



Wildcat Parent Time Minutes

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM



Meetings are held in the EBCA cafeteria.

I. **Welcome** – Called to Order at **8:30 AM**

- a. 11 in Attendance
 - i. 6 Parents
 - ii. 5 School Staff

- b. Presenter Introductions
 - i. Ms. Sanchez, School Counselor
 - ii. Mrs. McCowan, Expanded Learning Program Manager

Items Scheduled for Discussion

II. **School News/Updates**

- a. “Success Together” Family Workshops: Evening Parent Involvement classes postponed until further notice. Parents will be notified of scheduled meetings with advanced notice through Facebook and ParentSquare
- b. English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) first meeting scheduled on Tuesday, October 17th at 3:30 PM.
- c. 5th-grade camp trip is October 4th - 6th
- d. Reviewed Halloween guidelines
- e. Discussed Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)
 - i. Parent and Family Engagement Policy development, to be reviewed during the next parent meeting on 10/25/2023
- f. Red Ribbon Week (October 23 - 27), discussed purpose and what to expect for students
- g. Book Fair will take place October 2nd - October 5th
- h. Fall Picture Day scheduled for October 16th
 - i. *Questions arose about how to order student photos and dress code.*
- i. Next Board Meeting scheduled for tomorrow, September 28th
- j. Encouraged parents to check the school’s monthly newsletter for more news and updates.
 - i. *All parents confirmed they’ve received previous newsletters through ParentSquare*

III. **Expanded Learning Program (ELP) Continuous Quality Improvement Action Plan**

- a. Provided parents with the action plan in English and Spanish
- b. Explained to parents every year we have to come together to improve the safety of the students and campus. In order to get the feedback we do that through parent surveys/parent input.
 - i. Informed parents that one of the ways we’ve made improvements on campus was the updating of the EBCA front office gate. It will have a

buzzer controlled by front office Staff to allow parents to come onto campus.

- ii. An extension to the gate around TK and Kindergarten playground will be added for safety. We are hoping that construction will be done by December.
- iii. More signage addressing anti-discrimination, anti-bullying, and positive reinforcement posters to be posted around the school.
- iv. Sending all staff to necessary and applicable training opportunities. All staff to be trained on approaching students and making positive connections, as well as be trained for emergency situations.
 - *Parents expressed positive feedback about these improvements, especially the improvements surrounding the front office gate and increased safety and security of the TK and Kindergarten playground.*
 - *Parent also expressed concern about the crosswalk on Hawes and Fruit Ave. The cars drive fast during morning drop off. Concern will be elevated to address it. Parents discussed contacting the City of Fresno to see if there is anything they can do to help ensure the safety of students and families crossing in the morning.*

IV. **Presentation on Topic:** School Attendance Matters

a. School Attendance Matters

- i. Discussed how attendance impacts students' ability to succeed. Also discussed what chronic absenteeism is and what can be done to promote good attendance.
 - *Parent mentioned they've received a notice about numerous tardies in one day and asked how we plan on combatting the issue. - **Families are contacted with this information to bring awareness and remind parents on how crucial it is to be on time to school everyday.***
 - *A parent expressed the need for parents of students that are often absent or tardy/late to be present at today's meeting. - **Today's meeting information will be shared on our website as well as providing resources on our monthly newsletter and to families individually. Thanks parents that are in attendance and reflected how they ensure their students come to school everyday on time.***

V. **Open Discussion** – Public Comments

- a. *Parents asked questions about transitioning to middle school and middle school options to consider. - **Briefly addressed questions, but encouraged parents to attend next month's meeting that addresses question in more details.***

Adjournment – Adjourned at **9:30 AM**

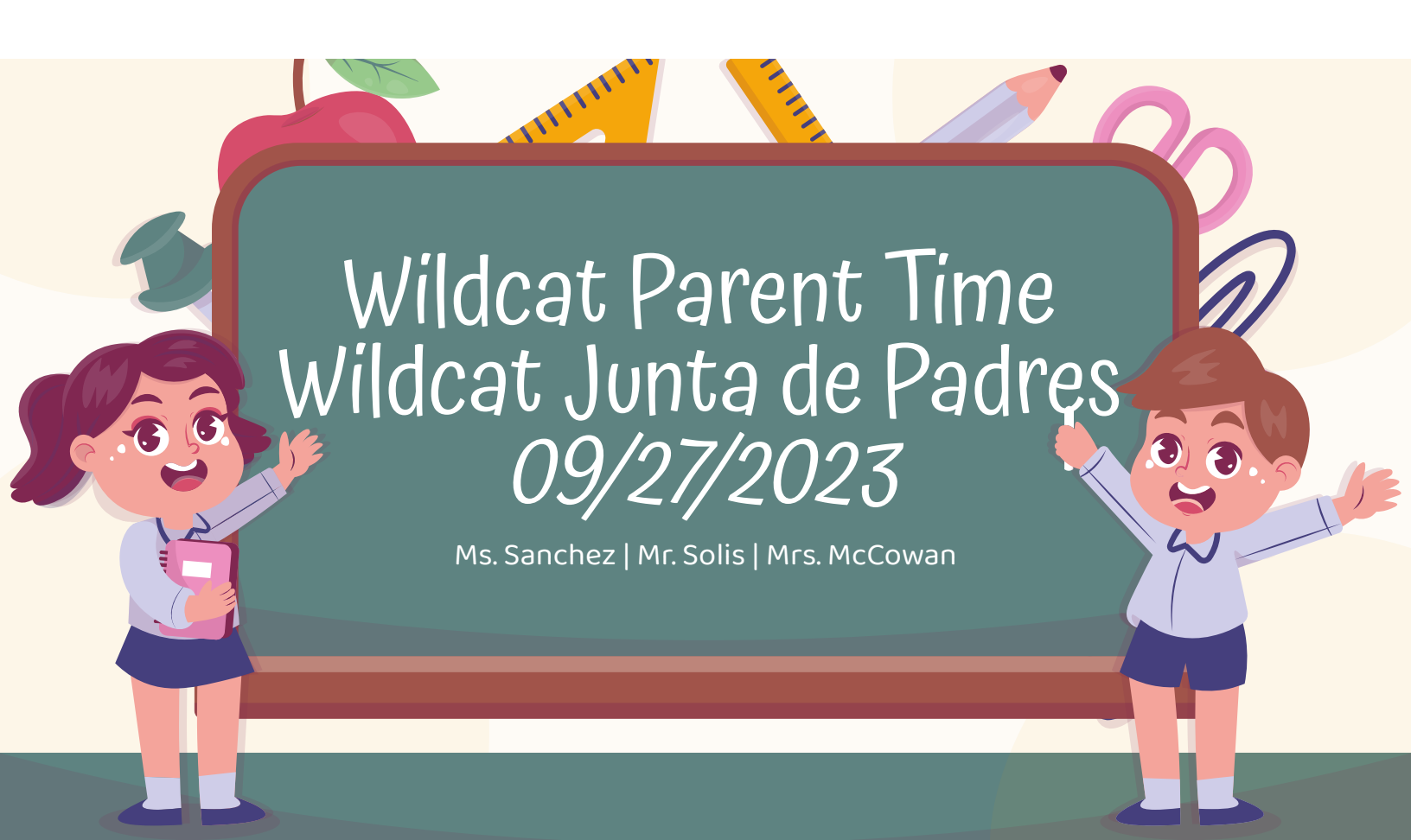
VI. Questions

- a. No further questions/suggestions presented.

VII. Resources Provided

- a. Expanded Learning Program Survey
- b. Expanded Learning Program (ELP) Continuous Quality Improvement Action Plan
- c. Attendance Works Handout: Helping Your Child Succeed in School

Next “Wildcat Parent Time” Meeting: Wednesday, October 25th, 2023



Wildcat Parent Time Wildcat Junta de Padres 09/27/2023

Ms. Sanchez | Mr. Solis | Mrs. McCowan

Welcome! ¡Bienvenidos!

Agenda

1. School News/Updates
2. Expanded Learning Program (ELP) continuous quality improvement action plan
3. Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)
4. Topic Presentation: School Attendance Matters
5. Open Discussion

1. Noticias y actualizaciones de la escuela
2. Plan continuo de acción para mejorar la calidad (CQI) del Programa de Aprendizaje Ampliado (ELP)
3. Comité Asesor de Padres (PAC)
4. Presentación del tema: La importancia de la asistencia escolar
5. Discusión abierta

School News/Updates (Noticias/actualizaciones escolares)

1. Evening Parent Meeting Opportunities facilitated by Success Together have been postponed.

1. Oportunidades de juntas en las tardes para padres han sido pospuestos

Fresno County Superintendent of Schools Invites You To:
FREE PARENT & FAMILY CLASSES
In Partnership with Success Together

Learn new ways to support your children's educational & emotional needs
FREE childcare for all parent classes
Dinner, class supplies, & translation included with registration
Space is limited to 30 families per class

Success Together's award-winning team looks forward to welcoming you to engaging and empowering Parent & Family Classes!

Upcoming Classes

Tuesdays

- 5:28-5:55PM Highly Effective Ways to Raise a Successful Reader for Life with Their TOUNDED Feelings
- 5:27-5:55PM BIG Feelings: How to Help Kids Cope with Their TOUNDED Feelings
- 5:27-5:55PM Self-Care for Parents: Why It's NOT Selfish, How To Start, & How It Helps Your Family
- 5:28-5:55PM Positive Discipline: Sixteen Free Parenting Techniques That Actually Work!

Thursdays

- 5:28-5:55PM Family Literacy Building Reading Comprehension with AI
- 5:28-5:55PM Family Science Experiments with Weather
- 5:28-5:55PM Family Reading Adventure: Fly Guy's Big Family Storyline - Comic Book Creation

How to Sign Up

Register Online: tinyurl.com/STL8887

Or By Texting: SUCCESS to 837-224-8388

Success Together

School News/Updates (Noticias/actualizaciones escolares)

2. English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) for parents of students designated as English-Learners will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, October 17th at 3:30 PM.

2. El Comité Asesor de Estudiantes aprendiendo Inglés (ELAC) tendrá su primera junta el martes 17 de octubre a las 3:30 p.m.

School News/Updates (Noticias/actualizaciones escolares)

- 3. 5th Grade Camp (October 4th - 6th): Cambria, CA
 - 4. October 31st, Halloween
 - a. Students allowed to wear school-appropriate costumes
 - 5. Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)
 - a. Parent Family Engagement Policy review and collaboration on 10/25
- 3. Campamento de quinto grado (4 al 6 de octubre): Cambria, CA
 - 4. 31 de octubre, Halloween
 - a. A los estudiantes se les permite usar disfraces apropiados para la escuela.
 - 5. Consejo Asesor de Padres (PAC)
 - a. Revisión y colaboración para finalizar la póliza de participación de padres y familias el 25 de octubre

School News/Updates (Noticias/actualizaciones escolares)

- 5. Red Ribbon Week (October 23 - 27)
 - a. Annual rally: guest speakers, contests, celebrating a drug free life
 - b. Largest drug prevention campaign
 - c. Spirit Week: Dress Up Days
- 5. Semana del Listón Rojo (23 - 27 de octubre)
 - a. Evento anual: oradores invitados, concursos, celebración de una vida libre de drogas
 - b. Campaña de prevención de drogas más grande
 - c. Semana del espíritu: días de disfraces

School News/Updates (Noticias/actualizaciones escolares)

- 6. Book Fair (Oct 2 - 5)
 - 7. Picture Day (Oct 16)
 - 8. Board Meeting (Sep. 28)
- 6. Feria de libro (Oct. 2 - 5)
 - 7. Día de Foto (Oct 16)
 - 8. Reunión de la junta directiva (Sep. 28)

More News on Oct. Bulletin
Más noticias en el boletín
de octubre



Expanded Learning Program (ELP) continuous quality improvement action plan

Plan continuo de acción para mejorar la calidad (CQI) del Programa de Aprendizaje Ampliado (ELP)

School Attendance Matters La importancia de la asistencia escolar

1. Refer to handout
2. Ask for support, we are a team
3. Mr. Solís: Truancy Mediation Liaison

[FILE LINK](#)

1. Consulte el folleto
2. Pide apoyo, somos un equipo
3. Sr. Solís: Enlace de mediación de ausentismo escolar

NEXT WILDCAT PARENT TIME MEETING:
PRÓXIMA JUNTA:

Wed., Oct. 25th
Miér. 25 de Oct.

Topic: Middle School Options and More!
Tema: ¡Opciones de escuela intermedia y más!



Thanks!
¡Gracias!

Questions?
¿Preguntas?





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

DID YOU KNOW?

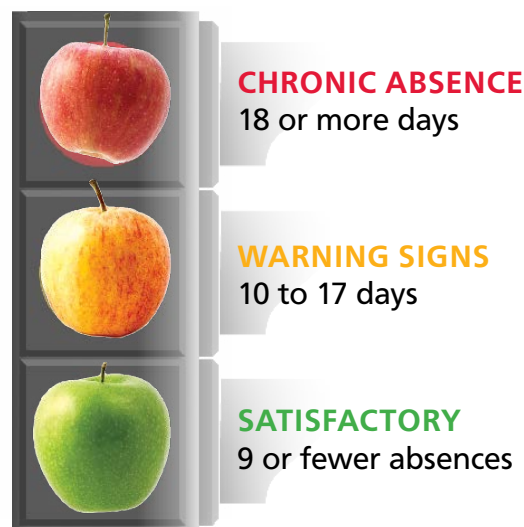
- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being 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-Covid-19 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 or quarantine, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



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



Ayude a su niño a tener éxito en la escuela: desarrolle el hábito de la buena asistencia escolar desde los primeros años

¿SABÍA USTED?

- A partir de preescolar y kínder, demasiadas ausencias pueden hacer que los niños se retrasen en la escuela.
- Faltar un 10%, o aproximadamente 2 días al mes durante el transcurso de un año escolar, puede dificultar el aprendizaje de la lectura.
- Los estudiantes aún pueden quedarse atrás si faltan solo uno o dos días cada pocas semanas.
- Llegar tarde a la escuela puede provocar una baja asistencia escolar.
- Las ausencias y tardanzas pueden afectar a toda el aula si el docente tiene que retrasar el aprendizaje para ayudar a los niños a ponerse al día.

Asistir a la escuela con regularidad ayuda a los niños a sentirse mejor con la escuela y con ellos mismos. Comience a desarrollar este hábito en el preescolar para que aprendan de inmediato que es importante ir a la escuela a tiempo, todos los días. Con el tiempo, la buena asistencia escolar será una habilidad que les ayudará a tener éxito en la escuela secundaria y la universidad.

LO QUE PUEDE HACER

- Establezca una rutina regular para la hora de dormir y una rutina matutina.
- Elija y disponga la ropa y empaque las mochilas la noche anterior.
- Mantenga a su niño saludable y asegúrese de que haya recibido las vacunas necesarias.
- Presente a su niño a sus docentes y compañeros de clase antes de que comience la escuela.
- Desarrolle planes de contingencia para llegar a la escuela si surge algo. Llame a un familiar, vecino u otro padre.
- Trate de programar las citas médicas no relacionadas con el Covid-19 y los viajes largos para cuando no haya clases en la escuela.
- Si su niño parece tener ansiedad por ir a la escuela, hable con los docentes, los consejeros escolares y otros padres para que le aconsejen cómo hacer que su niño se sienta cómodo y emocionado por el aprendizaje.
- Si le preocupa que su niño pueda tener Covid-19, llame a su escuela para que le aconsejen.
- Si su niño debe quedarse en casa debido a una enfermedad, pídale a los docentes recursos didácticos e ideas para seguir aprendiendo en casa.

¿Cuándo se convierten las ausencias en un problema?



Nota: Estos números se basan en un año escolar de 180 días.