

# BACK TO SCHOOL

On behalf of École John Wilson Elementary Staff and School Council, we welcome our students and families to the 2023-2024 school year! Our days have been full of smiles, laughter and summer stories, as well as new teachers, new routines and new friendships too! We are looking forward to an exciting year filled with learning opportunities for all.

Creating a positive, safe and caring learning environment is a priority at École John Wilson Elementary. To help with this, it is important to have all questions and concerns communicated to the school as soon as they arise. ***Please don't hesitate to call us at the school if you need anything!*** As always, we thank you for trusting us with your most precious little humans day every day!

Your child's teacher is your partner in creating a successful school experience. Communication with them is an important link in our partnership. On this note, ensuring your child(ren) attends school regularly is also crucial to setting them up for success. On the next page you will find some facts about why attendance is important. Please take some time to read it over. If you are finding attendance a struggle, we are here to problem solve together and ask you to reach out to us. With this relationship in place, we can help to ensure your child has one of their best school years ever!

As we begin the year together, it is important to review the drop-off/pick-up and parking procedures to help ensure safety for all. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Our first School Council Meeting will be in person, at the school, on September 19th at 6:00pm. We would love to have you join us! If you have any questions about the meeting, please reach out.

We look forward to a fabulous school year with you!

Yours in Education,

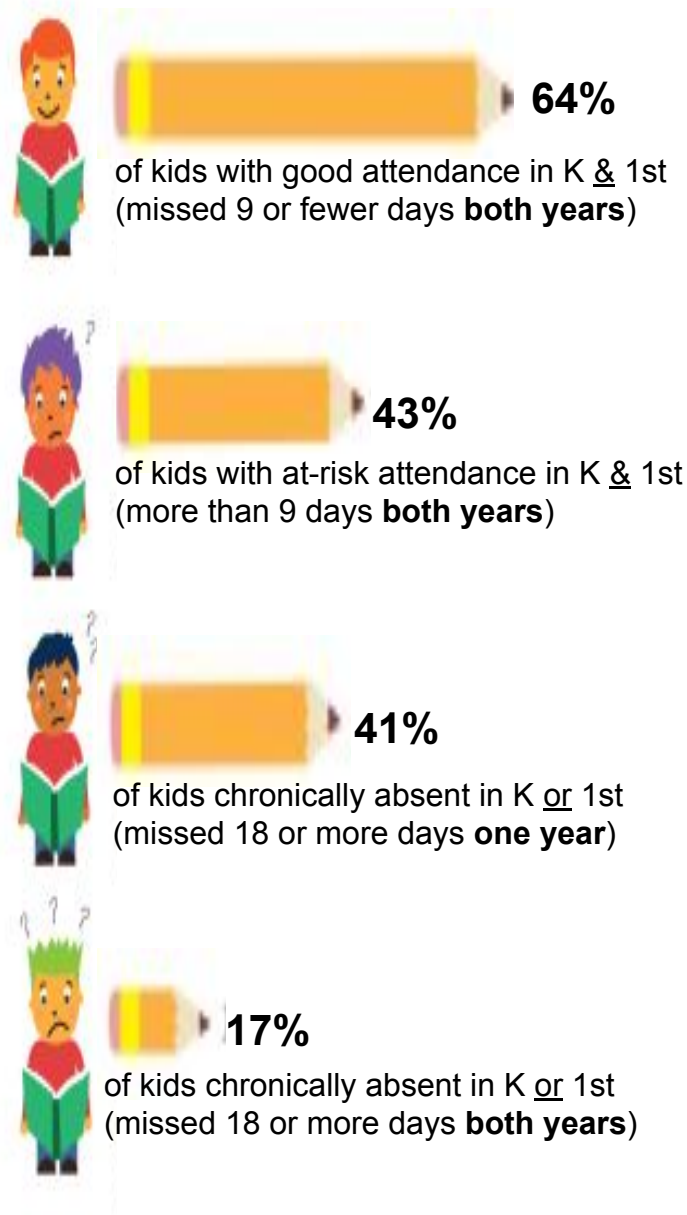
Angela Warke, Principal  
Janice Savage, Vice Principal



## Why It Matters

- Children who don't attend school regularly miss out on fundamental reading and math skills, and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.
- Children who are chronically absent in Kindergarten and Grade 1 are far less likely to read proficiently at the end of Grade 3 and beyond.

## Who Can Read at Grade Level After Grade 3?



## Make School Attendance a Priority

- **Monitor your child's attendance** and participation, and contact your teacher to address any concerns.
- **Post your child's class schedule** and log in information on the fridge or your child's homework area.
- **Log in to Powerschool** to receive updates about your child's grades (grades 5-12) and/or attendance.
- **Find out if your child feels safe.** If there are problems, contact the school team to find a solution.
- **If your child seems bored or anxious** about school, talk to their teacher, Family School Wellness, or other parents for advice on how to make your child feel safe and excited about learning.
- **Ask for help when you need it.** School staff, community agencies, or other parents are available to help families access supports when needed.
- **Contact your school team** if you need help to support your child and make school a great place to learn and grow.