

Dear Families,

During the 12/21/24 – 1/1/25 winter break from school, we are grateful to everyone for helping to restore a routine for showing up to school while supporting students and families.

We appreciate everyone’s efforts to avoid taking extra time off around the winter break. **As long as your child is healthy, please encourage showing up to class when school is in session.**

Every day of school is an important opportunity for students to learn as well as to connect to their peers and teachers.

We thank:

● Our students and their families who do their best to show up daily even when it isn’t easy.

● Our teachers who go above and beyond to make school a welcoming and safe place for all students to learn.

● Our administrators who help us work together to ensure we create a physically and emotionally safe and engaging learning environment.

● Our many, many healers and helpers - the support staff and community volunteers who provide the extra hands and attention our children need.

 We appreciate each one of you. May these days off be restful and healing.

● **If your family or your child needs support, please reach out to** the school counselor for help.

● We look forward to seeing you again when school resumes on **January 2, 2025**

Thank you for partnering with us!

 Sincerely,

 ***Des Moines Public Schools Attendance Team***