

# Peabody Elementary School Newsletter

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## Parent Portal

### Five Reasons to Sign-up

- Communicate with your child's teacher
- Check your child's grades
- Look up your child's attendance information
- Receive important updates
- View the cafeteria menu

## Upcoming Events

- 9/4 - No School (Labor Day)
- 9/13 - Grandparents Day!
- 9/15 - Q1 Progress Reports
- 9/21 - Annual Title I Meeting
- 9/22 - No School (Staff Professional Development)
- 9/25 - September Positive Behavior Incentive
- 9/29 - September Perfect Attendance Incentive

## Peabody Is Back In Stride



Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year at Peabody Elementary, which continues to be "The place to learn and grow!" We have seen every beautiful smiling face of our returning students and want to extend a very special welcome to our new students who are joining the Peabody community for the first time. As always, it is important to keep lines of communication open between home and school so we can ensure a safe learning environment for all the students at Peabody Elementary.

Successful student learning thrives with open communication and an active parent-teacher-school partnership. We encourage all families to participate in our school activities and events throughout the year. One of the school's most important goals this year is to increase our parent volunteers. Here are some of the ways a parent volunteer can help:

- act as a classroom helper
- mentor or tutor students
- help children with special needs
- help organize, cater, or work at fundraising activities
- help to chaperone field trips

Remember that volunteering not only benefits your kid(s). It helps the classroom, the whole school, and the community by giving students positive interaction, support, and encouragement. For a volunteer application, please reach out to your Family and Community Specialist, Mr. Hammond. If you have any questions or concerns during the year, please don't hesitate to contact me at (314) 241-1533.

## Yes, We Are Still A Uniform School

All students must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Students are to wear uniforms Mon.-Fri.
- Tops/shirts (blue, white, or yellow gold).
- Bottoms are khaki or blue only.
- Closed toe shoes are to be worn daily.

Parents, if your child needs a uniform please reach out to Ms. Patterson or Nurse Jen at (314) 241-1533.

## Let's Focus On Literacy



### Do You Know Your Child's Reading Level?

Parents let's keep an eye on it this year. Parents see if your child's reading score has improved since last year when he or she was tested. Are they reading at grade level or beyond? If interested, please reach out to Mr. Hammond (314) 241-1533.

## Now Let's Talk About Attendance

Missing too much school can put a child's academic future at risk. Research has shown that children who are chronically absent in kindergarten and first grade are much less likely to read well by the end of third grade.

### Why is attendance important for parents?

Good attendance habits begin in the early grades and as parents you are responsible for making sure your child develops the habit of regular attendance. Students who attend school regularly learn more in the classroom and are more successful and involved in school than students who are not present.

### Why is attendance so important for students?

Every day a student is absent is a lost opportunity for learning. Too many absences not only can affect achievement for the absent student but also can disrupt learning for the entire class.

Parents at your leisure, please look at the following site:  
<https://www.attendanceworks.org/>

You will be amazed at how important school attendance is to your child's education.

If you require assistance or resources to support your child's daily attendance, please contact a member of our Student Support Team (314) 241-1533.