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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### MARCH

11 Kindergarten Registration @ Shepherd  
12/13 Parent Teacher Conf-Morey  
21 PTO Carnival  
30 Spring Break Begins!

### APRIL

6 School Resumes  
10 No School (unless needed)  
23 Half Day-Shep  
24 No School-Maple Syrup  
27 No School (unless needed)

### MAY

22 SENIOR'S LAST DAY!!  
22 Senior Walk & Graduation Practice  
25 No School-Memorial Day  
26 No School-Shep

# NATIVE VOICES

Tribal K-12 Department



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH  
5 Tiara Osawabing      25 Kiarah Vertz  
8 Sadie Cogswell      Lakiah Verts  
10 Adrienne Peleher      27 Ariana Garver  
12 Brex Sprague      28 Jagla Trepanier



## PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY

**ELEMENTARY::** Sam Cloud, Johnathan Cogswell, Declan DeFeyter, Liam DeFeyter, Eyhana Feliciano, Abigail Farrell, Akiwaande Howard, Jayla Kequom, Waaseya Lambertson, Ellery Lawson, Andreas Ramirez, Koda Rueckert, Braylee Trepanier, Johnny Vertz, Kiarah Vertz, Lakiah Vertz, Levi Wakemup  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL::** Johnathan Bailey, Talan Bailey, Sadie Cogswell, Anjelica Hinmon, Kyleigh Scarlott, Madalyn Sineway, Jayla Trepanier, T'yannah Trepanier, LaAnna Trudeau, Kerra Whitepigeon  
**HIGH SCHOOL::** Foster Crampton, Hunter Johnson, Olivia Lawson, Andee Raphael, Jacob Sineway, Matt Smith, Makayla Stevens, Emma VanHorn  
**ODYSSEY::** Akiveo Gon.-Hawkins  
**Morey::** Lauren Lindstrom, Wasson Howard

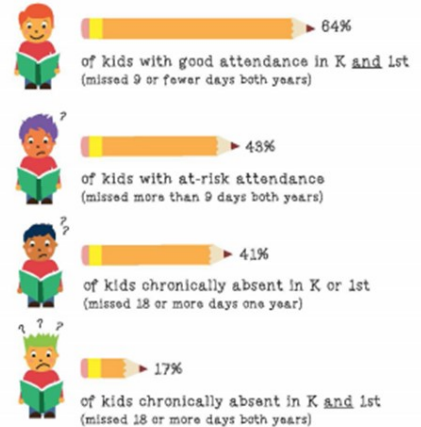
Did you know that poor school attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade?

### 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?<sup>3</sup>



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

(<https://www.attendanceworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Attendance-in-the-Early-Grades.pdf>) Additionally, research indicates that missing only **10 percent** of the school year (approximately 18 days) negatively affects students' academic performance (<https://awareness.attendanceworks.org/wp-content/uploads/Research2016.pdf>).

That's an average of only **two days a month!**

Students who miss 10% or more school days are deemed "chronically absent." And, students who are chronically absent in sixth grade are at a high risk of dropping out of school (<http://www.baltimore-berc.org/pdfs/SixthGradeEWIFullReport.pdf>).

**The good news is** that improved attendance is directly related to improved academic performance and increases a student's chance of graduating

(<https://www.attendanceworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Preventable-Failure-CCSR-April-2014.pdf>).

It isn't always easy to get students up and into school each day, but it's important!