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## Message from the Principal

Clara Love Families,

One of our goals this year is to ensure that every student attends school regularly. Attendance has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in life.

We realize some absences are unavoidable due to illness or other circumstances. We also know that when students miss too much school—regardless of the reason – it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent. Research shows:

- Children chronically absent in kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.
- By 6<sup>th</sup> grade, chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk for dropping out of school.

## Upcoming Dates

September 12 -  
[Clara Love Curriculum Night 2017.pdf](#) 5:00-7:00 pm

September 18 - PTA  
Chick fil-A Night  
4:40-7:00 pm

September 19 -  
Fundraiser Due Date

September 19 -  
Individual Picture Day

September 19 -  
Moms on a Mission  
Kickoff

September 27 -  
Principals in the Park  
@ Harriett Creek  
Park 5-6 pm

September 29 - End  
of 1st Six Weeks

- By 9<sup>th</sup> grade good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than 8<sup>th</sup> grade test scores.

**Absences can add up quickly. A child is chronically absent if he or she misses just two days every month! Clearly going to school regularly matters!**

**Here are a few practical tips to help support regular attendance:**

- Make sure your children keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Ensure your children go to school every day unless they are truly sick
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session. The attendance bell rings at 9:30. Students are counted absent if they are not present at 9:30.
- Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your children feel anxious about going to school.
- Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your child to school.

**Let us know how we can best support you and your children so that they can show up for school on time every day. We want your child to be successful in school! If you have any questions or need more information please contact us at any time.**

**Sincerely,**

**Jaimie McAllister, Principal**

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## Home Access Center

Northwest ISD enables parents to monitor grades, progress reports, report cards, assignments, and attendance information using the Home Access Center (HAC). You can also view standardized test results from prior years.

**Important:** Beginning 2017-2018, we will not be printing progress reports and report cards for 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders unless we receive a parent request to do so. Completing the login process through the HAC now is highly recommended so there is not a delay in getting progress reports next week.

You should have received an email from [gradebook@nisdtx.org](mailto:gradebook@nisdtx.org) with the subject NISD Home Access Center. This email provides login information for the HAC. You only need one login for all students in your family.

If you have any questions about how to access the HAC, please call our front office at 817-698-6600.

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## Our Annual Fundraiser is Under Way!

We thank you in advance for your support of Clara Love Elementary School. This year funds raised will go towards making our Family Nights really, really AWESOME! We also are really hoping to get updated technology devices for our K-2 students and make our spring Rock the Block event spectacular for our students and families. Again, we appreciate your support.

As you have likely heard, students that sell 15 items get the opportunity to tour Cowboy Stadium! Each additional family member only needs to sell 10 additional items in order to go

on the trip as well. So, if you were hoping to go on the tour with your child, your child would need to sell at least 25 items. This is also true for a sibling hoping to attend. We will have plenty of staff chaperones attending, and our school will not be touring with other schools. Parents that attend will need to provide their own transportation.

We sure are seeing a great deal of “Coops” around the school! Your child may continue to bring in “Coopons” throughout this week and turn them in during lunch in the cafeteria.

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## Character Education

During the 2017- 2018 school year, our students will all be learning about similar topics during a portion of their Morning Meeting time. During the month of September the featured topics are: communication (verbal and nonverbal), following directions, self-awareness and learning styles. We will continue to build on these skills as we develop new skills through different topics each month. We encourage you to ask your child about their Morning Meetings and what he/she is learning about!

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## Ride Changes and Absence Notes

Please send all ride changes to [loveelem@nisdtx.org](mailto:loveelem@nisdtx.org)

Please send all attendance notes to [metchieson@nisdtx.org](mailto:metchieson@nisdtx.org)

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