

# Peavine Elementary School

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Dear Peavine Families,

It's unbelievable that the first month of school is in the books already. I would like to acknowledge with a special thanks to Northwest Reno Smiles Dental Group for their generous donation of backpacks and school supplies. These supplies are greatly appreciated for helping our scholars in making gains towards their academic goals and future successes.

The Great Peavine Chilifest is only TWO weeks away! This is an amazing annual happening that has more than 20 years of history as Peavine's biggest family event. Our awesome PTA has been working diligently to put together another great Chilifest. Check with your child's teacher to see if he or she is still in need of parent volunteers to continue to make this a great family event!

Scholastic Book Fair returns to Peavine beginning the week of September 16<sup>th</sup>. Students will have the opportunity to visit the Fair before school, during their 15-minute recess time, during their 30-minute scheduled class time, and after school. Parents are welcome before and after school and the Book Fair will be open during Chilifest. This is a great opportunity to shop for books with your child to help them pick those "just right" books.

Family Science Night is coming up Tuesday, September 10 beginning at 6pm in our cafeteria. Challenge Island is presenting a fun family-themed challenge that is always an entertaining and engaging event! This is a free event and I hope to see you all there!

Your child's participation in the day-to-day learning in their classroom is critical for their future successes. Our district has modified their attendance policy to reflect this importance. One such change is that medical-related absences are no longer excused. Another change is that retention must be considered if a student misses more than 10% (or 18) of the school days. Please try to make dental and doctor appointments over break or during the early or late part of the day so your child misses the minimum amount of learning possible.

New Attendance Policy: <https://www.washoeschools.net/site/Default.aspx?PageID=8789>

And now a message from our counselor, Mr. Hancock:

"As the new school year begins it is a good time to remind ourselves and our children of what success in school really looks like. Good habits tend to generate good results. We all have some good habits and some bad ones and for children the ones that get reinforced become especially important as they can be the foundational habits for a lifetime. Encourage a positive attitude toward work and school in general. Compliment all your child's strengths and find out what they really like about school. I believe that this will allow them to approach challenges with a more positive attitude. Along with academic habits we need to cultivate healthy nutritional and sleep habits as well. One area that I need to keep in mind as a parent is balancing a reasonable amount of television time with some other activities such as reading for fun or family game time. It can be challenging to carve out the time for these things, but the reward is well worth it."

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) is part of Peavine's everyday classroom instruction. See the back of this page for more information on SEL. District web info on SEL:

<https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/11116>

## **Mark your Calendar:**

**9/10  
Family Science  
night 6-7:30pm**

**9/11  
Kindergarten  
Literacy event  
in Library 2:45-  
4:00**

**9/12 and 9/19  
GATE testing  
for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>  
grade students**

**9/21  
Chilifest 11am-  
2pm**

**10/1  
PTA meeting**

**10/7 to 10/11  
Fall Break**

**10/16  
NO early  
release**

**10/18  
End of Grading  
Period**

**10/20  
Run for  
Education**