This year the Peoria Public Schools is spotlighting student attendance. For your student to be successful, it is important at every grade level that he/she be at school and in class every day. Absenteeism and its ill effects start early. Poor attendance can influence whether students read proficiently by the end of third grade. By sixth grade, chronic absenteeism (defined as 10% of the school year or 18 days) becomes the leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.

Attendance matters as all absences count, both excused and unexcused. Being at school every day is important for your student to progress through primary, middle and high school.

When students improve their attendance, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating. In addition, increased student attendance equates to additional state revenue for the district.

We want to work as a team with parents to make sure every student is at school and in class every day. Please read our school handbook and the Peoria Public Schools calendar/handbook so you know what constitutes an excused and unexcused absence. You need to call the school by 9:00 AM if your student is going to be absent.

Make sure your student understands that going to school every day is a priority. It is important that your student gets 8–9 hours of sleep and keeps up with their homework. If he/she becomes reluctant to go to school, talk to his/her teacher and/or principal. Working as a team, we can help you and your student examine why they are reluctant and how we can help.

Help us show our students and community that attendance counts!
TIGERS PLEDGE:

I promise to be respectful, responsible, and safe
By following the Tiger’s Way!
I will be respectful of others’ thoughts, opinions, and belongings.
I will be responsible by being on time
To make sure I shine
And I will study for tests
To be sure I am the best
I will be safe by following the rules and caring for others.
I promise to do my share,
These are the things that show I care!
Be respectful! Be responsible! Be safe!

SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS:

1. Attendance Counts: Every Student, Every Class, Every Day
   - Attending class every day increases the students chances of higher grades
   - Attending school every day increases the students chances of graduating

2. Be Respectful!
   - Students can listen for directions
   - Students can honor other student’s learning
   - Students can be respectful of others

3. Be Responsible!
   - Students can keep hands and feet to themselves
   - Students can walk in the hallways and classrooms
   - Students can follow directions

4. Be Safe!
   - Students can walk in hallways and throughout the school
   - Students can follow school rules and expectations
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Meet Our Staff for the 2016-2017 School Year

Ms. Tabitha Hannah-Lewis - This will be my third year teaching 1st grade at Trewyn. I am extremely excited about the 2016-17 school year and all that it has in store for us.

Ms. Jessica Jorgensen - I grew up in Geneva, a suburb of Chicago, obtained my bachelors degree from Illinois State University in Early Childhood Education in December of 2015 and love to teach! I am a first grade teacher at Trewyn and this will be my first year of teaching! I am excited for all the exploring, learning and fun we get to have in first grade! I can't wait to meet my students and to spend the next school year learning and growing with my first

Ms. Linda Wilson - I have a B.A. in Early Childhood Education, Bradley University; M.A. in Curriculum and Instruction, St. Xavier University; M.S. in Educational Administration, Grand Canyon University. I am married to my husband: Charles; and have five children: Ramere, Brandon, Cal III, J’Air and Char’De. My favorite food is soup and salad. I love to work out at the Riverplex, watch modern history documentaries, and walk with the Southside Walking Club. My goals for this year include becoming more involved in our

Ms. Miranda Whitaker - I am the second Speech Language Pathologist at Trewyn school. I enjoy working with children and helping them reach for their dreams through education. I have a true passion for working with kids and believe every child should be valued and treated with respect. I am very excited to get the school year started and to begin providing speech and language services to children at Trewyn. I look forward to getting to know all of you this school year!

Ms. Sprout - I teach 3rd grade at Trewyn School. I look forward to having an amazing 2016-2017 school year!
Ms. Linda Peavler - I am the school counselor at Trewyn K - 6 School. I am proud to say this will be my sixth year at Trewyn. Prior to coming to Trewyn, I was the 9th Grade Counselor at Manual High School, currently known as Manual Academy - Home of the RAMS. As an educator with a mental health perspective, I am trained to address the developmental needs of students with my primary goal to encourage, support and foster positive academic, social and personal development of Trewyn students. I am a National Certified Counselor (NCC), a National Certified School Counselor (NCSC) as well as a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC) with the State of Illinois. As your school counselor, I will provide the following services as needed: mental, emotional, and behavioral support to students and families; interventions to meet the needs of the students; academic support and guidance in educational plans; short term individual and group counseling; support to families in crisis and connecting them to community services. I am happy to be part of the Trewyn family and look forward to assisting the students and families throughout the 2016 - 2017 school year.

Mrs. Molly Gray - I have been teaching Kindergarten for the past five years, and before that I taught Pre-school for 17 years here in District 150. I enjoy working with the younger children and their families. I am married with two daughters who are both in college at ICC. I also have attended college earning my Associate, Bachelors and Master’s Degree. I look forward to another great year at Trewyn!

Ms. Cami Williams - I am the 5/6 BED teacher here at Trewyn. I am excited to be starting my 18th year of teaching, and my 10th year with District 150. I just celebrated my 22nd wedding anniversary with my wonderful husband, Chris and we have a beautiful 16 year old daughter, Parker. We also have a rambunctious Boston terrier named Wrigley. We are huge Cubs fans and can’t wait to celebrate their World Series victory this fall! We also keep busy following our daughter around to her marching band competitions, speech contests, and softball games.

Ms. Alayna Kontos - I am a Kindergarten Teacher at Trewyn School. This is my 19th year teaching and I have taught Kindergarten every year, but one!! I have a Bachelors Degree and a Masters Degree from Bradley University and also an additional 45 hours in Education courses. I have 2 children of my own and love working with kids!

Ms. Lindsay Diederich - Hello Trewyn families! For those of you who are new to our school, I am the assistant principal at Trewyn. This is my 2nd year serving in this position and I’m more excited than ever for this school year. Previous to being an administrator, I taught for 13 years at Glen Oak, Roosevelt, and elsewhere. I loved being a teacher and being an administrator is very rewarding as well. My number one concern throughout the year will always be the well-being and education of our students. I look forward to getting to know our new students and seeing all students grow throughout the year. I will do my best throughout the year to make myself available to address any and all concerns you may have about your child and his/her education. Welcome back!
Mrs. Johnson - Hello Trewyn Family! I am Mrs. Johnson, a 3rd grade teacher here at Trewyn K-6 IB School. This is my 7th year of teaching 3rd grade. I am excited to begin a new school year with our students. I look forward to a fabulous year of fun and excitement as we learn and grow together!!!!!!!

Miss Davis - This is Miss Davis’ fifth year of teaching, but first year at Trewyn! Miss Davis grew up in Peoria and is a graduate of Richwoods High School, class of 2007! She received her Bachelor’s Degree in Early Childhood Education from Illinois State University. Besides teaching first grade, Miss Davis enjoys traveling, reading, cooking, gardening, and taking pictures! She is excited about the 2016-2017 school year... RISE and SHINE, everyone!!!

Mr. David Allen has taught fourth grade and coached middle school baseball the last three years at Trewyn. This is his sixth year in a classroom. He has a bachelor’s degree in Political Science from Northern Illinois and a Master’s in Elementary Education from Lewis University. He is a big Cubs fan.

Ms. Stacy Burns - Hello Trewyn Families! this will be my 6th year as the IB PYP coordinator at Trewyn School. The IB Primary Years Program is for all students in grades K-5. It focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, touching hearts as well as minds and addressing social, physical, emotional and cultural needs as well as academic ones. I am looking forward to a great year

Ms. Katie Riner - My name is Katie Riner and this is my third year as a sixth grade teacher at Trewyn. I grew up in Galesburg and still live there now with my new puppy, Mickey. On the weekends I work at my family’s business at Galesburg’s airport and while it is a job, aviation has become a big hobby of mine. I am looking forward to making the 2016-2017 school year a wonderful and fun time

Ms. Angela Beneventi - I am a kindergarten teacher at Trewyn K-6 School. This is my 27th year of teaching and my 19th year with Peoria Public Schools. I am married to a wonderful man and he and I have 5 children between us and 2 awesome grandchildren. When I am not in the classroom I like to go kayaking, work in my flower beds with my grandchildren, repurpose old furniture, and go shooting with my husband. I am a Christian and my faith is very important to me. I love God, family, and country in that order.
Ms. Stephanie Dammann - This is my first year teaching and I am excited to be here! I graduated from Bradley University with a B.S. in early childhood education with special ed approval and elementary education with a math endorsement. I grew up in the northern suburbs of Chicago. My favorite color is pink. I like to bake, run, and shop. My favorite sports team is the University of Missouri Tigers. I have two puppies named Max and Rio. I recently got married over the summer.

Ms. Pam Brasher - I am beginning my 4th year teaching and my 2nd year at Trewyn. I am married and have 3 kids, Alex (9), Rachel (5), and Eli (1). I am a graduate of Eureka College. In my spare time, I enjoy being with my children and taking them to the park, bowling, or movies.

Ms. Amanda Anderson - I am the new 5th Grade teacher. I obtained my Bachelors of Interdisciplinary Studies, K-8 from Western Governors University. I am excited to be joining the Trewyn family and look forward to a fantastic year!

Ms. Jenna Doty - I will be one of the 2nd grade teachers for the 2016-2017 school year. This will be my 6th year at Trewyn K-6 School. I graduated from Bradley University with a degree in Elementary Education in 2011. I just recently graduated from American College of Education with my Masters degree in Curriculum and Instruction in 2014. My hobbies include traveling, shopping at Target, reading, and cheering on the St. Louis Cardinals and Duke Blue Devils basketball team! My favorite foods are pizza and soup. I look forward to engaging my students in

Ms. Heidi DeFrance - Welcome Back! This year I will be co-teaching 5th and 6th grades. I am the special education teacher, but I strive to help ensure the success of all the students in each classroom I work in, not just those who have been identified as needed extra support. In the weeks to come I look forward to getting to know your students and helping them reach their fullest potential.

Mr. Wheeler - Hi, I'm new to Trewyn this year. I am the physical education teacher, and I'm very excited about the opportunities that this year will provide for me, as well as the learning experiences and activities that I can provide the students! I am a graduate of Western Illinois University, and I have a background in coaching little league sports. When it comes to sports, I love them all! However, football is my personal favorite and I am an avid Green Bay Packers fan. I also enjoy fishing, and I regularly compete in bass tournaments on the weekends.
Ms. Marci Oltmann - I am one of the 4th grade teachers. I got my elementary education degree at Northern Illinois University. While I’m new to Peoria School District, I taught 4th grade for two years in Sandy, Utah. I love teaching and can’t wait to get this year started!

Ms. Stephanie Mays - I started as a painter at a private art school in Georgia. However my plans changed and I found that my passion lay in the field of educating children in my favorite discipline - art. After I graduated college with my Bachelors I wanted to pursue higher education in my field and decided to begin my studies towards a Masters in Art Education. I wasn’t finished, my love for learning kept me going, and still does. As a beginning graduate student and teaching assistant to some amazing faculty, I knew I was headed down a rewarding path. This feeling of reward increased as I got my first art teaching job with my K-12 certificate. This job has helped me realize how much I love what I do. This job has also helped me to realize my ambitions for eventually moving on towards studies in a PhD. I love my kids, I love my craft, and I love my peers and colleagues.

Ms. Timika Rutherford - Hi Families! I am the Instructional Interventionist. I am excited to help support the students, families and teachers as we all continue to learn and grow at Trewyn. Please feel free to email me if you ever have questions regarding curriculum and/or behavior supports. I’m looking forward to a great year!!

Ms. Anne Matousek - I am new to the building, but it is my 16th year teaching. I graduated from Eastern Illinois University and earned my Masters Degree in Elementary Science from Walden University. I will be teaching K-5 Science, and I am looking forward to a great year.

Jaimee Schaub - This is my 16th year of teaching. I have been with the Autism program since 2002. I have a four-year old daughter named Kennedy. She keeps me on my toes and always puts a smile on my face.

Michelle Fisher - I am the K-1 Autism teacher. This is my 17th year of teaching and I welcome the opportunity to teach at Trewyn as my father did years ago. I have three adult children and five grandchildren. I love being a mom and grandma!
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