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Mintie's Message

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Message from Principal Olga.....

Many of you understand that Mintie White Elementary is in its fifth year of program improvement. This means that every day that your children are in school, we get closer to reaching our academic goals and getting out of program improvement. Therefore, it is extremely important that your children be present each and every day in order not to miss out on the excellent instruction that awaits them daily from some of the best teachers in the Pajaro Valley Unified School District.

As we get closer to the holidays, some families have been asking for permission to go to Mexico for vacation earlier than the regular vacation days. A letter was sent home last week reminding parents that vacation will begin on December 20th until January 16th. It is not up to me to grant permission for students to leave early and to not attend school.

You as parents are the ones who need to decide, if in reality, it is good for your children to miss out on school. Any day that a child misses in school reflects and affects him or her negatively and puts them behind. Students are only in school for 20% of their life. Every day counts !

Please honor the teachers who teach your students and your own children by NOT taking them out of school early. Remember, if you take your children out for longer than ten days, you could lose your place at Mintie White, or your student may not end up with the same teacher as before you left.

Have a safe and wonderful Holiday Season and remember to keep peace in your hearts.

Sincerely,

Olga de Santa Anna

Dates to Remember:

Book Fair : Week of December 11-15

Family Craft Night : December 13th 6:00-7:30

ELAC : December 15th 6:30

Vacation : December 20-January 15, return to school on January 16th

Message from Mintie White School Site Council and Home and School Club



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School Site Council has new officers. Please welcome John Smith as the new President, Pam Ruelas as the Vice-President and Erica Sanchez as Secretary. Our Home and School Club also voted in some new members. Pam Ruelas is the new Chairman and Daniela Hernandez is the Vice-Chairperson of the Home and School Club. We welcome these very busy parents as they donate so much of their time to our school. They have been working hard to help our school move forward in a positive direction.

Letter from your School Site Council

Hello everyone !

We are here to represent each and everyone of you ! Our goals are to represent everyone at Mintie White School and to help our students achieve their academic goals. As we help our students to pass our State Standards, we keep receiving more funds to keep our children learning.

This year we are asking all of our Mintie White Parents to help us with attendance. Although we received an award for most improved in the district last year, we need to continue to make sure that we send our students to school each and every day and that they arrive on time. Did you know that we get 27 days of vacation over the holidays ? This is the time when parents are expected to go to Mexico, between December 20th and January 15th. Our first day back is on January 16th. Please take your vacation with our school.

As School Site Council we have many responsibilities. We need to make sure that our students go to Outdoor School, that we don’t fall behind academically and that we support our teachers in helping them do their jobs well. This means that we, as parents, should be volunteering, raising funds and helping the Home and School Club with fundraisers.

Our Home and School Club under Pam and Daniela, is directing a community wide effort for donations to help us upgrade the playground for our students. Please volunteer to help us in any way you can !

Join us this year in promoting a culture of community, keeping informed in school activities and participating in meetings. Who we are makes the difference ! Together we can help our school get out of Program Improvement.

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