

Park Hill

Family Connections

 March 2013

**The Importance of Attendance and Punctuality**

As we begin the fourth quarter; we cannot stress the importance of attendance and timeliness. Research clearly shows the correlation between attendance; punctuality and academic achievement. Research also shows that poor attendance and repeated tardiness lead to lower self-esteem and increased behavior problems.

As educators and parents our role is to model expected behaviors and societal expectations to our children/students. It is an expectation that, unless we are sick, we attend school every day. It is the law. In the elementary schools we notify parents in writing if absences exceed 10 days through the school year. (Often we are unaware how quickly absences add up). We notify you again in writing if absences reach 15 and 20 days. At the middle and high school this is done on a percentage basis, not the number of days absent. The purpose of these letters is to aid in communication between the school and you at home. Social workers, school counselors and principals are available to discuss attendance or tardy issues with you. Our goal is to help provide solutions to absence/tardy issues and thus improve not only the academic achievements of your child(ren), but also the quality of their entire school experience.

If you are encountering problems getting your child(ren) to school timely, or at all, please contact us so we can help resolve these concerns. We are here to ensure your child has the best 4th quarter possible.

 **Park Hill Clothing Center**

Remaining 2013 Shopping Days

March 19th

April 2nd and 16th

May 7th and May 21st

Times: 10am- Noon and 5-7pm

**May 21st is an additional shopping date where students are allowed to pick out as many items as they want, regardless of whether or not they have “filled up their card” for the school year.** **This is an excellent opportunity to stock up on summer clothes and shoes.**

 Location: 8009 NORTH ATKINS

 (South of the Early Childhood Education Building)

All students served at the Park Hill Clothing center must be enrolled in Park Hill School District (K-12).

**Teen Clinic at Synergy Services**

**Children’s Mercy Clinics** has partnered with **Synergy Services** to offer a non-emergency teen health clinic located in North Kansas City. Medical services are provided to youth, ages 12 through 21. Services are free or reduced. If you prefer, they will bill your existing insurance**. No one is turned away due to lack of ability to pay.**

**To schedule an appointment**, please call **Children’s Mercy** at **816-234-3050**, and specify that you would like your appointment to be at the **Synergy Teen Clinic** located at 2001 NE Parvin Road.

**Kansas City Resources for Utility Assistance:**

Salvation Army of Platte County 816-452-5663 Missouri Valley Community Action 816-776-6057

Good Samaritan Center 816-630-2718 Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries 816-454-5295

Northland Assistance Center 816-421-2243 United Services 816-858-5153

St. Therese 816-741-2800

**Platte County Family Support and Children’s Division**

816.858.3740

Feel free to contact them directly for any help or questions regarding: Family Health care/MO HealthNet, food stamps, temporary assistance, child care assistance and more.

**Platte County Health Department**

816.587.5998

Please contact them for any health concerns. The Health Department has appointments for individuals who are either uninsured or have MO HealthNet that reside in Platte County. They are also able to provide immunizations to individuals who qualify.

**Tri-County Mental Health Services**

816.468.0400

CRISIS LINE: 888.279.8188

They provide medication services, counseling and in-home case management. You may qualify for their sliding fee scale.

**Miles of Smiles Dental Program**

816.413.9009

6301 North Oak Trafficway

Kansas City, MO 64118

Miles of Smiles offers a full-service, mobile dental unit for low-income families. They will be accepting new (and current) patients during the summer. Please call now to schedule an appointment at their clinic.

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