



WILLIAM E. ORR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Student/Parent Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Families,

Our students have successfully completed the first quarter of the 2016-2017 school year. We are proud of the hard work they have been doing and our looking forward to the opportunities December brings to highlight their many accomplishments this fall.

Thank you for giving your students a great beginning to this school year.

Sincerely,

George Leavens, Principal

Opportunity Period

All students can take advantage of Opportunity Period.

All teachers at Orr Middle School have their doors open to students at 7:30a.m. This time is a great opportunity to ask questions and finish work.

Additionally, Early Morning Tutoring begins in the gym at 6:30 a.m. giving all of our students a chance to increase their skills.

School Breakfast and Lunch

Orr Middle School successfully delivers a nutritious breakfast to each student in every classroom at the beginning of 1st Period.

Orr Middle School is offers free lunch to every student on campus. All they need to know is their Student ID.

Mission

Statement

The Mission of Orr Middle School is to challenge and empower our students to reach their full potential.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SERVICES

THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDANCE

Attendance does matter! Starting in Pre-Kindergarten and all through the child's educational career, attendance strongly impacts learning, language acquisition, grades, test scores, and graduation rates.

Absences become a problem when they exceed 10% of the school year, which is 18 days or more. Students can fall behind if they miss just a day or two every few weeks! This includes being tardy to school.

What can you do at home and with the school to improve attendance?

- Create a positive relationship with the school and teachers. Children tend to want to come to school when they know that their family and school are working together.
- Help your child maintain daily routines, such as homework completion, getting a good night's sleep, and planning for a stress-free morning.
- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day; make it an expectation.
- Allow your child to stay home only when he/she is truly sick. Complaints of chronic headaches or stomach aches may be signs of anxiety.
- Schedule medical appointments and extended trips when school is not in session.

Please visit attendanceworks.org for more valuable attendance information and tips.





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December Events

- * **December 6—Band Concert 6:00 pm**
- * **December 7—Mariachi Concert 6:00 pm**
- * **December 8—Orchestra Concert 6:00 pm**
- * **December 13—Winter Dance 2:15 pm**
- * **December 14—Winter Family Night 6:00 pm**
- * **December 16—Last Day of School Before the Winter Break**

January 3, 2017 School Resumes

Spotlight on Mariachi



On October 22, the Orr Middle School Mariachi Band participated in an event at Sam Boyd Stadium to beat the record for the most mariachi musicians playing at one time in one place. All CCSD

Mariachi Bands joined together to successfully participate in this event. Our musicians are now a part of the Guinness Book of World Records.



Achieve3000

This is our 3rd year using this online program which helps our students increase their reading ability. We have always experienced growth with this program, but the students are working exceptionally hard this year. In the first two months of the school year, we've been able to increase our school-wide reading level by almost 5%. Give your student a high-five and congratulate them on all of the hard work.