



# Attendance News

CLAREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Words from the Wise...

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

-Nelson Mandela

“Our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education. The human mind is our fundamental resource.”

-John Fitzgerald Kennedy

“Education is the power to think clearly, the power to act well in the world’s work, and the power to appreciate life.”

-Brigham Young

“Education is the leading of human souls to what is best, and making what is best out of them.”

-John Ruskin

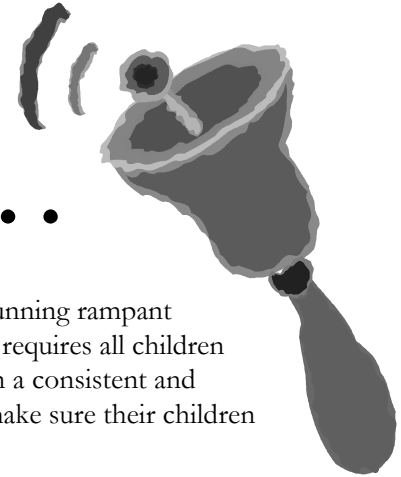
“Genius without education is like silver in the mine.”

-Benjamin Franklin

“Only nine weeks left of the 2005-06 school year. Let’s make the most of them!”

-Jean Barr

## The Latest Epidemic ...



No, it’s not the flu. It’s the number of “tardies” running rampant through the schools. Compulsory Education Law requires all children between the ages of 6 and 18 to attend school “on a consistent and regular basis.” It is the parents’ responsibility to make sure their children are in school, on time, all the time. It’s the law.

The truancy laws provide some leeway for students who need to be absent or tardy due to illness or for other “justifiable reasons.” There is very little leeway for UNexcused absences or tardies, however. Would you believe that upon the third unexcused absence and/or tardy of 30 minutes or more, a student is defined as truant?

High levels of attendance boost academic performance. Students keep current in their classroom, demonstrate a commitment to their own education, and learn great things. Students who are waiting at the classroom door at the ring of the bell demonstrate responsibility, punctuality, and accountability ... characteristics we all admire. Please help your children make them a top priority.



Also, a reminder about attendance in general ...

If a student is not in school, it is the parent’s responsibility to notify school staff of the child’s absence. Absences are costly both academically and financially. One student missing one day of school amounts to approximately \$39.00 of lost revenue. CUSD’s enrollment is 6,866. If each student misses one day of school ... well ... do the math!

## EVERY DAY ...

a student misses school, he/she becomes more than two days behind in class. Not only is the missed day lost, the return day is spent catching up. Every day a student attends school, not only is the day a productive and interesting one, it is also a lesson in responsibility and commitment.