



PLUM COVE SCHOOL

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Important Dates to Remember

January 2nd	School Reopens
January 8th	Early Release @ 11:30 a.m.
January 9th	PTO Mtg. @ 2:45 Daycare Provided
January 11th	Gr. 3 Ocean Explorers 3 rd Nature's Classroom Payment Due
January 15th	C.A.S. Demo for Gr. 4 & Gr. 5
January 18th	Gr. 4 Ocean Explorers
January 21st	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
January 25th	Gr. 4 & 5 to Cape Ann Symphony Gr. 5 Ocean Explorers P.T.O. Snowball Dance 6-8 p.m.
January 29th	Early Release @ 11:30 a.m.
Every Monday	– Math Olympiads 2:30-3:40 p.m.
Every Tuesday	– Savings Makes Cents (before school)
Every Friday	– Band 2:30 – 3:15 p.m.

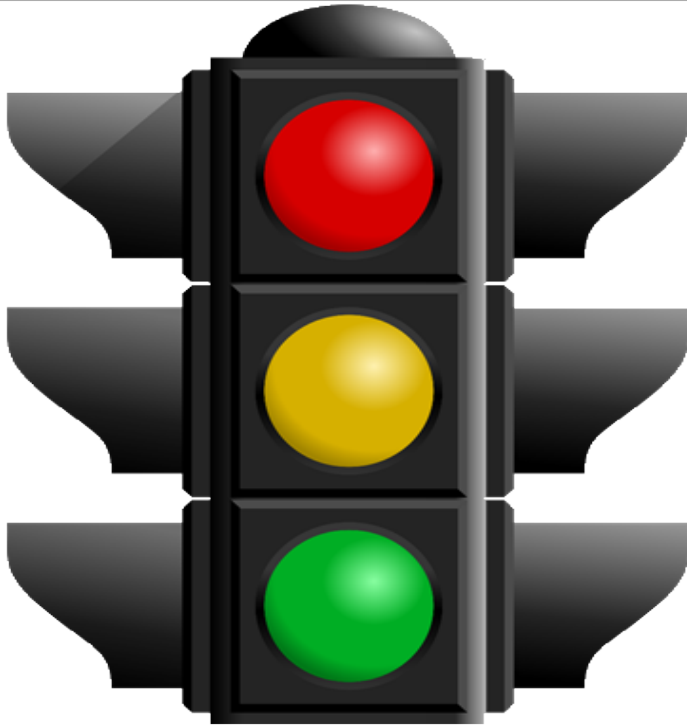
MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy New Year! I hope you have been enjoying the winter break whether you stayed close to home or traveled. It will be great to see our students smiling faces again and return to our school routines. I look forward to starting a new year with each of you.

It has been wonderful to relax, recharge, and catch up a little bit. School vacations are important for families and staff alike. I've been doing some research about attendance, tardiness and children's success at school, and I'd like to share that with you. Not surprisingly, lateness and absences have a negative impact on student learning and academic success. Should you be planning a vacation outside of school breaks, you may be interested in this information:

DID YOU KNOW...

EVERYDAY MATTERS



CHRONICALLY OUT OF SCHOOL- 18 or More DAYS (10% OF SCHOOL YEAR)

- Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn.
- Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year.

WARNING SIGNS= 10 TO 17 DAYS

- Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year.
- When students miss a day of school, it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.

SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE= 9 OR FEWER DAYS

- Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.

DID YOU KNOW...

EVERY MINUTE MATTERS!

If in a school year, your child is late every day by...	Your child would have lost approximately ...	Or they would have missed approximately ...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Avoid unnecessary absences and help your child establish positive attendance habits. They'll reap the benefits throughout their school years.