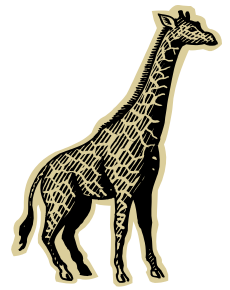


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Dear Meridian Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year - 2019!! Please remember to listen to your local radio station for delays, early dismissals and closings.

On a 2 hour delay school will begin at 9:55. Breakfast will be served on the delay days from 9:30-9:45.

I strongly encourage you to dress your children in layers. Please remind your child as they leave in the morning to wear his/her coat, gloves, scarves, etc.

The success of your child depends greatly on prompt and regular attendance. It is very important for parents to make certain that their children are punctual and attend school on a regular basis in order to receive the maximum benefits of instruction.

We recognize that at times children are too ill to attend school. If your child has been under a doctor's care, please obtain a note from your physician and send it to the school office. In addition, please contact the office at 448-8560 if your child is ill or has an appointment.

Instruction begins promptly at 7:55. Students are marked tardy if they are not in the classroom at this time. If your child is eating breakfast they need to arrive between 7:30 and 7:45.

We will be recognizing 56 students on Friday, January 4th for perfect attendance during the first semester. Invitations were sent home with the students who have perfect attendance for the semester, prior to Christmas break. Please return your reservation form if you are able to attend.

Our current attendance rate for the first semester:

Kindergarten—93.09%	Third Grade—96.97%
First Grade—95.95%	Fourth Grade—96.99%
Second Grade—95.93%	Fifth Grade—97.15%
Overall—97.08%	

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in assuring and alleviating any possible attendance problems.

NWEA begins on Monday, January 7th. Please read the attached letter on MAP Growth.

Your participation and positive feedback is so appreciated! Please feel free to contact me either by phone **448-8560, Ext. 2601** or email **phillipk@clay.k12.in.us** if you ever have any concerns or if I can be of any service to you, your child or the school community.

Educationally yours,

Karen S. Phillips



November Perfect Attendance



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