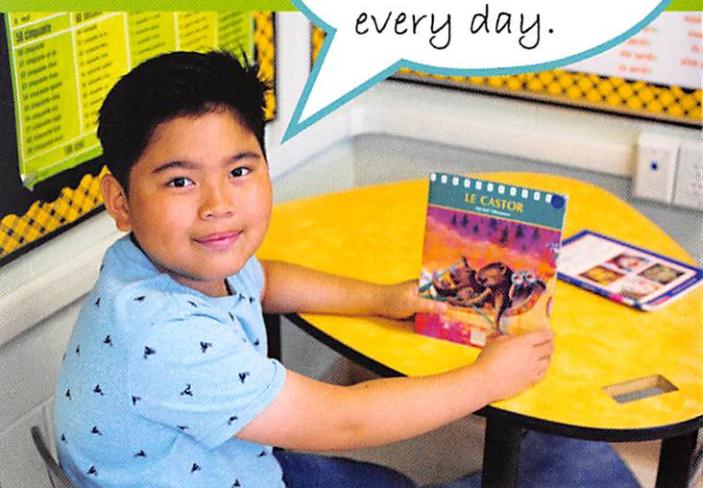


# Regular Attendance

- Positively impacts all learning;
- Builds healthy habits that last a lifetime;
- Allows your child to feel connected academically;
- Supports your child's successful completion of studies;
- Strengthens peer and teacher relationships;
- Provides opportunities for your child to make a difference in the school community;
- Increases your child's ability to focus and work independently; and
- Increases high school graduation rates.

EVERY DAY COUNTS!  
Be at school on time and ready to learn every day.



# Parents Can Help

**School Comes First** - Let your child know that attending school is non-negotiable.

**Establish Daily Routines** - Talk about the school day, finish homework, prepare lunches for the next day, and get a full night's sleep.

**Medical/Dental Appointments or Family Trips** - Schedule these on non-school days such as weekends, PD Days, or school breaks.

**Reduce Anxiety** - Attend parent-teacher events / interviews with your child.

**Send Your Child to School** - Unless he/she is really sick (*see reasons on back*) and not just nervous or anxious.

**Communicate with the School** - Contact the school early on if your child is having difficulty getting to school. The school may be able to help.

*... missing 18 days in a school year = a full month of school missed.*

# What Your School Will Do

- Provide a welcoming environment for your child.
- Ensure classrooms are engaging and meaningful.
- Address learning needs as they arise.
- Regularly monitor your child's attendance.
- Make contact with home at the first sign of irregular attendance.
- Provide support when your child will not go to school.
- Support concerns through a team of professionals who care about your child's well-being.

*Attend today,  
Achieve tomorrow.*



# KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME IF

- Your child has a temperature of over 38°C;
- Your child has thrown up or had diarrhea in the last 24 hours;
- Your child's eyes are pink and crusty;

If you are unsure whether your child should be at school based on symptoms, call *Alberta Health Link* at **811**.



# ATTENDANCE BARRIERS

Your child can face barriers that make attendance difficult. He/she may feel academic work is too hard, may struggle to keep up, or may not be engaged in the material. Conflict with other children or bullying can also affect him/her.

## Addressing barriers:

- Best resolved by having your child at school;
- Have a conversation with school staff regarding your child's barriers;
- School staff will work with parents, staff and community groups to support your child.

## Contact Us:

To learn more about WRPS, our schools and our commitment to attendance, contact us:

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