



## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2018

### Absenteeism

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Attendance is essential for student success in education.

Attendance rates tell how many students are in school each day and chronic absenteeism rates tell which students do not come to school.

Missing 1-2 days a month beginning in kindergarten doesn't seem like much BUT it is equivalent to missing a whole year of instruction by the time the student finishes their senior year.

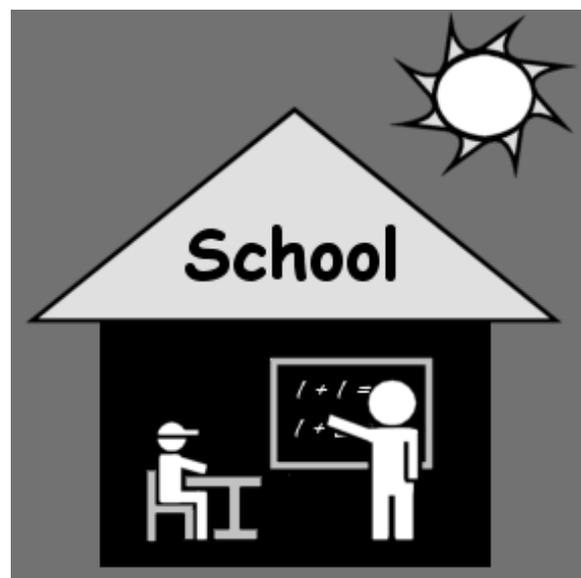
Missing 10% or more of instructional days can translate into 3rd graders unable to master reading, 6th graders failing subjects, and 9th graders dropping out of high school.

Transition years are the hardest for students, for example kindergarten, changing buildings or schools. Parents of students in these situations,

please be aware that change can be hard and make sure your child is comfortable in their new setting. If we can help with the transitions, please let your child's teacher or someone at the school know.

If your child has extended absences please be in contact with their teachers to ensure they stay caught up. Make-up work can be overwhelming and another reason to stay home. This can cause chronic absenteeism.

Communication is important. Please call the office if your child is absent, running late, or leaving early for any reason. We look forward to seeing your student each and partnering with you to make their educational experience successful.





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## **Kansas Volunteer Commission Awards \$5,000 in Funding for 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance**

TOPEKA, KS – The Kansas Volunteer Commission (KVC) has awarded 11 organizations funding to support September 11<sup>th</sup> National Day of Service and Remembrance. The following organizations will host volunteer projects and service activities honoring those who died and those who served on 9/11.

- Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence
- Butler County Department on Aging
- Carbondale Lions Club
- Children First CEO Kansas
- Flint Hills Volunteer Center
- Rosedale Development Association
- The Oz Museum Columbian Theater Foundation
- USD 270 Plainville
- USD 321 Rossville Junior/Senior High School Student Council
- USD 511 Attica Public Schools
- Youth Horizons

The September 11<sup>th</sup> National Day of Service and Remembrance is the culmination of an effort originally launched in 2002 by 9/11 family members and support groups, who worked to establish the charitable service day as a forward-looking way to honor 9/11 victims, survivors, and others who rose up in service response to the attacks.

In 2009, Congress designated September 11<sup>th</sup> as a National Day of Service and Remembrance and charged the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) with supporting this effort across the country. With funding from the CNCS, the KVC is working with organizations across Kansas to engage volunteers in tribute projects.

The mission of the **Kansas Volunteer Commission** (KVC) is to empower all Kansans to meet community needs through service. The Commission's primary role is to provide resources and leadership to support local initiatives that tackle community needs. As the state service commission, the KVC directs effective national service programs, provides volunteer management training opportunities and supports the work of [Mentor Kansas](#). For more information, visit [www.kanserve.org](http://www.kanserve.org).

# **HONORING OUR VETERANS**

## **Dinner**

**Who: Veterans of all ages**

**Date: September 11, 2018**

**Place: Grade School Cafeteria**

**Time: 5:00 pm**

**Cost: Free for Veteran and 1 guest  
(all other guests will be \$5)**

**Special Veteran Recognition at Half-time of the  
Homecoming Football game on September 14.  
(Veteran admitted FREE to the game - must RSVP)**

**MUST RSVP all dinner and game attendees  
by September 5, 2018**

**RSVP: High School Office 434-4547 or  
hbrown@plainville270.net**

**Dinner and event made possible through a grant from :**



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NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE  
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