems requiring care in Wisconsin schools today; and
- WHEREAS: School nurses are members of school-based teams (e.g. school health services, 504, IEP, disaster and emergency planning), providing care coordination to address the school population; and
- WHEREAS: School nurses support the physical and mental health and educational success of children and youth by providing the link between health and learning and are in a position to make a positive difference for children every day,
- THEREFORE: I, Jill K. Underly, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, declare Wednesday, May 8, 2024, as School Nurse Day to celebrate and acknowledge the efforts of Wisconsin school nurses in meeting the needs of today's students.

School Nurse Day

May 8, 2024





Jill Underly
State Superintendent of Public Instruction



Meaningful May 2024

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

1 Do something kind for someone you really care about

2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do

3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small

4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together

5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why

6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful

7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why

8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today

9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today

10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times

11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder

12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you

13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture

14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature

15 Do something to contribute to your local community

16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better

17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful

18 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about

19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful

20 Share photos of 6 things you find meaningful or memorable

21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger

22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about

23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of

24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today

25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why

26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful

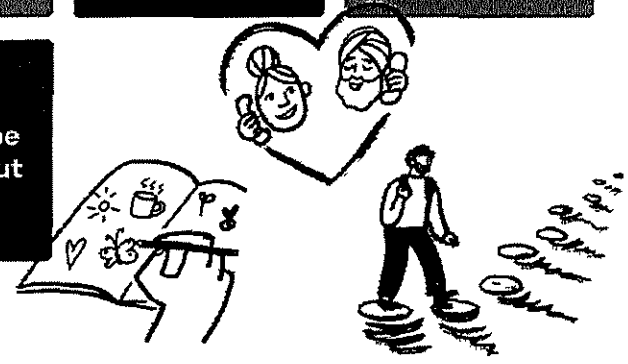
27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others

28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight

29 Today do something to care for the natural world

30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost

31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future



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CHICKEN BREAST FILLETS
- 2 CHICKEN PATTIES (PRE-COOKED)

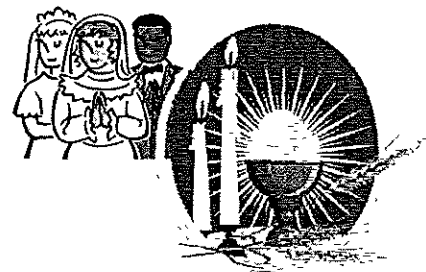
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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

The Juicy Burger

8 Servings



- 2 lbs Gr. Chuck ●1 Egg Beaten ●3/4 Cup of Dry Bread Crumbs ●3 Tablespoons Evaporated Milk
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire Sauce ●1/8 Teaspoon Cayenne Pepper ●2 Cloves Garlic Minced

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat grill for high heat.
2. In a large bowl, mix the following with your hands - ground chuck, egg, bread crumbs, evaporated milk, Worcestershire sauce, cayenne pepper, and minced garlic.
3. Form the mixture into 8 hamburger patties.
4. Lightly oil the grill grate.
5. Grill 5 minutes per side or until well done.