



PERRY STREET SCHOOL DIGEST

Upcoming Events

Friday, February 13th	NO SCHOOL, School Improvement Day
Monday, February 20th	NO SCHOOL, President's Day
Friday, February 20th	Great America reading logs are due
Friday, February 27th	Yearbook orders are due

Perry's Got Character!

This month's character trait is PERSEVERANCE. Teachers will use their "cool tool" activities to discuss with students the importance of continuing to try and make an effort even when something is difficult... Try, try again 😊

Good character traits are developed through the examples you set, as well as by direct teaching. Here are some suggestions to help your children learn PERSEVERANCE:

- Always finish what you start.
- Do not give up when things get tough.
- Practice (sport or skill) that is difficult.
- Help your child study and work hard to raise a grade.
- Encourage your child to try out for something they weren't successful at the first time.



****Put perseverance into action:**

Help your child set a goal, such as raising a grade or trying out for a sport/activity, and keep track of stick-to-it-tiveness. Remind yourself and your child that success feels good!



Student Council's "Pennies for Africa" campaign raised over \$500.00 to be donated to the Plaster House in Tanzania, Africa. The Plaster House is a medical and living facility treating children with disabilities and burns. The children live at Plaster House until they are able to return to their families.



Before and after school there are student safety patrols around the school to help children cross safely. **PLEASE!!** Stop, look and listen. Wait for them while they are crossing children and slow down. THANKS

Running late???

An article from The Global Post...



We all run late sometimes. For your child, arriving late to school occasionally won't cause major disruption. Inevitably, kids will feel sick or tired some mornings, or other situations will prevent them from being on time. But chronic lateness eventually takes its toll on a child's overall educational experience. According to the national initiative Attendance Works, missing just 10 percent of the school year in the early grades causes many students to struggle in elementary school, and lateness in later grades is associated with increased failure and dropout rates. Fortunately, parents can help prevent tardiness from becoming frequent enough to negatively impact their child's school life.

One of the most important aspects of school is that it is organized, scheduled and predictable. Students depend on the structure of the day. They know where they have to be and when. Children who are often late have trouble settling in and mastering routines. Tardiness can throw off their whole morning or even their day, especially if the late commute to school was stressful.

PerformWell, a nonprofit policy research and educational organization, reports that frequent tardiness is associated with lower grades and lower scores on standardized tests. It is also linked to low graduation rates. In addition, students who are routinely late at the elementary and middle school levels are more likely to fail in high school -- or even drop out. In many classrooms, particularly at the elementary level, morning routines are critical to daily lessons. Warm-up activities may introduce topics that will be learned later in the day, or review work offers students an opportunity to review previously learned skills.