

Principal's Column

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My message to parents and students again this month is about attendance. In the Bailey School during the first two months there were 1474 absences, an average of 39 per day. Let me remind you again that teachers are allotted to the school on the basis of average daily attendance. There are more than enough students out of school each day to give us an additional teacher.

CAUSES OF ABSENCES

Why do children stay out of school? There are several reasons; some of which are:

1. sickness, 2. work,
3. truancy, 4. lack of interest.

Sickness is an acceptable reason for not attending school. Any person who is sick should stay at home. In fact the law requires that for contagious diseases.

Some children stay at home to work. This is not a legal cause. Any child who is kept at home for work who is within the compulsory school age is violating the law. Arrange to have the work done after school and on Saturdays.

Truancy is not a serious problem here in

Bailey. We have a great many absences but in most cases with the consent of the parents.

Lack of interest on the part of parents and children cause a great many absences. The parents not realizing what a high school education will mean to their children allow them to stay at home for almost any reason that comes to mind.

AVERAGE STUDENTS

As a general rule those students who do above average work are those who attend school regularly. What do you say, students; let's CUT OUT absences.

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