**September is Attendance Awareness Month!**

**Contests, Prizes, Resources, and More!**

*AttendanceWorks.org is my headquarters for all things attendance related.*

**Attendance Contest for 6th Grade homerooms!** During September, I will keep track of homeroom attendance. The homerooms who have **NO reported late arrivals or absences for the entire month** will be entered into a raffle to win a prize for the entire class (this will not include early dismissals).

**Poster Contest for 6th Grade homerooms!** Students are invited to create posters about the benefits of regular attendance as part of my Attendance Works! Poster Contest. Entries are due to Mrs. Lang by September 26, 2014. The top 3 posters will each receive a prize.

**Call for Student Created Attendance PSAs!** If any of your students want to create a Public Service Announcement video I will post it on my website. This can be a fun activity for an entire homeroom to be involved it. PSAs will be collected through September. Please email me the PSA video clip or bring a USB to the counseling office.

**Resources for Teachers and Parents!** Included in this folder are some materials for you about talking about attendance with families, handouts for parents that you can send home, a pledge card that students and parents can sign, and more. I hope you find some of these materials useful as you support regular attendance for all students.

***Parents will receive attendance related handouts at Back to School night from me at the Counseling Table. Please be sure to tell them to stop by and see me there!***

I will be tweeting, posting on facebook, and blogging on my website about the benefits of Attendance during September. Feel free to Link Up with me and post my links to your website.

Additional information will be sent home to parents at least twice during September about the need for regular attendance in school.

**Attendance Related Services for Students!**  For students with chronic attendance issues, I will be collecting data, running a small group, and talking with students and parents through my ***Here On Time Every Day*** program. Barriers to attendance will be addressed as appropriate on an individualized basis.

**Mrs. Lang, School Counselor Ext. 34208**