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CLASSES WITH BEST ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER

The following classes had the most days with perfect attendance for the month of September:

- Pre-K - Ms. Isabel Gonzalez
- Kindergarten - Ms. Lissette Preciado (Ms. M. Betancourt)
- Grade 1 - Ms. Vivian Lopez
- Grade 2 - Ms. Gladys Val
- Grade 3 - Mrs. Alison Dominique
- Grade 4 - Ms. Veronica Alvarez
- Grade 5 - Mrs. Maria Herrera

Congratulations to the parents of these students. Your commitment to having your students in school has been noticed and we thank you for your support.

ATTENDANCE

We are continuing to strive to improve daily attendance schoolwide. To achieve this goal, we need the support and effort of everyone, especially parents. It is critical that you send your child to school on time every day. Their success in school, even in prekindergarten, depends on it. If your child is absent for an excusable reason, you must submit an absence note within three days of returning to school.

As an added incentive, all students with perfect attendance each month participate in our Reliability and Persistence (RAP) Pep Rally and are eligible for various drawings. For our RAP members who have been members EVERY month during the entire first semester, we will have an additional drawing.

SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM

Please keep in mind that the last day to receive meals at free or reduced price, based on last year's information, was 9/25/09. If you think that your child may qualify for free or reduced meals and have not done so yet, we invite you to complete an application. Additionally, ALL students are entitled to enjoy a free breakfast, regardless of economic status. We encourage your child to participate in our **free breakfast program that provides a nutritious meal to start the day.**

UNIFORM POLICY

Mae M. Walters Elementary School is a mandatory uniform school. It is our belief that students are more likely to take school seriously, project a sense of unity and school spirit when wearing school uniforms.

SECURITY AT OUR SCHOOL

The #1 goal of our school is to provide a safe place for all students to learn. Our staff has been given the important responsibility of keeping our students safe while in school and we **all** take that responsibility very seriously. However, we cannot do it alone. We need your help.

It is important for your child to know that our school will not accept behaviors that make our schools unsafe. For example, hurting one another with words or actions is not acceptable under any circumstances. We want to make sure that your school is a safe place to learn each day. Severe consequences, which are found in the Code of Student Conduct, will be given to those students who choose to violate this policy.

Please speak with your child to let him/her know all of the adults in school are here to help them to resolve any problem peacefully. It

is also their responsibility to tell an adult immediately in order to protect everyone.

Being safe is everyone's responsibility: students, school staff, parents and the entire community. Together we can make our school and community a safer and better place to live and learn.

SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (SES)

If you were approved for SES services, you should have been contacted by the provider to come to school and complete a Student Learning Plan for your child. The dates to meet with parents are October 6, 8, 13, and 15 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Please plan to attend to ensure that it is completed and to get answers to any questions you may have for them.

WALK YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY

As we celebrate the 13th annual national "Walk Our Children to School Day" on Wednesday, October 7, 2009, we encourage you to join the thousands of students throughout the county who will be walking with their parents to school. Those parents who have returned the confirmation to have breakfast with their child(ren) may proceed to the office to get a pass.

H1N1 VIRUS

Flyers announcing Town Hall Meetings went home the week of 9/21/09. If you need further information, please contact the Health Dept. at 1-877-352-3581. Keep in mind that the #1 protection is washing hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand cleaner.

UNITED WAY STUDENT CAMPAIGN

Our United Way Student Campaign kicks off this Friday, October 2, 2009. We encourage you to review the information sent home on 9/29/09 and allow your child to participate in our various fundraising activities i.e. Spirit Days and classroom donations.

PTA NEWS

Our PTA is recruiting members, volunteers and committee leaders. If interested in helping our PTA, please contact one of our Board members:

- Cary Rodriguez – President
- Mayrelis Chavez – Vice-President
- Wendy Lara – Secretary
- Evelyn Jacobo – Treasurer
- Tania Solorzano – Volunteer Recruiter

PTA membership is only \$5.00 per family. Please join, your support and input is needed. This year, we are planning various fund-raising activities. Among them we have:

- Pizza Sale - 2nd Thursday of the month (\$1)
- Healthy Snack – 3rd Thursday of the month (\$1)
- Ice Cream Sale - 4th Tuesday of the month (\$1)

Our next PTA meeting will be held on October 7, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., immediately preceding the FCAT Parent Workshop for Parents of 3rd Graders.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be held from October 8-22, 2009, for our students to purchase books and other items. On October 14, our Media Center will be open from 6 – 8 p.m. so that parents may visit with their children to view and purchase books. They will also be able to participate in the "Haunted House" event hosted by our PTA and the Drama Club.