



ATTENDANCE

Attendance is very important for your child's academic success. Please have your child attend school regularly. School starts promptly at 8:10 a.m. daily. Excessive tardies will result in a detention after 5 tardies per trimester. When your child is absent from school, please call the school office on the date of the absence. We encourage you to make medical appointments after school hours, however, if your child is absent due to a medical appointment, please bring a note from the doctor upon your child's return to school. All absences will be recorded. A pattern of absences or excessive absences may get referred to a district or county level attendance review board.

CHARACTER COUNTS

Chatom students are kind, caring, and respectful. At monthly assemblies, we honor students for demonstrating exemplary character. Instruction in positive values and developing character is provided with a school wide focus every month:

September—Friendly	October—Responsible
November—Creative	December/January—Honest
February—Perseverant	March—Respectful
April—Cooperative	May—Problem Solver

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Electronic game systems (Nintendo DS, PSP, etc.), headphones, cameras, and cell phones are not permitted on the school grounds or buses. Electronic devices will be confiscated from students. These items will only be returned to parents/guardians. This ban includes field trips.

CARE

If your child is going to participate in the CARE after school program, you must fill out a new annual registration form before your child can attend. Forms are available in the school office.

Mission

The mission of Chatom Elementary is to provide a comprehensive, rigorous instructional program with creative learning opportunities and experiences that meet the needs of its diverse rural student population, ensuring all students reach their individual potential to be responsible, compassionate, contributing citizens.

School Office
(209) 664-8500

Food Service
(209) 664-8502

Transportation
(209) 664-8507

A graphic with the words "Save the Date" in a stylized, overlapping font. "Save" is at the top, "the" is in the middle, and "Date" is at the bottom. The letters are black and white.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

FARMERS' MARKET AND MORE

Please join us on Wednesday, August 29, 2018, at our annual Back-to-School Night. Classrooms will be open from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. All classrooms will be hosting one presentation in English and one presentation in English and Spanish. Schedules will be sent home with students on August 21st in the communication folders.

Back-to-School Night is a great time to get information about what will be

happening in your child's classroom this year.

On the same night, we will also be having our annual Farmers' Market and More from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We will have vendors with a wide variety of items including clothing, jewelry and accessories, food, baked goods, ice cream, sand art, face painting, and sno-cones. We hope you are able to join in on the fun!

Keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground.

-Theodore Roosevelt

A graphic with the words "What's Happening" in a stylized font. "What's" is in blue and "Happening" is in brown. There are green dots and lines around the text.

**AUGUST 13
TK & KINDER WELCOME**

**AUGUST 13
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
MINIMUM DAY**

**AUGUST 13
TK & KINDER ORIENTATION**

**AUGUST 15
MINIMUM DAY**

**AUGUST 22
MINIMUM DAY**

**AUGUST 29
MINIMUM DAY
BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT
FARMERS' MARKET
BOOK FAIR**

**SEPTEMBER 3
NO SCHOOL—LABOR DAY**

**SEPTEMBER 18
PTC MEETING**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Chatom Elementary!

Because we believe that ongoing communication between home and school is essential to a student's academic success, you will receive weekly informational flyers in green communication folders. "Green folders" are sent home with students on Tuesday and returned to school on Wednesday. Please use the green folder to send notes back to the school.

Being involved in school activities is one of the best ways to be engaged and show your children that school is important. We invite you to participate in school activities such as Parent Teacher Club (PTC), Family Literacy Nights, school advisory committees, parent conferences, volunteering in your child's classroom, chaperoning field trips and attending special events.

Regular and prompt attendance is critical to the academic success of your child. Students should attend school unless they have a fever over 99.5° or have been vomiting in the last 24 hours. Please schedule appointments after school hours. When students attend school regularly, they form lifelong habits that help them to be responsible and reliable adults.

School begins at 8:10. Students entering class late or leaving class early are disruptive to classroom instruction. Students are considered truant if they arrive 30 minutes or later. A student will receive a detention after five tardies in one trimester.

I look forward to working closely with you to provide a quality educational program for your children. Please feel free to call or stop by if you have any questions or concerns.