Hydetown Happenings

News from the Nest

November 2022

Parent/Facilitator Conferences

On November 10 and 11, Hydetown Elementary will have Parent/Facilitator Conferences. Conferences will take place on November 10 from 8:00 am until 6:30 pm and from 8:00 am -11:30 am on November 11. Please make sure to sign up for a conference by visiting www.gorockets.org/Hydetown-Elementary. Conferences this year will be held in person, virtually through Google Meet or by phone. If you have any questions about the conferences, please call the school office at 827-2715 x4410.

Safety Drills

Our first lockdown drill was held on Wednesday, October 26. School Resource Officer Ben Stone assisted in the drill. Facilitators discussed lockdown procedures and expectations with all classes.

Helpful Tips for Awesome Attendance

Research shows that missing 10 percent of school, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a learner's academic performance. That's just two days a month and is known as chronic absenteeism. Learners with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more. Regular school attendance patterns encourage the development of other responsible patterns of behavior.

- Remind your child that school is their first and most important job! Tardies, late arrivals, and early release times matter!
- Communicate the importance of regular school attendance to your child so they are hearing the same thing we are saying at school.
- If your child has a doctor/ dentist appointment, you can bring them before or after their appointment with the note from the doctor.

In accordance with attendance regulation, letters are mailed home after 10 absences. A doctor's excuse is required for all absences beyond 10 days. If a child is not in school regularly, is chronically tardy, or consistently leaves early, school officials are required to proceed with measures that discourage poor attendance.

Upcoming Events

- **November 10 & 11** – No School; Parent/Facilitator Conferences
- **November 14** – Picture retakes
- **November 24-28** – No School; Thanksgiving Break
- **December 23 – January 2 –** No School Christmas Break

Outdoor Recess

Despite the change in temperature, we will continue to have outdoor recess as the weather permits. Please make sure that your child has a warm coat. If your child is in need of a coat, please call the school counseling office at 814-827-2715 x4430.

School Pictures Retakes

Interstate Studio will be returning on Monday, November 14 for any learner that needs to have their school picture retaken. Please make sure to send in the original pictures with your child on that date.

Women's Services Presentation

On November 1st & 2nd, Women's Services met with 3rd and 5th grade learners to present a Child Abuse Awareness Program. These age-appropriate programs were conducted to teach students how to recognize and deal with potentially abusive or dangerous situations.

Veteran's Recognition

We are happy to bring back our Veteran's Recognition Assembly. Our 5th grade learners have the opportunity to invite a family member who served in the military to join them for lunch and then share their military experiences. Our Veteran's Assembly will take place on Wednesday, November 9.

Additionally, all learners received a star that can be colored and returned with the name of a veteran. We are posting the stars on the walls of the building as a way to recognize our veterans and their service to our country.