

DONNA SHEPARD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
2009-2010 ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM
(February 16 – June 4)

DSIS Slogan: “It’s Cool To Be At School....Everyday!”

Weekly Announcements (Tips for Maintaining Good School Attendance):

- **Week 1:** Feb. 16 – 19 – Get a Good Night’s Sleep EVERY NIGHT
- **Week 2:** Feb. 22 – 26 – Be ready for the day by having all the items that you will need for school on the next day: clothes, books, supplies, etc.
- **Week 3:** Mar. 1 – 5 – Prepare for each day by having a nourishing breakfast
- **Week 4:** Mar. 8 – 12 – Don’t be tardy. Be prompt in your arrival at school each day.
- **Week 5:** Mar. 22 – 26 – Be absent for valid reasons only.
- **Week 6:** Mar. 29 – Apr. 1 - When returning to school after an absence, be sure to bring a note which explains the absence, which covers each day of the absence, and has been signed by the parent/guardian.
- **Week 7:** Apr. 5 – 9- Students should communicate with teachers on a regular basis to stay informed about their progress.
- **Week 8:** April 12 – 16 - Remember that every day of school is an important day.
- **Week 9:** April 19 – 23 - Designate with your parents an appropriate bedtime and stick to it!
- **Week 10:** April 26 – 30 - Take pride in your good attendance and promptness at school
- **Week 11:** May 3 – 7 - Foster good note-taking skills and use planner to monitor school and non-school activities
- **Week 12:** May 10 – 14 - Become a partner with your parents and teachers in improving your school attendance
- **Week 13:** May 17 – 21 - Complete homework and assignments early when arriving at home and before supper
- **Week 14:** May 24 – 28 - Read your student handbook and the policy of school attendance
- **Week 15:** June 1 – 4 - Know that your school attendance success is connected to your academic success

Perfect Attendance Incentives Schedule (A school-wide process for acknowledging excellence in attendance):

A. Five (3)-weekly Team Attendance Recognitions (March 5; April 1; April 23; May 14; and June 4)

- Each academic team in their respective grade levels with the highest perfect attendance percentage will be awarded the prestigious Traveling Gold Standard Highest Attendance Team Trophy (5th and 6th grade).
- The winning team(s) will be announced to the school over the school's PA system by the Principal
- The names of the students on each of the winning teams (5th and 6th grade) will appear in the next PTA newsletter
- The traveling trophy will be prominently placed in their team area for recognition (bragging rights)
- Teams that win the trophy at least three times will be awarded a free recess by the school administrators

B. Six Weeks Attendance Recognition for "Most Improved" Attendance - (4th Six Weeks: Feb. 26 – 5th Six Weeks: April 16)

- Students with "Most Improved" Attendance will have their names entered into a drawing for the following prizes:
 - a. free movies tickets
 - b. free double Dave's Buffet Coupons
 - c. free cinemark theater movie tickets
 - d. On-the-Border food coupons
 - e. perfect attendance pencils
 - f. free Kid's meal at Applebee's
 - g. free Kid's meal at Uncle Bob's
 - h. free Kid's meal at Our Place Restaurant

Criteria: *Almost Perfect Attendance:* 1-day absent
Excellent Attendance: 2-3 days absent
Great Attendance: 4-5 days absent

- Students names (5th and 6th grade) will be pulled and announced over the PA system by the Principal
- Students will also receive an attendance certificate for this recognition

C. Six Weeks Attendance Recognition for Perfect Attendance – (4th Six Weeks: Feb. 26 – 5th Six Weeks: April 16)

- Students with Perfect Attendance for an entire grading period will have their names placed in a drawing to win:
 - a. Ipod Nano
 - b. Portable DVD player
 - c. Nintendo DSi
 - d. Digital Camera

Note: Each six weeks will have a 5th and 6th grade winner to account for the four listed prizes above.