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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Can you believe that the school year's first quarter has already passed us by? While the start of August focused on our students reviewing and practicing schoolwide expectations, for the rest of the quarter we concentrated on academics. I am proud of our faculty for prioritizing reading and math this quarter and seamlessly weaving in some fun and engaging opportunities for our students. Students have been busy with a variety of hands-on science experiments, student council nominations, and guest visitors from Bear Essential News and Bike Safety courtesy of Pima County Transportation. Our goal is to concentrate on academic achievement while integrating these activities and experiences for our students.

The Importance of Attendance - I would like to challenge our families to help improve our daily attendance rates. Regular attendance is crucial for your child's success. Every day in the classroom is an opportunity for students to engage with new concepts, participate in discussions, and develop social skills. When students miss school, they not only miss important lessons but may also feel disconnected from their peers. Consistent attendance fosters a sense of belonging and supports emotional well-being.

The Impact of Absences - Research shows that missing just a few days of school can significantly impact a student's academic progress. Each absence can lead to gaps in understanding, making it harder for students to keep up with their classmates. As we work together to promote good attendance, let us encourage our children to prioritize their education and understand the value of being present. I appreciate your commitment and willingness to help us reduce absences wherever possible.

Bond money at work - Would you like to know how the bond is supporting TUSD schools and Ford? We are excited about the benefits our school will receive from the bond. Please click on the following link and then select our school to see what projects are slated for our school community. Here is the website link: [Bond 2023 \(tusd1.org\)](http://Bond2023.tusd1.org)

Parent Conferences & Progress Reports - Thank you, parents, for meeting with your child's teacher during conference week. Additionally, with your child's education, there is nothing more crucial than developing an authentic partnership with your child's teacher. Students' first quarter progress reports will be available on Tuesday, October 15th on ParentVue.tusd1.org.

After-school program - TUSD's Marshall Elementary School has an after-school program available to Ford Elementary School students, including transportation. A TUSD school bus will take participants from Ford Elementary to Marshall. Check it out: [TUSD Community School Programs](http://TUSDCommunitySchoolPrograms) or call (520) 731-5207.

Sincerely,

Mr. Kelly, Principal

Please mark your calendar for our upcoming events:

October is National Principal's Month!

Thank you to Mr. Kelly our Ford Principal

October is also Custodian month!

Kudos Ms. Figueroa and Mr. Gastelum for keeping Ford beautiful.

Friday, October 4th

End of first quarter. No school for students

Monday-Friday, October 7th-11th

TUSD Fall Break

Tuesday, October 15th

First Quarter Student Progress Reports available on ParentVue

Wednesday, October 23rd

TUSD Professional Learning Day – No School

Friday, October 25th

Inez Ford PTA Host: Trunk-or-Treat Night

Keep information up to date, submit attendance, register and more with your [ParentVue account](http://ParentVue)

