



Home of the Bobcats

Live Oak Elementary School

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The AARC Program Academic Attendance Recovery Coordinated Program Saturday School

Dear Parents,

In an effort to provide students with an opportunity to recover instructional time due to absences, the Fontana Unified School District will implement a Saturday Tutorial **Attendance Recovery Program (AARC)** during the 2010-11 school year. The AARC sessions will include instruction in language arts, mathematics, and other required subject areas. A 15-minute lunch break will be provided sometime between 10:30-11:15. In addition, students attending an AARC session will be eligible to recover an absence every time they attend the Saturday School. We can legally eliminate one absence from their record and recover the funding lost from that absence. Absences due to suspensions cannot be eliminated or made up. Parents will be **notified a week in advance in writing by the principal** for the student to attend our program.

- Students will be asked to participate if they have at least one excused absence, or one unverified absence, or one unexcused absence.
- Truant students will be required to attend Saturday school by the principal. A truant student is one that has been absent without a valid excuse in excess of three days or tardy in excess of 30 minutes each day for more than 3 days during the school year.

The Saturday school program will start on Saturday, April 9, 2011 and is scheduled to be held also on April 23, May 7 and May 21. We will have teachers with at least 25 students in their classroom, from 1st grade through 6th grade. Students are expected to:

- come on time at 8:00 a.m. and stay for the full assigned day, ending at 12:15 p.m.
- follow all classroom and school rules, including dress code
- complete assignments given by teacher during class time

A letter will be coming home on Friday, April 1, 2011, a week prior to the Saturday School for students being asked or required to participate. Parents must sign and return the form to the office immediately or no later than Tuesday, April 5, to ensure that a free lunch is ordered for the student. If the confirmation is not returned in a timely manner, on Tuesday, April 5, it is expected that the parent send the student with a lunch or a nutritious snack and drink.

A phone call will follow to notify parents and remind them to send their child on that Saturday at 8:00 a.m. Make sure students are picked up promptly at 12:15. If you have any questions call the office.

Sincerely,

Ricardo Chaparro
Principal