

Fall 2017

Parents and Guardians,

The Centennial Middle School vision statement is "***Cultivating Minds for Success***" or as we say to students, "*Grow Your Mind.*" In an ever changing world, it is more important than ever to learn how to learn and to continue to learn for students and staff. Priority areas for adult learning to name a few include: systems of support for academics, attendance, and behavior, engaging students in the school community, and culturally responsive teaching.

A major part of *Growing Your Mind* means being at school. Research shows that students who miss two days a month (excused or unexcused) show negative academic progress. By the sixth grade, a chronically absent student (2 or more absences a month) is shown to have a significantly higher chance of dropping out of high school. Every minute in school matters! If a student is 10 minutes late to school each day, the student will have missed more than 33 hours of class time. Please support your student's success by having him/her at school on time every single day.

One attendance goal for the year is for each student to have perfect attendance for the first 100 days of school. We are challenging students to meet this goal. Each student who achieves this goal will receive a celebratory t-shirt!

In closing, the staff at CMS is committed to creating and maintaining a safe, respectful, culturally-inclusive environment with consistent expectations for all students. This includes sound classroom management practices that encourage student engagement and effect student learning.

Respectfully,

In partnership,