May 2, 2022

## Happy May!

I know we definitely have some planners in our school community; so, I am reaching out to provide you with the days your students have off next school year. It is so important that you try and follow the established vacation days for your travels, so your student does not miss the incredible learning they do when at school.

When your student is not in school, they miss:

- All the hands-on, visual and verbal academic learning
- All the hands-on, visual and verbal social emotional learning
- All the time creating relationships with friends and staff
- All the interactive play, compassion and compromise they gain
- The consistency of a daily established routine

We have found when your student misses days and returns to school, they have trouble:

- Jumping back into a routine (7:45am in their classrooms = Ready to Learn)
- Catching onto academic skills they missed
- Jumping back into friendships since they missed daily interaction and friends might have moved on
- Answering all the questions from other students about why they were gone

For the 2022-2023 school year your students have off the following days:

September $5^{\text {th }}$
October $14^{\text {th }}, 27^{\text {th }} \& 28^{\text {th }}$
November $24^{\text {th }} \& 25^{\text {th }}$
December $26^{\text {th }}-30^{\text {th }}$

January $20^{\text {th }}$
February 17th
April $3^{\text {rd }}-7^{\text {th }}$
May $29^{\text {th }}$

If you have any questions, please contact me at jenniekennedy@hasd.org or 920*757*7030.

Thanks!
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Reminder: Wisconsin Statutes (118.16) requires that all school age children be in regular attendance at school with total absences not to exceed ten (10) full or partial days of school per school year. If your child has an appointment with a professional (counselor, doctor, dentist, etc), please obtain a letter from the professional and turn it into the office to exempt the time missed. After ten (10) absences, a doctor's excuse is required. Please refer to page three (3) of the Student Handbook for more specific information about student attendance. Students who miss more than ten (10) days of school without a doctor's note may be marked as unexcused, which could lead to truancy.

