



March 1, 2022

Hey Ulm School Families,

As we power through this cold blast and the cold and flu season, we appreciate your support in helping us all stay healthy and keeping students home when they are sick. We understand that families get sick and appointments happen. However, we also need your help in the education process in managing avoidable absences. As of Friday February 18th we are on the 114th day of school. The Ulm School "Everyday Counts Recognition" is a way to showcase student attendance, and we no longer have any students who have been here every day, all day. We have had a total of 1016.50 absences total this year, in the first two trimesters alone, in Ulm Elementary and Junior High School. This equates to 5 years of missed school! We have multiple students that have missed more than 30 days. Our teachers work very hard to ensure the success of all of their students, but we cannot teach them if they are not here.

According to healthychildren.org, "chronic absenteeism means missing too much school—for any reason—excused or unexcused. Experts define chronic absenteeism as missing 10% (or around 18 days) during a school year." **Children who are chronically absent in kindergarten and first grade are less likely to read on grade level by the third grade.** For older students, being chronically absent is strongly associated with failing at school—even more than low grades or test scores. When absences add up, these students are more likely to be suspended and drop out of high school. Chronic absenteeism is also linked with teen substance use, as well as poor health as adults.

We greatly appreciate your efforts to get your kids to school every day. Thank You!

Starting March 1st, for any student that arrives on time and doesn't miss any days of school for the remainder of the year, their names will be placed in a drawing for a free bike. We will be giving 10 bikes away, thanks to a generous donation from Pastor Westen and the Central Assembly of God Church and Dustin Haffner and Big Sky Cleaners.

February

Bluehawk Recognition

The Ulm School "Bluehawk Recognition" is a way to showcase student accomplishment and recognize those students with the exemplary character traits that demonstrate Ulm School Bluehawk pride. These attributes are taught and modeled at Ulm Schools and promote success in and out of the classroom.

- All work turned in on time
- Prepared for class
- Follow school rules
- Effort, work hard without redirection
- Kindness and Generosity
- Respectfulness
- Good Attitude
- On time 80% of the time and at school 85% of the time

Early Kindergarten: Kinsley Howe, Wellington Jensen, Colbie Kibble, Jamie McLaughlin, Emerson Murphy Voelker, Teagan Pepos, Lincoln Shultz, Shayley Young

Kindergarten: Adriana Bogner, Asher Dougherty, Cordell Howe, Emily Johnson, Penelope Kennerson, Travis Koch, Addison Martin, Jonathan Maxwell, Hyrum McKamey

1st Grade: Talmadge Adkins, Kit Calvert, Dirkes Carroll, Michael Ferrara, Ashlyn Hagen, Emma Landa, Letty Minogue, Mason Minogue, Harper Spurzem

2nd Grade: Sadie Boedecker, Coltyn Carroll, Novalee Masters, Charlotte Murphy-Silberberger, Brantley Rydalch, Adyson Thom

3rd Grade: Annibell Calvert, Corbin Riggin, Kallie Olson, Katelyn Maxwell

4th Grade: Wyatt Hagen, Logan Hawn, Luke Hawn, Tucker Landa, Avery Leardini, Kinlee Loch, Liam McKamey, Tyus Parker, McKynleigh Schulz

5th Grade: Macy Boedecker, Kendra Cordeiro, Kylee Cordeiro, Reece Hastings, Kaidy Olson, Kendall Thompson

6th Grade: Taliah Blanco, Kooper Coates, Faith Dougherty, Claire Winslow

7th Grade: Cache Carroll

8th Grade: Jaxon Coates, Isaac McKamey

Bluehawk Every day Counts Recognition

The Ulm School "Everyday Counts Recognition" is a way to showcase student attendance. There is a direct correlation between attendance and success. The following students have been here every day all day.