

The C.A.T.S. Tale

September 1, 2023

"Welcome Back"

I want to welcome everyone back to school and offer a special welcome to this year's Pre-K and kindergarten class and the thirteen new students here at Edna. We are very excited about the new school year and all the opportunities that lie ahead. We have had a great start and look forward to working with each of you during the school year.

Attendance Matters

Facts for Parents

Being in school every day, on time, puts students of all ages on the road to success. Elementary school attendance is especially crucial because the foundation for success is built during these important years.

- Absenteeism in Kindergarten is associated with negative outcomes in 1st grade, as well as in later years.
- Chronic absenteeism is missing at least 10% of the school year. For us, that is 2 or more days a month.
- Only 17% of students who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade have shown to be able to read proficiently by 3rd grade.
- By 6th grade, chronic absenteeism is the leading indicator a student will drop out of high school.
- Students with good attendance receive **25%** more reading instruction than chronically absent students.
- **Parents make a difference!**
- When parents communicate to their children that attendance is important, their absenteeism rate is about **7%**.
- When parents **don't** communicate to their children that attendance is important, their absenteeism rate nearly doubles! **13%**

New Staff

We have two new faces here at Edna this year. Brittnay Kastler (Cook) and Amanda Bryan (Para). Please give a warm Edna welcome to our new staff members when you see them.

September is "Safety Month"

During the month of September, we will be reviewing all our different crisis drills in case of an emergency.

Spelling Bee Reminder

We have our Building Spelling Bee scheduled for Wednesday September 20th. We will start at 1:30 pm. The winner of our building bee will participate in the county bee on Wednesday September 27th.

Dental Screenings and Fluoride Treatments Scheduled

- Thursday Sept. 7th

Say "CHEESE!"

Get those haircuts, pick out that special outfit, put on your best smile and get ready for **school pictures**. The photographer will be at Edna Elementary School **Tuesday, September 19th**. Please pass the word that **all students take pictures**. **All parents will receive proofs to view before they order**. Pre school pictures will also be taken on this day. The photographer will **guarantee your satisfaction**. If not satisfied for any reason, they will retake them.

Site Council Meeting Scheduled

Our first Site Council Meeting for this year is scheduled for Tuesday September 12th. We will begin at 6:00 pm in the STEAM Lab. Look forward to seeing everyone.

PTO Meeting Scheduled

Edna PTO will meet Tuesday, September 19th @ 6:00 pm to discuss plans for the year. At this meeting we will be having a discussion over the Chili Supper Fundraising activities for the year and officers for the year. Please make plans to attend and help support your PTO here at Edna.

Parent/Teacher Conference Reminder

Conferences this year are on Tuesday, October 17th from 3:30 to 7:30 and Thursday, October 19th from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. Your teachers will be sending a sign-up form home for your conference time. We look forward to visiting with each of you.

