



School is Now in Session!

bearing on how well he walks, talks, reads or does algebra.

2. That the single biggest predictor of high academic achievement and high ACT scores is reading to children. Not flash cards, not workbooks, not fancy preschools, not blinking toys or computers, but Mom or Dad taking the time every day or night (or both!) to sit and read them wonderful books.

3. That being the smartest or most accomplished kid in class has never

Get Ready, Set, Let's Go!

We have started the year with some new school and student goals that are emphasizing the importance of an overall positive learning environment for all our students. We have changed our Middle School and High School release times to 3:30 Monday through Thursday and 12:20 for our Friday and minimal release days. We have also added a 10 minute morning break in our day to encourage students to move around, use the restroom and eat a quick snack. This allows our teachers to enforce a NO snack policy during instructional hours to minimize interruptions and messes left in the classroom. Please make sure your student is adhering to these new policies to ensure a demerit free year.

In addition to these changes, Ipakanni is enforcing a **NO cell phone policy** for all students. We have already seen a positive increase in productivity in the classroom. Students deciding to not comply with the new policy will first have phones confiscated, second offense phones must be picked up by a parent or guardian and final offense student will be required to turn in phones upon entering school.

Students have expressed their excitement for the new staff, new music program and PE options as well as new behavioral and attendance incentives this year. Please see this newsletter for additional information on both programs.

I would like to finish by saying thank you to all parents and students that were able to attend our Orientation/Back to School night on Aug. 1. We also held our first Parent Club/School Site Council Meeting Aug. 13th. Studies show that parental involvement will lead to student success. With that said, we strongly encourage you to reach out at any opportunity you can. Contact a teacher to check-in, volunteer at an upcoming event and mark your calendar for our **next Parent Club/School Site Council Meeting Tuesday Oct. 8 at 5pm!**

Walter Gramps

Attendance

To encourage positive attendance, we are excited to announce a new incentive program. We will be challenging our students with different attendance goals throughout the year. Our first challenge will be, students that attend school everyday in September will earn an Ipakanni T-Shirt! Twenty consecutive days of hard work can payoff here at Ipakanni! Our second challenge will be for the Months of October -December, students can earn a day at the show... stay tuned for details!

Statistics show that chronic absenteeism and tardiness could put your student at risk in their overall education and student outcome levels. We understand, we all get sick, have tough mornings and family emergencies, but your student's attendance is highly important for their overall academic success.

Being here and on time is just as important as not leaving early unnecessarily. Remember, when a student is pulled from the classroom, it not only cause disruptions to their learning, but can interrupt the teaching and overall learning environment of all students in that classroom.

Students complaining of sickness or injury will also be evaluated before being allowed to call home repeatedly. We encourage drinking plenty of water, eating healthy snacks and lunches and always getting a goodnight's of rest to ensure students are ready to be here and ready to learn.

Irregular attendance can be a better predictor of whether students will drop out before graduation than test scores

Be an Ipakanni Hawk Athlete

By Annie Woods

This school year we have a coed cross country team for K-12th grade, 5th/6th & 7th/8th volleyball and a girls and boys basketball team this winter. We are taking cross country and volleyball sign ups now. Volleyball practice will take place during P.E. and cross country training for 6th grade and above will be in the morning at 7:15. Being a Hawk Athlete always been a fun extracurricular activity that has made great memories.

-GO HAWKS!

Ipakanni Buck System, "I Was Caught Being Good"

As a school moves from punitive to positive disciplinary techniques it is important to consider incentives and rewarding students for making the right choices. We have decided to do just that! Our faculty/staff will be generously signing student Ipakanni Bucks (individualized with student picture on each buck). Each recognition clearly communicates that when students follow the Ipakanni Buck System expectations, their behavior will be positively acknowledged. It gets the students' attention and "hooks" them to the Ipakanni economy system early in the school year.

Ipakanni Bucks can be redeemed in the following ways:

Sugar free gum, granola bars, small candy treats, pencils, cups or by saving them for bigger prizes, notebooks, Ipakanni apparel including hats, hoodies, blankets and more. Ipakanni will also be hosting "Fun Friday" activities that will allow students ice cream treats or park days for those students that turn in Ipakanni Bucks.

Ipakanni Homework vs. Home Support

Our school encourages students to be involved in extracurricular activities by not assigning regular nightly homework. There are, however, times when students did not complete their work during class time and must finish it at home. Reading is also expected to be done each evening at home. Students who are below grade level are encouraged to spend at least 30 minutes a night working on the subject area they are below grade level. Students who are at or above grade level are also encouraged to work ahead at home. Students may ask to bring computers home, but must check them out with the front office and be sure to bring them back to school the next day.

Upcoming Events:

August 2019

- 30th -August Special Awards Assembly 12-12:20pm

September 2019

- 19th -Family Game Night pizza and board games 5-7pm
- 27th -No School -Native American Day

October 2019

- 4th -September Special Awards Assembly 12-12:20
- 8th -School Site Council/Parent Club meeting 5-6pm
- 10-11th -minimal days Student progress reports
 - Parent teacher conferences to be scheduled
- 23rd -31st -Red Ribbon Week
- 31st -Halloween and Trunk or Treat



Take Note

- ★ **Paperwork** -Please check backpacks and ask students if you are missing any back-to-school paperwork. If you are missing anything, please complete ASAP and return to the office.
- ★ **Cross Country Team** -We will be creating a coed cross country team again this year. This program is offered through the Feather River Recreation Department. Flyers and permission slips will be coming home for those interested. Please contact sgramps@ipakanni.com with any questions.
- ★ **Volleyball Team** -Flyers and permission slips will be coming home for those interested in participating in our 5/6th and 7/8th grade Volleyball teams. Please make sure these are turned in ASAP.
- ★ **REMIND App** -In order to ensure positive communication with parents and students, we are asking all families sign-up for our Remind App. We will be sending you new requests for our upcoming school year. Please be on the lookout for this request and contact the school at (530) 532-1165 with any questions. Through the Remind App, you will be able to not only receive school announcements, but also communicate directly with teachers and staff.



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