



Help Support

Explore Knowledge Academy Elementary

**Our Apex leadership program and fundraiser starts on
11/07/23!**



PARTNERSHIP WITH APEX

Apex provides an amazing two-week interactive leadership program combined with a fitness-focused event fundraiser that helps schools all over the country raise funds the healthy way. During the fun-filled program, Apex encourages development of leadership habits, good character, and fitness.



ALL STUDENTS INCLUDED

Every student at our school participates in the daily leadership and character lessons, receives daily lesson silicone wristbands, enjoys classroom & school wide rewards, and takes part in the celebratory, high-energy fitness event, regardless of financial participation in the fundraiser.



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

When the fundraiser kicks off, help our school by:

- 1) Making a donation online at www.MyApexEvent.com
- 2) Sending a link to invite family and friends to also donate online.
- 3) Encouraging your child to do their best at our fitness event!

More info will be coming home soon. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!



Ayuda y apoyo

Explore Knowledge Academy

Elementary School

¡Nuestro programa de **liderazgo** y evento de **recaudación de fondos** de Apex comienza el día

11/07/23!



ASOCIACIÓN **CON APEX**

Apex ofrece un increíble programa de liderazgo interactivo de dos semanas combinado con un evento de recaudación de fondos enfocado en el acondicionamiento físico que ayuda a las escuelas de todo el país a recaudar fondos de manera saludable. Durante el programa lleno de diversión, Apex fomenta el desarrollo de hábitos de liderazgo, buen carácter y acondicionamiento físico.



INCLUSIÓN DE TODOS LOS **ESTUDIANTES**

Todos los estudiantes de nuestra escuela participan en las lecciones diarias de liderazgo y carácter, reciben pulseras de silicona de lecciones diarias, disfrutan de recompensas en el aula y en toda la escuela, y participan en el evento de acondicionamiento físico festivo y de mucha energía, independientemente de la participación financiera en el evento de recaudación de fondos.



APOYE **NUESTRA ESCUELA**

Cuando se inaugure el evento de recaudación de fondos, ayude a nuestra escuela así:

- 1) Haga una donación en línea en www.MyApexEvent.com.
- 2) Envíe un enlace para invitar a familiares y amigos a que también donen en línea.
- 3) ¡Motive a su hijo a hacer lo mejor que pueda en nuestro evento de acondicionamiento físico!

Más información llegará a casa pronto. ¡GRACIAS POR APOYAR A SU ESCUELA!



Board Vacancy Announcement

We would appreciate your help in recruiting four remaining candidates for our Board of Trustees. It is acknowledged that membership on the board is voluntary and at no time will it be considered a paid position. Board members may be parents of EKA students; however, it is not a requirement.

Board members' terms are for two years and the terms are staggered so that four members are elected in one year and three the next year. NRS 386.549, the board must have the following make up:

- a) Licensed teacher or other person licensed pursuant to chapter 391 of NRS or who previously held such a license and is retired, as long as his or her license was held in good standing.
- b) Licensed teacher or a school administrator with a license issued by another state or who previously held such a license and is retired, as long as his or her license was held in good standing.
- c) Parent or legal guardian who is not a teacher or employee of the school.
- d) Two members who possess knowledge and expertise in one or more of the following areas:
(1) Accounting; (2) Financial services; (3) Law; or (4) Human resources.

There is one opening on our Board at this time. The remaining applicant must have knowledge or expertise in at least one of the following areas: knowledge in Accounting, Financial Services, Law, Human Resources, or they can be an EKA parent. A board member cannot be an employee of the school, a member of an employee's immediate family, or a member of a current board member's immediate family.

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The responsibilities of board members are:

- to work collaboratively with the other board members and the administration to implement the vision, mission, and goals of EKA as specified in our strategic plan,
- to maintain compliance with our charter contract with CCSD
- to keep informed of charter school laws,
- to keep informed of EKA board business,
- to attend the meetings of the board, and
- to attend the annual retreat and other board training events as scheduled by the board and administration of EKA.

The guidelines for the election of new board members are as follows: *The prospective board members will be interviewed by the Governing Board of Directors. Applicants will be selected and appointed to the Governing Board at an open Board Meeting.*

Interested persons should submit the attached application and a brief resume to the Business Office using one of the following methods: Fax to 702 547-9069, email to amattson@ekacademy.org or deliver to 5871 Mountain Vista Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89120.

Thank you for your help.

Ms. Michelle Alarie, Board President, on behalf of Explore Knowledge Academy Board of Trustees



APPLICATION FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number(s) _____

Email address _____

1. ☐ Attached is a brief resume, evidence of two years of full-time teaching experience and a copy of my teaching license, if applicable.
2. Reason you are interested in serving on the EKA Board of Trustees:

3. If I am elected to the EKA Board, I will:
(please initial)

_____ work collaboratively with the other board members and the administration to implement the vision, mission, and goals of EKA as specified in our strategic plan,
_____ help maintain compliance with our charter contract with CCSD
_____ keep informed of charter school laws,
_____ keep informed of EKA board business and
_____ attend the meetings of the board, (at least quarterly)
_____ attend the annual retreat and other board training events as scheduled by the board and administration of EKA.

4. _____ I have never been convicted of a felony, or any offense of moral turpitude and there are not any such charges pending to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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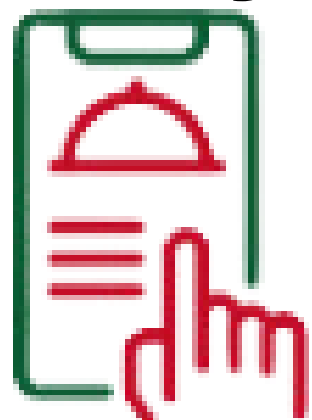
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EXPLORE KNOWLEDGE academy

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

Wednesday, November 15th -
Friday, December 15th



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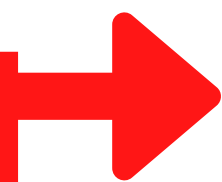
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023



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Deadline for Permission Slips & Payment - Nov 17, 2023 at noon

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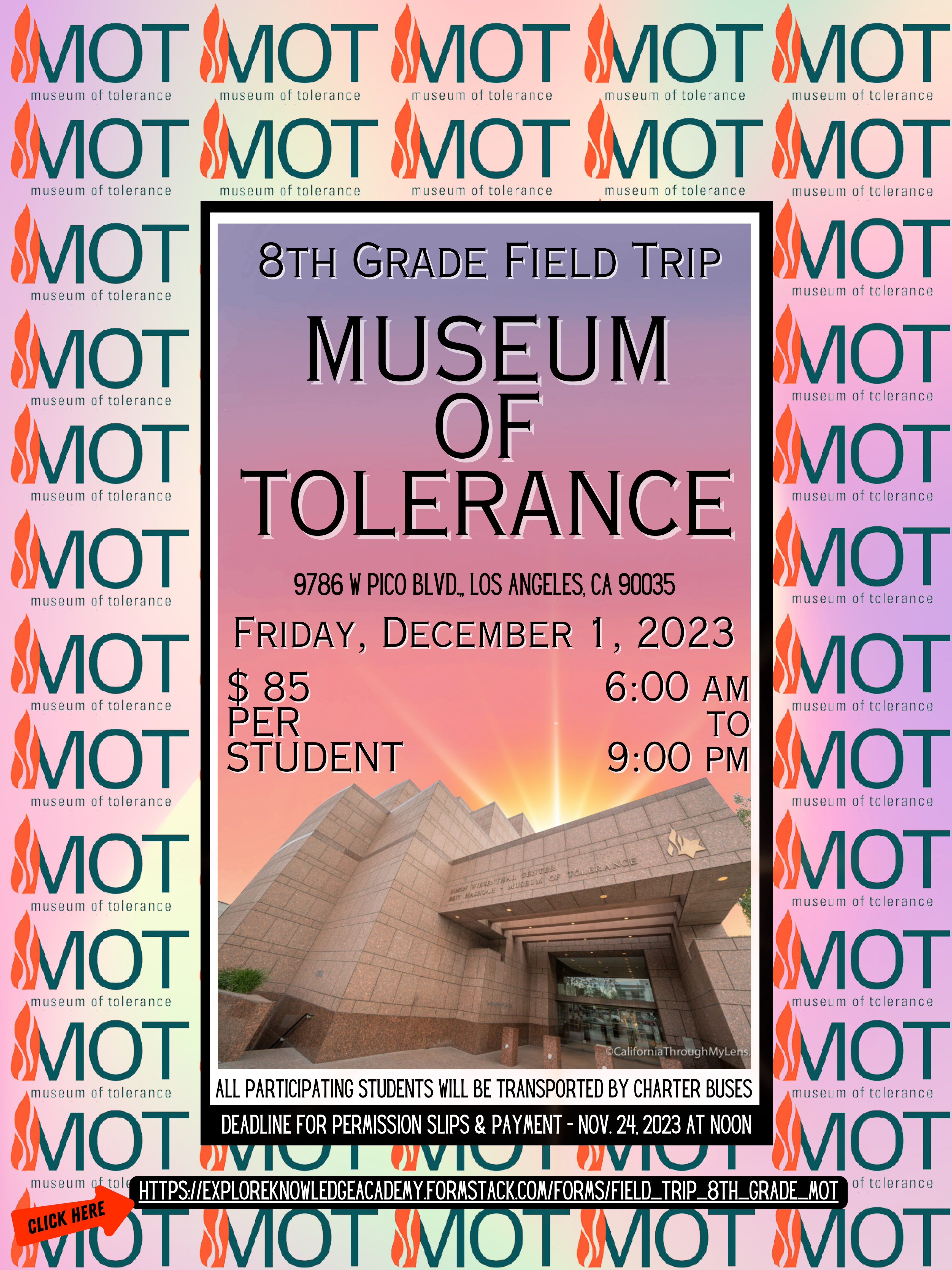
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From 4-5:30 PM**

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**Check your email
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023

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PER
STUDENT

6:00 AM
TO
9:00 PM



ALL PARTICIPATING STUDENTS WILL BE TRANSPORTED BY CHARTER BUSES

DEADLINE FOR PERMISSION SLIPS & PAYMENT - NOV. 24, 2023 AT NOON

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JANUARY 2, 2024



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ATTENDANCE

in the early grades

Many of our youngest students miss 10 percent of the school year—about 18 days a year or just two days every month. Chronic absenteeism in kindergarten, and even preK, can predict lower test scores, poor attendance and retention in later grades, especially if the problem persists for more than a year. Do you know how many young children are chronically absent in your school or community?

Who Is Affected

Kindergarten and 1st grade classes often have absenteeism rates as high as those in high school. Many of these absences are excused, but they still add up to lost time in the classroom.

1 in 10 kids

in kindergarten and 1st grade are chronically absent. In some schools, it's as high as 1 in 4.¹



2 in 10
low-income kids

miss too much
school. They're also
more likely to suffer
academically.¹



2.5 in 10
homeless kids

are chronically
absent.²



4 in 10
transient kids

miss too much
school when
families move.²



Why It Matters

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.

Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?³



64%

of kids with good attendance in K and 1st
(missed 9 or fewer days both years)



43%

of kids with at-risk attendance
(missed more than 9 days both years)



41%

of kids chronically absent in K or 1st
(missed 18 or more days one year)



17%

of kids chronically absent in K and 1st
(missed 18 or more days both years)

What We Can Do

Engage Families



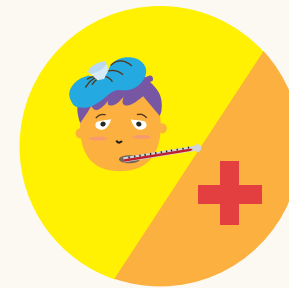
Many parents and students don't realize how quickly early absences can add up to academic trouble. Community members and teachers can educate families and build a culture of attendance through early outreach, incentives and attention to data.

Fix Transportation



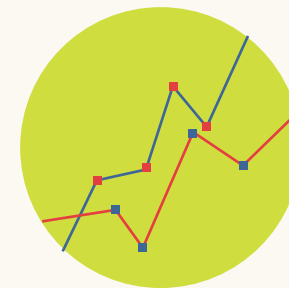
The lack of a reliable car, or simply missing the school bus, can mean some students don't make it to class. Schools, transit agencies and community partners can organize car pools, supply bus passes or find other ways to get kids to school.

Address Health Needs



Health concerns, particularly asthma and dental problems, are among the leading reasons students miss school in the early grades. Schools and medical professionals can work together to give children and families health care and advice.

Track the Right Data



Schools too often overlook chronic absence because they track average attendance or unexcused absences, not how many kids miss too many days for any reason. Attendance Works has free data-tracking tools.

These are a few steps that communities and schools can take. How do you think you can help?

¹ Chang, Hedy; Romero, Mariajose, *Present, Engaged and Accounted For: The Critical Importance of Addressing Chronic Absence in the Early Grades*, National Center for Children in Poverty: NY: NY, September 2008.

² *Chronic Absence in Utah*, Utah Education Policy Center at the University of Utah, 2012.

³ *Attendance in Early Elementary Grades: Association with Student Characteristics, School Readiness and Third Grade Outcomes*, Applied Survey Research. May 2011.



Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

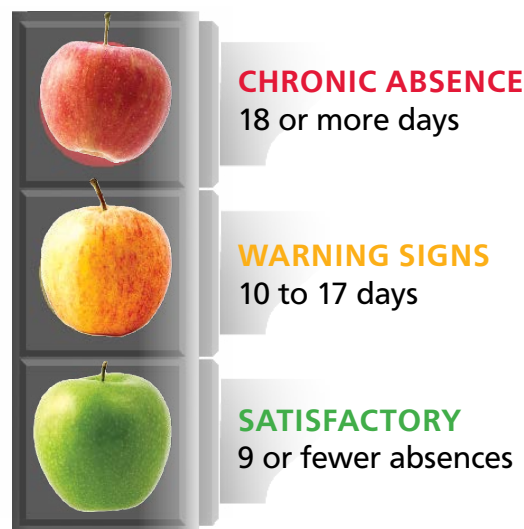
Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-urgent related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

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When Do Absences Become a Problem?



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



Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your children maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and non-urgent related medical appointments during the school day.
- Keep your student healthy, and if you are concerned about Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your children must stay home because they are sick, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes, and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your teens are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor your teen's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your child to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Notice and support your students if they are showing signs of anxiety.

Communicate with the school

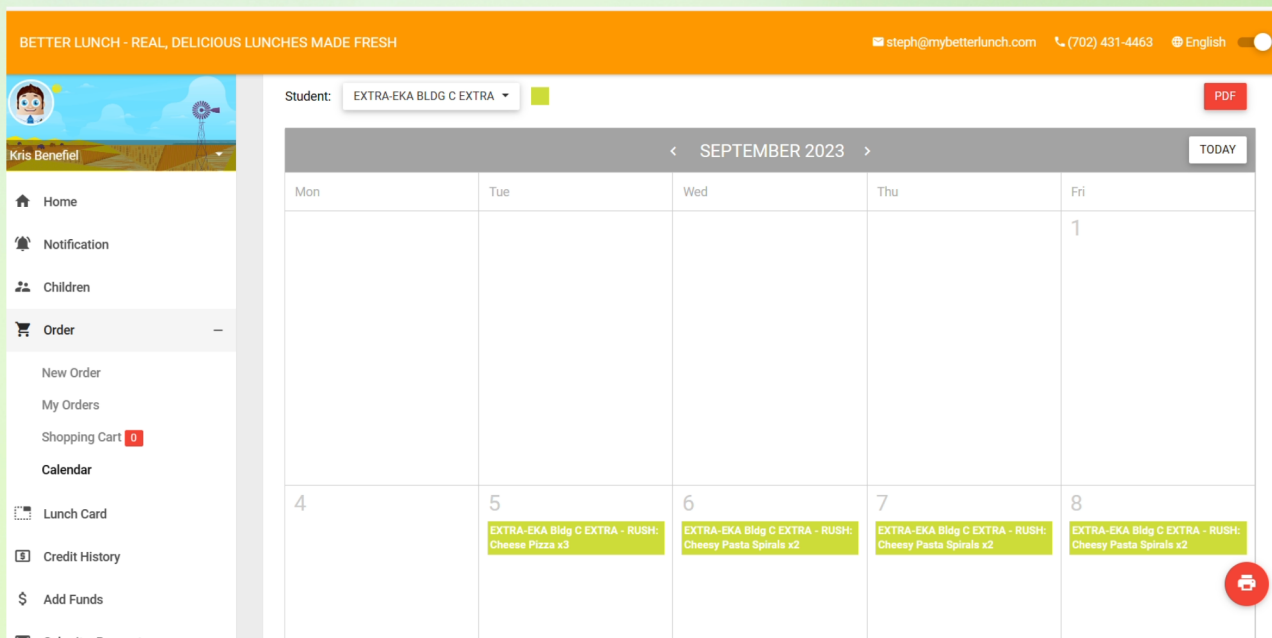
- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up.
- Seek help from school staff, other parents, or community agencies if you need support.



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Visit Attendance Works at www.attendanceworks.org for free downloadable resources and tools!

How to print your student's My Better Lunches



CALENDAR:

1. Login to your BL account
2. On the left side of the page, click ORDER
3. Using the drop down menu, choose CALENDAR
4. The current month will appear, showing you see which days your child has orders placed.

If you have more than one child, each child who has orders placed, will show on the calendar in a different color. You can see a red PDF button top right side, this means, you can download the calendar and print it out for your records. At the top center of the calendar, you see the current month and arrows on the left and right sides, this enables you to change the month to look at past months or future months.

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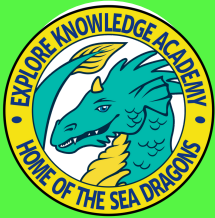
1. Login to your BL account
2. Click on ORDER
3. Choose "MY ORDERS"
4. All of your orders placed will appear
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November 2023 - 2024

Dress up Days



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December

2023 - 2024

Dress up Days



12/12 (Tuesday)
Beanie Day



12/13 (Wednesday)
Mittens and Scarves Day

HAPPY UGLY
SWEATER DAY!



12/14 (Thursday)

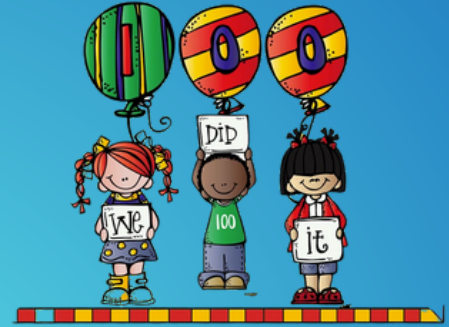
January

Dress up Days

2023 - 2024



1/10 (Wednesday)
Western Day



1/23 (Tuesday)
100th Day of School



1/24 (Wednesday)
Tropical/Hawaii Day



1/25 (Thursday)
Bling Out Day

Crazy Hair Day



1/26 (Friday)
Crazy Hair Day

February 2023 - 2024

Dress up Days



2/2 (Friday) Tutu Day



2/9 (Friday) NFL Day



2/29 (Thursday)
Leap Year Day - Wear Green

March

2023 - 2024

Dress up Days

3/8 (Friday) Hat Day



3/29 (Friday)
Baseball DAY

April

2023 - 2024

Dress up Days

4/4 (Thursday)
Kilt Day



4/12 (Friday)
Scrabble/ Wear Words Day

May

2023 - 2024

Dress up Days



5/1 (Wednesday)
Flower Power Day

5/10 (Friday)
College/ University Day



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June 30, 2024!

- In order to qualify for this FREE service, you must:
- Be age 18 years or older.
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Sign up at these locations: Centennial Hills Library, Clark County Library, East Las Vegas Library, Enterprise Library, Meadows Library, Rainbow Library, Sahara West Library, Spring Valley Library, Summerlin Library, Sunrise Library, West Charleston Library, West Las Vegas Library, Whitney Library, and Windmill Library.

For library cardholders in areas where Cox WiFi service is limited, please visit your nearby branch to check out a Library District hotspot device.

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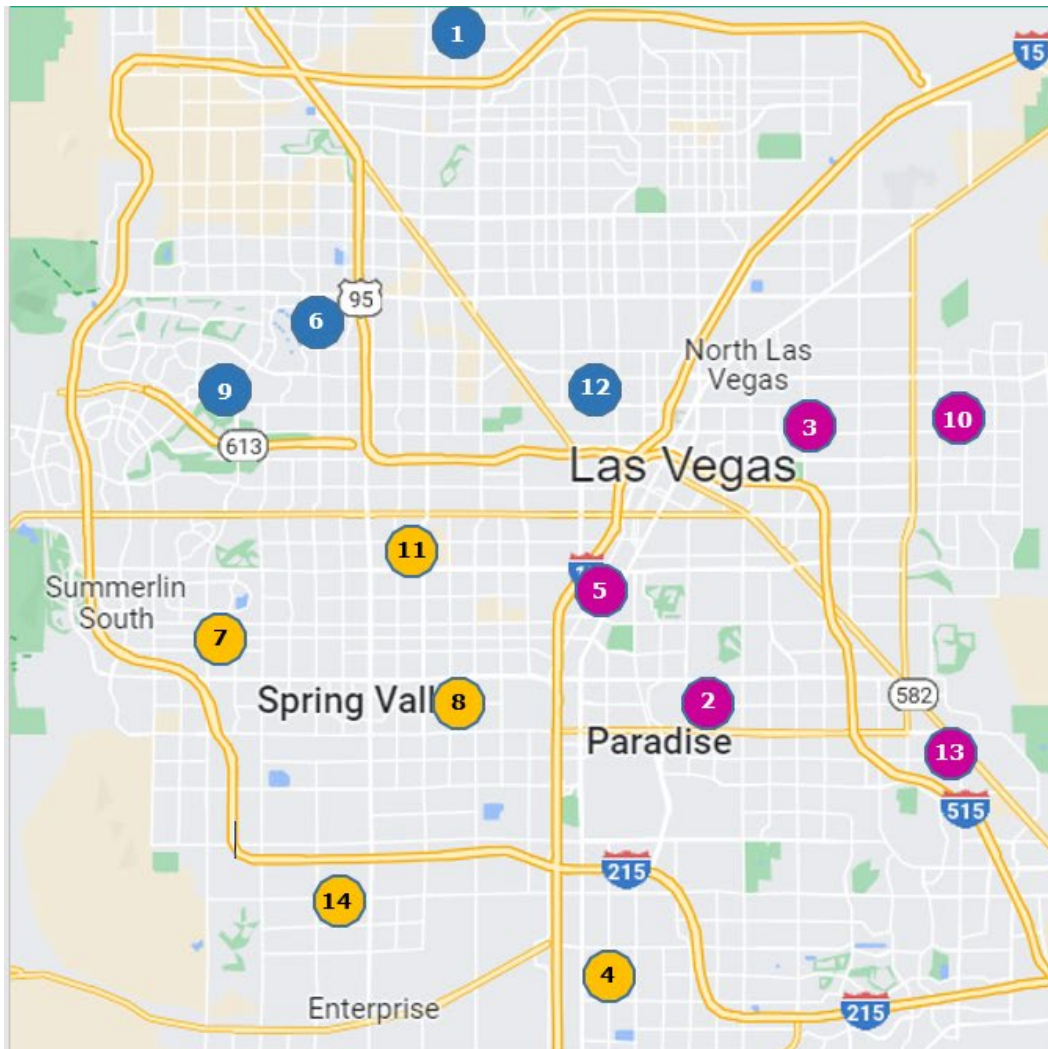
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Para los titulares de tarjetas en áreas donde el servicio WiFi de Cox es limitado, visite su sucursal más cercana para retirar un dispositivo de punto de acceso del Distrito Bibliotecario.

* Mientras duren las reservas; Los obsequios pueden variar según la sucursal.



Para más detalles, visite
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Library Branches to get Free Personal WiFi

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| 5. Meadows | 10. Sunrise | |

WHITNEY LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES CALENDAR

5175 E Tropicana Ave.

NOVEMBER 2023

702-507-4015



Programs for Kids, Teens, & Families!

Turn this page over for event ages and descriptions!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10:30 a.m. 5 & Under Storytime 11:15 a.m. Baby Time 3 p.m.-5 p.m. After School Fun	2 10:30 a.m. Music & Movement Storytime 11:00 a.m. Stay and Play 3 p.m.-5 p.m. After School Fun	3 3 p.m.-5 p.m. After School Fun	4 10:30 a.m. Saturday Stories & Play 3:00 p.m. LEGO League 
5	6 3 p.m.-5 p.m. After School Fun	7 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime 3 p.m.-5 p.m. After School Fun	8 10:30 a.m. 5 & Under Storytime 11:15 a.m. Baby Time 3 p.m.-5 p.m. After School Fun	9 No Tutoring Today 10:30 a.m. Music & Movement Storytime 11:00 a.m. Stay and Play 3 p.m.-5 p.m. After School Fun	10	11 CLOSED for Veterans Day 
12 11:00 a.m. Storytime at the Clark County Wetlands Park 	13 3 p.m.-5 p.m. After School Fun: Kindness Rocks! 	14 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime 12:00 p.m. Native American Heritage Month Storytime 3 p.m.-5 p.m. After School Fun	15 10:30 a.m. 5 & Under Storytime 11:15 a.m. Baby Time 3 p.m.-5 p.m. After School Fun	16 10:30 a.m. Music & Movement Storytime 11:00 a.m. Stay and Play 3 p.m.-5 p.m. After School Fun	17 3 p.m.-5 p.m. After School Fun	18 10:30 a.m. Saturday Stories & Play 3:00 p.m. STEAM Saturday Tinker Lab 
19	20 No Tutoring 11/20-11/23  Storytimes & Programs will resume 11/26	21	22	23 CLOSED for Thanksgiving 	24 CLOSED for Family Day 	25
26 11:00 a.m. Storytime at the Clark County Wetlands Park 	27 3 p.m.-5 p.m. After School Fun	28 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime 3 p.m.-5 p.m. After School Fun	29 10:30 a.m. 5 & Under Storytime 11:15 a.m. Baby Time 3 p.m.-5 p.m. After School Fun	30 10:30 a.m. Music & Movement Storytime 11:00 a.m. Stay and Play 3 p.m.-5 p.m. After School Fun	Free After School Snacks Monday - Friday 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Kids and Teens ages 6 - 18 Free Homework Help Monday - Thursday 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Grades K-12	

Program Descriptions and Ages

For questions about any of our free programs, please call 702-507-4015 or stop by.

Storytimes & Play Groups for Ages 0-5

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for ages 3-5: Preschool Storytime - This storytime for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers includes stories, songs, and much more to build literacy skills and help children develop a love for books.

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. for ages 0-5: 5 & Under Storytime - This story program is for all children ages five and under and their caregivers. Families will enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement activities while building language and literacy skills!

Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m. for ages 0-18 months: Baby Time - Babies from birth to 18 months and their caregivers will enjoy songs, nursery rhymes, and fingerplays together. This brain-building program includes book sharing time and language enrichment activities followed by play time!

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. for ages 0-5: Music & Movement Storytime - Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers will enjoy an action-packed, movement-focused interactive storytime featuring music, books, and more!

Thursdays at 11 a.m. for ages 0-5: Stay & Play - Enjoy this play-based program for ages 0-5 and caregivers. Drop in, play with a variety of toys, and meet other families with young children in a relaxed environment.

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. for ages 0-5: Saturday Stories & Play - Join us for an energizing morning of stories, songs, and play! We'll share a short storytime for ages 0-5 followed by free play with a variety of toys while caregivers enjoy complimentary coffee and learn about resources in our community.



Weekly & Special Events



Mondays-Thursdays from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. for grades K-12: Homework Help and Tutoring - Students in grades K-12 are welcome to drop in any time Monday through Thursday between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. for tutoring and homework help from CCSD teachers and teacher aides through Andson. Students must bring work with them, and tutoring is provided in small group settings.

Mondays-Fridays from 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. for all ages: Kids Cafe - Free Meals for ages 6-18 - Free meals are provided in the Youth Services Department for kids and teens ages 6 - 18 every weekday while supplies last. Meals at this location are shelf stable and must be eaten in the library. Children must be present to receive meals. Food is provided by Three Square.

Mondays-Fridays on regular school days from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. for all ages: After School Fun - The fun doesn't stop after school! Join us for a variety of fun and engaging activities for all ages. Choose from board games, STEM activities, art projects, and more at the tables in our Youth Services Department!

Mondays-Saturdays from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. for teens (grades 6-12): Teen Zone Open Hours - Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to hang out in the Teen Zone! Check out a chromebook, play video games, make crafts, or just enjoy your own space to chill with friends or relax and read. *Dates and times may change based on staff availability.*

Saturday, November 4 at 3 p.m. for ages 6-12: LEGO League - Kids are invited to get inspired by a story and create their own LEGO masterpiece to be displayed all month long in the library!

Sundays, November 12 and 26 at 11 a.m. for ages 0-11: Storytime at the Clark County Wetlands Park - Discover the beautiful Clark County Wetlands Park right in our neighborhood! Join us in the Lizard Lounge next to the Nature Center located at 7050 Wetlands Park Ln. for stories and crafts for the whole family.

Monday, November 13 from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. for all ages: After School Fun: Kindness Rocks! - It's World Kindness Day! Show how you rock kindness by painting a picture or writing an inspirational message on a small stone to give as a gift or leave for someone to discover. We'll provide the supplies and some inspiration!

Tuesday, November 14 at 12 p.m. for ages 0-5: Native American Heritage Month Storytime - Join us for a special storytime in celebration of Native American Heritage Month!

Saturday, November 18 from 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. for ages 3-12: STEAM Saturday Tinker Lab - Explore a variety of STEAM activities appropriate for children ages 3 - 12 at our Tinker Lab! Featured items may include various building sets, microscopes, and 3-D Pens.



WHITNEY LIBRARY

Free Tutoring

provided by Andson

**STARTING
SEPTEMBER
5TH**

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MON. - THURS. 4 P.M. - 6 P.M.

*Certain dates
excluded.
See web site for
current schedule.*

Whitney Library
5175 E Tropicana Ave.

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www.thelibrarydistrict.org

Explore Knowledge Academy

Student Attendance Calendar

August 2023 - May 2024

2023

August 10	Classes Begin
September 4	Labor Day - Business Office Closed
October 13	End of 1st Quarter
October 27	Nevada Day - No School Business Office Closed
November 10	Veteran's Day - No School Business Office Closed
November 20 - 24	Thanksgiving Break - No School Business Office Closed
November 28	Classes Resume
December 14	Student Early Release
December 15	Staff Development Day - No School Business Office Closed End of 2nd Quarter - End of 1st Semester
December 19 - Jan 1	Winter Break - No School Business Office Closed

2024

January 2 - 3	Staff Development Days - No School Business Office Closed
January 4	Classes Resume (Thursday)
January 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Business Office Closed
February 19	President's Day - Business Office Closed
March 8	End of 3rd Quarter
March 12 - 22	Spring Break - No School Business Office Closed
March 26	Classes Resume
May 17	Student Early Release End of 4th Quarter - End of 2nd Semester End of the 2023-2024 School Year
May 21	Graduation 2024

EXPLORE KNOWLEDGE ACADEMY PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCE REQUEST

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE FRONT OFFICE AT LEAST 1 WEEK PRIOR TO THE REQUESTED ABSENCE

NOTE: Prearranged absences WILL NOT be approved immediately preceding or following any scheduled EKA break. Prearranged exceeding the limitation on total absences WILL NOT be approved.

The Parent/Legal Guardian or student is responsible for checking Google Classroom for make-up work from all teachers and submitting the work as specified.

PLEASE NOTE: Nevada State Law allows a parent or legal guardian to arrange absences in advance. EKA allows up to **4** pre-arranged absences during a school year. All absences whether approved or unapproved count towards the total of absences for the year. Any arranged absence, for which the makeup work is not completed and submitted as required, is considered unapproved.

1 EKA School Day = 1.3 Days

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Date(s) Requested: _____

Reason for pre-arranged absence(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Print: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE PERSONNEL ONLY

Name of Student: _____

Administrative Signature: _____ Date Received: _____

Dates Approved: _____

Parent Notified Date: _____

Office Personnel Initials: _____

Teacher(s) Notified Date: _____

Office Personnel Initials: _____

Absence Note

5871 Mountain Vista Street

Las Vegas NV 89120

Phone: (702) 870-5032

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www.ekacademy.org



*** Three (3) or more consecutive absences will require a note from a medical provider.

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Please use this form when your child misses school. Additional forms may be downloaded from the website and are available at the office.

Date(s) of Absence	
Period(s) Missed	
Student Name	
Student's Advisor	Grade

Reason for Absence(s)	
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
Home Phone	Work/Cell Phone
Parent Email	

Students who have been absent must provide written notice from the parent/guardian to the school explaining the reason for the absence within 3 school days after their return from the absence AND turn in **any missing work**.

Failure to provide an excused absence note within 3 days AND turn in missed school work will result in an

unexcused absence. In accordance with NRS, an unexcused absence is deemed truant.

It is the parent/guardian responsibility to request homework from the advisor.

Please Note: EKA must report habitual truancy to Child Protective Services for educational neglect.

For Office Use Only: ☐ Excused ☐ Unexcused ☐ Unexcused Due To Incomplete Work

3 SIMPLE STEPS FOR EKA SCHOOL ZONE

OBEY ALL TRAFFIC LAWS & LIGHTS



01

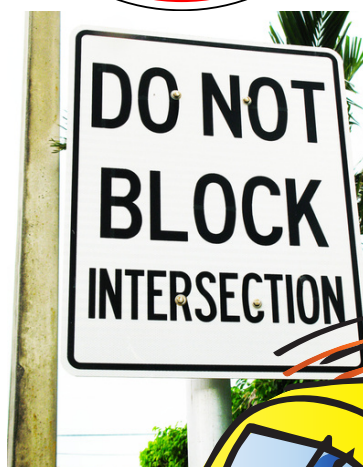
SLOW DOWN and obey all speed limits including the 5 mph speed limit posted on school property.



02

NO U-TURNS IN THE SCHOOL ZONE IF LIGHTS ARE FLASHING!

If lights are flashing you **MUST** go to Russell and make your u-turn.



03

DON'T BLOCK INTERSECTIONS OR THE ENTRANCE TO CAROL CIRCLE

This does **NOT** make things quicker. It actually slows down our valet process.



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