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# McManus Messenger

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Friday, Sept. 4, PTA meets in the library @ 7:45am, parents welcome! Monday, Sept. 7, NO SCHOOL Tuesday, Oct. 8, Picture Day, Smile!

Pizza Party Winners!

The following classes turned in their back-to-school paperwork first in order to win a delicious pizza party. A salad, fruit, drink and a tasty frozen treat is included! TK – 3<sup>rd</sup>: Mrs. Erickson Mrs. Bailey 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>: Mrs. Lewis Mr. Canales Mrs. Imes Thank you students, you rock!!!



Box Top Box Tops = \$\$ for the classroom! We have box top forms in the office. Make sure the box tops haven't expired & return it to the office for a "Smencil".

## CAVE TUTORIAL PROGRAM

FREE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!!! Grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> \* All Subjects \* Every Tuesday & Thursday, 5:00 pm - 6: 30 pm Starts September 15<sup>th</sup> Located at Chico State Bell Memorial Hall Room 309 (Top floor) Questions? Call 530-898-5817



### SEPTEMBER IS "ATTENDANCE AWARENESS" MONTH

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 per month. This is considered chronic absenteeism. Chronic absenteeism in kindergarten and even in TK, can predict lower test scores, poor attendance and retention in later grades, especially if the problem persists for more than a year.

#### Why good attendance matters...

If your 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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

California Ed Code requires us to send out truancy letters after a student's 3, 4 and 5 truancy. A truancy is an unexcused absence. There's also truancy tardies which is when a child is late to school 30 minutes or longer without a valid excused. Please let the office know if you are experiencing any transportation or health issues that may prevent your student from getting to school on time or attending school at all. We are here to offer you assistance and resources. If your child is absent please call our attendance line at 891-3128, x: 103. Please bring in a dr.'s note if your child is ill. If a child is late 30 minutes or longer please send them to school with a parental note explaining the tardiness or escort them to the office. Thank you for your attention to this important matter!



# 2-1-1

211 is your link to free & low-cost community resources in Butte County. One number, one easy way to find help. Call 2-1-1 anytime 24/7 - or text 2-1-1 (text your zip code to 898211) Butte 2-1-1 links you to free & low-cost community resources to these services: Food/Shelter/Clothing Children & Family Services Parenting Support Utility Payment Assistance CalFresh Grocery Supplement Program Alcohol & Drug Treatment/Screening Counseling & Support Groups Health Ins./Covered California Health Care/Prevention/Screening Transportation Info/Trip Planning **Employment Training** Volunteer Opportunities And much, much more... Confidential - Free - Multilingual \*\*\*\*\*

Family Fun Event!!! 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chico World Music Festival September 12, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Chico State University Festival Features: 4 Stages 15 Performers

- Kids Activities
- Global Artisans
- International Food
- Crafts forKids
- Free Art Classes

 Interactive Science Booth
Performances ranging from Seussical Jr., Storytelling, World Drumming,
Childrens' Choir, Creative Dancing and so much more!!!

