

# Counselor's Corner

Being On Time for School Edition

2015-2016 School Year



## Jeffery Elementary

Breakfast is available starting at  
6:55am

Doors open at 7:15am

Start time: 7:25am

Dismissal time: 2:25pm

Being at school on time every  
day is important to me!

School phone number:

262-359-2100

Counselor phone number:

262-359-2034

### Late student sign in procedure

If your student is late to school, meaning they are coming in at 7:25am or after the 7:25am bell, they must be walked in by an adult. This is because of safety. Once the bell has rung, all staff and safety patrol go in to the building to begin the day. Even if there are still adults outside, we ask that you walk your student in to the building and check them in with the office. Your student will then receive a pink pass to get into class that lets the teacher know they have been accounted for in attendance.

### Why should I be on time to school?

When a student comes in late, the classroom routine is significantly disrupted. The children will stop what they are doing to greet the student, and then the other students tend to wait for the student to get their backpack emptied and turn his/her folder in before we can go forward with the lesson.

This is disrupting the morning routine in the classroom and can lead to the class losing valuable learning time.

On-time attendance is a habit best learned as soon as kids enter school. Research shows that children who were tardy in kindergarten were 10 times more likely than their on-time peers to be chronically absent in kindergarten and first grade and three times as likely in third and fifth grade. You can find more information on the Attendance

Works website here:

<http://www.attendanceworks.org/tackling-tardiness-to-promote-good-attendance/>

If you have accumulated several tardy's, you may get a letter from your student's teacher. This is our way of telling you that we have noticed the student being tardy frequently, and that we are here to help you if needed. If the tardy's continue, you may receive a call or letter from the counselor.

We may request a meeting to talk about what could be happening and how we can help you or the student. If the student is not wanting to come to school for some reason, we can work on that. If the student has a hard time getting up, we can talk about strategies to get them up and ready, including some visuals we can provide.

We are a team and a community of teachers and staff that care for your student and we want them to succeed. Help us to help you, so your student, and the students in their class, can learn and grow every day here at Jeffery.