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Youth “At-Risk” Statistics

- One student drops out of school every 26 seconds in the United States.
- One in three students fails to graduate with a high school diploma in the United States.
- 7,000 students drop out of school across the nation every single day.
- 1.2 million students drop out of school each year across the country.

The Attendance Improvement/Dropout Prevention Program

In 1984, the Brentwood School District implemented an Attendance Improvement/Dropout Prevention (AIDP) program to address students at risk. In the past two years alone 1,188 students have taken part in the program. The program operates in all four middle schools, the Freshman Center, Ross and Sonderling.

AIDP provides interventions to assist “at-risk” students to improve attendance and academic performance. “At risk” students are identified through poor attendance, grade retentions, discipline problems and academic difficulties. In addition, attention and support are provided to pregnant or parenting teens and to our population residing in temporary housing. Listed below are some interventions/strategies to this end.

- One building-based teacher provides one period per day to act as “contact teacher” or mentor to the identified population.
- A district AIDP attendance teacher/project leader visits each of the four middle schools and Freshman Center once a week to work closely with the “at-risk” population.
- Four district attendance teachers provide attention to the general school population, as well as AIDP students in matters of attendance and truancy.
- A community outreach social worker works closely with students at risk and teen parenting population.
- Social work interns provide additional support and care.
- AIDP staff meet with students individually and in groups to provide support, encouragement, and engage in motivational activities.
- Celebrations take place to honor students with improved or outstanding attendance and/or academic performance. Prizes, often in the form of school supplies, are distributed.
- Outreach is provided in the form of home visits when appropriate.
- Referrals are made on a regular basis to in-building resources (guidance staff, school nurse, administration, social worker, psychologist, etc.), as well as to outside agencies, including counseling facilities, DSS, Pronto, etc.
- A partnership with the Career Education program provides in-district jobs for students. Employment opportunity is used as an incentive and a means of increasing self-esteem and reinforcing positive work and social skills. All efforts are made to include our students in need, including and especially our population living in temporary housing.
- Every year, one AIDP student from each secondary school is nominated for the County Executive Achievement Award and that student is then honored in his or her building for achieving success despite significant adversity. We are proud to announce that this past September, AIDP students from Brentwood received three County Executive Achievement Awards.

Pat Goedtel, AIDP Project Leader/Attendance Teacher

Operation: Christmas Stocking

This year the Pine Park Family was asked by the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW, to participate in a stocking stuffer program for our men and women in uniform. Under the direction of our Principal, Ann Weishahn, who purchased the stockings, we, as a school community, filled 150 stockings that will be delivered by the VFW to our service members overseas.

Stockings and fillings were brought in by staff members, their friends and families, and by many families of our kindergarteners. We collected things like shaving cream, toothpaste, lotions, and sunscreen. We added coffee, hot chocolate, candies, and snacks. The stockings were so full that they had to be wrapped in plastic. This job was handled by Karen McCarthy, who is one of our monitors. On the day after Veterans' Day, the Ladies Auxiliary entered our school to find the lobby filled with these wonderful gifts. They were met by Mrs. Weishahn and Ms. McCarthy, Amy Collins and her Kindergarten Class, and by Maureen Stavros, Pine Park Special Education Teacher and mother of Joshua, who is serving the United States in the Army.

We were honored to participate in this school-wide project. In doing this, we honor the men and women who risk so much to keep us safe and free.

Happy Holidays to you and yours!

From:
The Pine Park Family



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AFLAC also offers an Accident Plan and a Personal Disability Income Protector Plan. **The Accident Plan** provides supplemental payment to you in the event of an injury, and the **Personal Disability Income Protector Plan** is a short-term disability income insurance.

If you are interested in hearing more, attend one of the four informational meetings listed below:

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

3:00 or 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 3, 2009

3:00 or 4:00 p.m.

South MS Small Cafeteria

The AFLAC open-enrollment period will end on December 18, so be sure to attend these meetings if you'd like to join AFLAC this year.

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