

WALLER ROAD QUICK BITS - OCTOBER 2016

Important Dates:

- Oct 11 – Individual Picture Day
- Oct 13 & 14 – NO School (supplemental and teacher in-service)
- Oct 18, 19, 20 – 12:46 Dismissal (conferences)
- Oct 20 – Health Screening (vision and hearing) – Grades K, 1, 2
- Oct 21 – Math Relay – Grade 5
- Oct 28 – PTO Spirit Day – Crazy Hair Day
- Oct 28 – PTO Trunk or Treat Harvest Carnival 5:30-8:30 (more information coming from PTO)

SAY CHEESE!



Late Arrival/Early Dismissal Reminders:

Full day attendance is expected and highly important for all students

- Tardies: Students are considered tardy when they are not in their classrooms when the bell rings for the beginning of the school session (morning meeting here at Waller Road). Tardies cause disruption to classroom learning, not only for the student arriving late but for the teacher and other students in the classroom.
- Early Releases: Should be avoided whenever possible. Remember that teaching and learning continue until the bell rings at the end of the day. Early Releases cause disruption to classroom learning, not only for the student leaving early but for the teacher and other students in the classroom.
 - Parents are strongly encouraged to schedule appointments before/after school hours or on non-school days. **Patterns of absenteeism (tardies, early releases or absences) may be subject to progressive school discipline. This could include meeting with the principal, requiring verification of appointments (eg. doctor notes) or BECCA. For BECCA purposes, three tardies or early releases are roughly counted as one unexcused absence.**

Drop Off/Pick-Up Procedures:

All students on bus routes are strongly encouraged to ride the bus to and from school. If you are dropping off or picking up your students please remember the following SAFETY RULES

- There is absolutely NO PARKING in either lane in front of the school or in the bus lanes behind the school. If you are entering the school to wait for your student, please park in the gravel parking areas in the front and on the side of the school.
- Students should be let in and out of the car in the lane closest to the curb ONLY and from the passenger side of the vehicle only. The second lane is a drive-thru lane, not a drop-off/pick-up lane.
- Please drive slowly, be cautious and be patient – our children's safety depends on it.

Absence phone calls:

Parents are asked to call the attendance line to report all student absences; every day the student is out. (An exception is when a planned absence form has been submitted to the school in advance of the absence). The office cannot assume that because a student was sick one day, they continue to be sick if they do not return. The attendance line is a message line that is available 24 hours a day – call 253.841.8745 and press option 1. Providing these calls by 9:45 am will generally eliminate the system calling to let you know your child was marked absent without an excuse.