

# Bogdan Bulletin

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***"Strive for 5!"***

From the Tennessee Department of Education:

Beginning in the 2017-18 school year, chronic absenteeism will be a part of district and school accountability. The measure will be called the Chronically Out-of-School Indicator. This indicator will be based on what research calls chronic absenteeism, which is defined as a student missing 10 percent or more of the days the student is enrolled-for any reason, including excused absences and out-of-school suspensions. Excessive absences from school represent lost instructional time for a student. The department of education encourages districts and schools to carefully review attendance data throughout the school year to ensure supports are in place to maximize learning time for all students.

In order to be successful in addressing chronic absenteeism, it is important that we view attendance as more than a legal or compliance issue and try to understand what factors may be contributing to a student's absences. Furthermore, we can best serve students by viewing attendance as an opportunity to learn and chronic absences as an indication of barriers or conditions that are limiting that opportunity.

Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, will be our fall picture day. This picture will be an individual shot of your child. Students may dress down for these photos. There are two very important things you can do to make this event go smoothly:

1. Order online and prepay- this must be done by midnight, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Orders after midnight are not accepted.
2. Send your order and money in the picture envelope WITH YOUR CHILD to school on the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup>. We begin taking photos very early that morning and if you wait to bring an envelope to school later, your child may miss the chance to have a photo made.

## In looking ahead

Monday, September 18	Tuesday, September 19	Wednesday, September 20th	Thursday, September 21 <sup>st</sup>  Book Fair begins in the auditorium  Family night until 6:00PM	Friday, September 22 <sup>nd</sup>  Book Fair
Monday, September 25 <sup>th</sup>  Fall Picture Day  Book fair	Tuesday, September 26 <sup>th</sup>  Book Fair	Wednesday, September 27 <sup>th</sup>  Book Fair Ends	Thursday, September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, September 29 <sup>th</sup>  School dismisses at 11:30  Grand Homecoming  K Teddy Bear Picnic

