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Dear Mustang Families,

Wow! This year flew by! It has been a wonderful year. I cannot thank all the parents, children, and staff members enough for making Valley View such a wonderful school. My memories of Valley View 20+ years ago give the same feeling as my new memories. I wanted to wrap up the year with some important information, and promise that next year I will provide a monthly newsletter to keep everyone up to date on the happenings at Valley View.

- Attendance: Although Valley View has a high attendance rate, even 5% absences add up. Absences cost the district approximately \$35 per child, per day. While this doesn't seem like a huge amount, consider how quickly this \$35 adds up. Wow! That pays the salary of approximately one teacher. The costs of running the school don't vary depending on the number of students attending each day. But the amount the district receives does. So as we plan for 2014-15 school year, please make every effort to be at school (unless ill of course) and on time – 8:30am. I'll remind you all in August!

Month	Full Days Absent	X \$35	Total Amount Lost
Month 1	154	X \$35	\$5,390
Month 2	199	X \$35	\$6,965
Month 3	248	X \$35	\$8,680
Month 4	255	X \$35	\$8,925
Month 5	232	X \$35	\$8,120
Month 6	352	X \$35	\$12,320
Month 7	227	X \$35	\$7,945
Month 8	232	X \$35	\$8,120
Month 9	219	X \$35	\$7,665
9 months of school	2118	X \$35	Total of \$74,130 ADA lost

- Volunteer Process: If you aren't 'badged' yet, perhaps this summer would be a good time to do so! Remember the fingerprinting is free and the TB test waived. Please go to BeAMentor.com to fill out the application and follow the directions.
- Uniforms: We will be enforcing uniforms for the 2014-15 school year. Studies show that students are more focused on the academic reasons for being at school, rather than the social, when uniforms are in place. And luckily, uniforms are generally less expensive than regular clothing. Friday will continue to be free dress day; however

general uniform rules still exist. See your parent handbook. Please let me know if you have any questions.

- Khaki, navy, or black pants (not skin tight) and shorts, skorts, skirts, jumpers, or dresses (almost to the knee)
- White, navy, powder blue, black, collared button down long sleeve shirt or polo type shirt (no logo).
- School spirit shirt
- Closed toed shoes appropriate for physical education

School starts on August 18th at 8:30am sharp! There will be a meet and greet that morning in the multi-purpose room. Have a great summer and I'll see you in a couple short months!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marinakis