

THE COMMITMENT

to Excellence in Crenshaw County

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Parent Newsletter

Dear Friends of Crenshaw County Schools,
Did you know that September is designated as Literacy Awareness Month and Attendance Awareness Month? Reading to young children is proven to foster cognitive skills and aides in the process of cognitive development. Reading books aloud stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. As parents and guardians, your role in nurturing your child's literacy journey cannot be overstated. Join us in promoting literacy and regular, daily school attendance.

"The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss

Don't forget to stop by the Luverne Public Library and get your child a free library card. Scan the QR Code for more activities and services sponsored by the library.



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7 Benefits of Reading Aloud to Children:

- **Language Development:** Reading aloud exposes children to a rich vocabulary and diverse sentence structures
- **Cognitive Growth:** Engaging with stories fosters critical thinking
- **Imagination and Creativity:** Through books, children embark on imaginative journeys to different worlds, sparking creativity and encouraging them to think beyond the ordinary.
- **Bonding Time:** Reading together creates precious moments of connection. It builds a stronger emotional bond between you and your child.
- **Empathy and Understanding:** Stories with relatable characters and diverse perspectives teach children about emotions, cultures, and experiences outside their own, nurturing empathy and open-mindedness.
- **Language Skills:** Regular reading enhances listening skills, comprehension, and memory, which are essential for academic success and effective communication in daily life.
- **Love for Learning:** Early exposure to the joy of reading ignites a lifelong love for learning.

So, grab a book and embark on exciting reading adventures with your child – the benefits reach far beyond the pages!





Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

September is National Attendance Awareness Month

Crenshaw County Schools is committed to working with you to ensure that your child has the opportunity to do well in school! The first step in your child doing well in school is making sure that they arrive to school each day and are on time. Children who attend school daily have a better chance of learning and succeeding in school and in life. Research supports that attendance is directly related to school outcomes. Those children who miss a large portion of the school year are less likely to meet many of the milestones used to determine school success. Students who are chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade are much less likely to read proficiently by 3rd grade. By 6th grade, chronic absence is the strongest predictor of course performance; and by 9th grade, it is the strongest predictor of graduation. Let's work together to promote regular, daily attendance!

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



CHRONIC ABSENCE
18 or more days

WARNING SIGNS
10 to 17 days

SATISFACTORY
9 or fewer absences

Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

Scan below for more information on how you can help your child be successful:



Elementary High School

ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY



Did You Know... ?

If Your Child's Attendance During the School Year...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters