

Connecting Home & School

Imagine Madison Avenue School of Arts

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Working Together for School Success ☺



Imagine the Possibilities.....

Dear Parents/Guardians;

Happy New Year



Thank you to all who made December a wonderful, joy filled month. We are so grateful for all the parent volunteers in the many events and activities. We value your participation and love to have you help out at school in any capacity that you can.

It was astounding to see all of our families in attendance at the Winter Extravaganza. What a blessing to finally have our very own space for our children to perform in. Shout out to the task force who planned and prepared helping students to shine. We look forward to future events as we grow in our school and new space!

As we press ahead in the New Year and come back to school with a renewed, refreshed start, let us all focus on the great teaching and learning that still yet needs to be accomplished this school year to help each student reach their fullest potential.

It is vitally important that school attendance be a priority! As a friendly reminder, the rule of thumb for missing school is for fevers over 100, vomiting, diarrhea, death in the family or family emergency. We need each and every child at school **daily and on time (before 8:30am)** to help them be successful as well as the school. If your child will not be to school, it is your responsibility to notify the school by 9am and state the reason for absence.

All unexcused absences are detrimental to the school community.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the many families that support the success of our school community by making school attendance a priority. We truly appreciate you!!!! Unfortunately, I am sad to say our student attendance rate is currently at 92% which is below the state requirement for making AYP. If we remain below 95%, we will not make AYP, and therefore not make our school improvement goals.

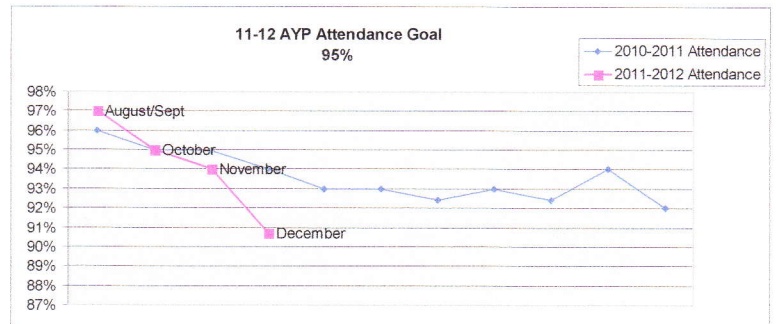
Working together ensures a great school!

Have a blessed month ☺

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Attendance ALERT!!

11-12 AYP Attendance Goal for the year 95%



Attendance = Academics

To become an "Effective" school, Imagine Madison must meet both academic and attendance goals. Our AYP attendance goal is 95% for the coming year. As you can see we are not on track to meet this important goal and can only accomplish this through our parent support. Please help by making it a priority to send your child to school every day and on time!

**Families--
We are counting on
you to help your school
become an "Effective"
rated school!**

Attendance Data to Date:

Tardies: 1,827 (interrupts the learning environment)

Unexcused Absences: 1,892 (adverse effects for students and school)

Excused Absences: 840

Current Attendance Rate=92% (below mandatory state requirement)

Title One

Reading Homework Tips for Parents

- Have your child read aloud every night
- Choose a quiet place, free from distractions, for your child to read nightly
- As your child reads point out spelling and sound patterns such as (cat, hat, pat)
- When your child reads aloud to you and makes a mistake, point out the words missed and help to read correctly
- After your child has stopped to correct the word read, have them go back to reread the entire sentence from the beginning to make sure he/she understands what the sentence is saying
- Ask your child to tell you in their own words what happened in the story
- To check your child's understanding of what they are reading, occasionally pause and ask questions about the characters and events in the story
- Ask your child why they think the character acted in a certain way and to support their answer with information from the story
- Before getting to the end of the story, ask what they think will happen next and why

TSA Enrollment:

January is the month to begin the enrollment process for 6th grade at TSA for the 2012-2013 school year. TSA is guaranteed to have a waiting list and will receive students on a first come first serve basis. If interested be sure to make contacts this month. We would be glad to assist you in anyway possible.

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?? Parent Trivia ??
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In what ways does your school live out the Imagine Shared Value of Justice?

First one to see or call Mrs. Williams with a correct response will win a prize!

CHARACTER CORNER

Principles



Your character is defined by what you do, not what you say or believe.



Every choice you make helps define the kind of person you are choosing to be.



Good character requires doing the right thing, even when it is costly or risky.



You don't have to take the worst behavior of others as a standard for yourself. You can choose to be better than that.



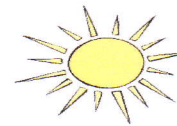
What you do matters, and one person can make a big difference.



The payoff for having good character is that it makes you a better person and it makes the world a better place.

Happy
New
Year

Shout Out to the many parent volunteers and Mr. Ransom, Mrs. Griener, Ms. Hosea, Mr. Ratcliffe, Mr. Green for volunteering to lead our first Imagine Boys/Girls Basketball teams and Cheerleaders! Thanks for all the great fun! We appreciate you!



Go Team
Imagine Suns & Imagine Lady Suns