



# Green Acres Elementary Grizzly Newsletter November 2023

**We Are Great Grizzly S.T.E.M Leaders!**

We set and achieve goals

We are responsible

We value life long education

We choose a positive attitude

We know all are important on our team

**Go Grizzlies!!**

## Dates To Remember:

- ◆ November 3rd- Picture Retakes
- ◆ November 5th- Daylight Savings
- ◆ November 10th- Veterans Day
- ◆ November 22-24- Thanksgiving break- No school
- ◆ November 22 & 24- Christmas Tree Jubilee  
Open to the public 10am-6pm



## Reminders:

- Please call the attendance line to excuse your child if they are absent. 801-452-4420
- ◆ Every Wednesday is Early Out at 1:15

# From the Desk of Principal Willie

Hello Grizzlies,

Welcome to term 2! Thank you for a great first term. Success in education is a team effort with faculty, staff, students and parents all working together.

Attendance is always a concern for schools. The concern has increased significantly in the past three years. During that time, attendance requirements were suspended by a state senate bill. That bill expired last year which means attendance is once again being tracked. Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing 18 or more days of the school year. Studies show that students who miss that much school struggle to keep up academically with their fellow students. Why wouldn't they? Missing classroom instruction always has a negative impact. If your student is sick, they should stay home. Generally, if they are vomiting or have a fever, they should stay home. A child with a small cough could probably still come to school. Obviously if they have Covid, they should stay home. Please be mindful of whether your child could be at school instead of staying home. Also, think about scheduling vacations during times that we are not in school. Save the absences for days when it is absolutely necessary.

We are worried about attendance school wide. With that in mind we have set a goal for the school, and grade level teams, to increase the average percentage of students in class every day by 2%. Thank you for your consideration.

The weather is turning cold. Please have your child dress for the weather. We do go outside whenever possible. If it is raining and students are getting wet or there is a particularly cold wind, we will be inside. Most of the time we will be outside. The best course of action is to be prepared. By the way, we have had a lot of coats added to the lost and found during the last couple of weeks.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

