**Counselor’s Corner**

Happy New Year everyone! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break. 2015 has come and gone, and now we are starting another year filled with many new beginnings. I am definitely looking forward to what the rest of the school year has to bring us here at June Creek Elementary! PLEASE contact me if your child is in need of a coat, hat, boots, gloves, and/or snow pants. We want to make sure everyone is warm and safe!

**January Parenting Tip**

**Poor attendance hurts school success** - Parents often wonder if taking their young child out of school for a vacation or an appointment can really affect his success. Research on students in kindergarten through third grade suggests that chronic absence (missing 10 percent or more of school days) is linked to:

* **Low performance in school.**
* **It’s also connected to dropping out, substance abuse and more.**
* **Lost learning time for class-mates, teachers must help kids who were absent catch up.**
* **To make sure your child’s learning won’t suffer from poor attendance:** Help your child get organized each evening so that he can get out the door the next morning with everything he/she needs, enforce a regular bedtime, review your child’s schedule.

Source: H. Chang and C. Leong, “Early Intervention Matters: How Addressing Chronic Absence Can Reduce Dropout Rates,”

For more information about June Creek’s Counseling Program - check it out here:

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If you have any concerns about your child/children in school or at home, please contact me through e-mail, a phone call or stopping by to chat.

Happy New Year!

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