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# Every School Day Counts

From the desk of the NCDSB Attendance Counsellor



### Spring into School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the nice weather comes, so does longer days of sunshine, camping, fishing trips and all sorts of outdoor fun!

**Did you know?** School attendance takes a *down turn* after the long weekend.





Take advantage of fun school events and activities in June. These opportunities provide your child with positive and hands on learning experiences allowing your child to:

- Build routines
- Connect with other students & teachers
- Get excited about learning
- Develop and practice skills

Every school day fosters an opportunity to learn and grow.

Sincerely,



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YOU'RE OFF TO GREAT PLACES! TODAY IS YOUR DAY! YOUR MOUNTAIN IS WAITING, SO... GET ON YOUR WAY!" -DR. SEUSS

# Blissful Mornings Come from Restful Nights

Did you know?

**1 in 4** children in Canada are **NOT** getting enough sleep?

#### Health Canada Recommends:

- Children ages 5-13 years get 9-11hrs of sleep per night
- Youth ages 14-17 years get 8-10hrs of sleep per night.

#### **Science Shows:**

Insufficent sleep impacts how a *child feels*, *behaves and interacts with others*. It can affect your child's *activity level*, *ability to self regulate and overall well-being*.

## Bedtime Made Easy

**Be Consistent** - Set a specific bedtime time for your child that will provide the opportunity for recommended amount of sleep for their age, ex: 8:00pm.

**Be Thoughtful** - Develop a calming evening routine that fosters a peaceful enviroment, ex: bathtime, reading, colouring.

**Be Mindful** - Practice breathing techniques, meditate, or pray to invite presence, calm and connection to your child's day.

**Be Creative** - Use bedtime as an opportunity to bond with your child. Talk about their day and ask questions, ex: what kind of things did you do at recess? Who did you play with today?

**Be Present** - Put away your child's electronics, so they have an opportunity to rest their brain before sleep, ex: no screens



SMALL DISCIPLINES REPEATED WITH CONSISTENCY EVERY DAY LEAD TO GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS GAINED SLOWLY OVER TIME." - JOHN C. MAXWELL