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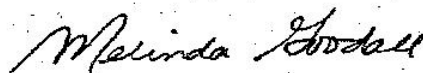
Dear Parents,

According to Governor Romer's Blueprint for Attendance Improvement, "improving student attendance is a top priority in LAUSD. The district has set a goal of a 2% increase in student attendance for the 2004-2005 school year. The *Count Me In!* campaign supports school wide efforts to meet the district's goals. This effort will greatly increase student learning and graduation rates to prepare students for a positive future. Also, it will generate an additional \$60 million in state funds, half of which will be disbursed to the schools that show improvement." At Loyola Village, we will track our in seat attendance each month and compare it to base line data from last year. A large chart will be posted in the office to record our month-by-month progress.

Please model punctuality each day so that your child greets his/her teacher in line at the 8:15 a.m. morning bell. Tardy students lose valuable instructional time, cause an interruption in the lesson flow, and begin the day trying to "catch up." Also, please make every effort to schedule your child's medical, dental, or other appointments after school or after lunch, if possible. As a reminder, following an illness, please send your child back to school with a note explaining the excused absence.

Thank you for supporting the *Count Me In!* initiative as we attempt to eliminate unexcused absences and increase our attendance.

Yours truly,



Melinda Goodall
Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"FLEXERCISE" PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM BEGINS!

Students in 1st through 5th grades will have a weekly 45 minute "Flexercise" conditioning lesson from 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. according to the following schedule: Monday - 1st grade, Tuesday - 2nd grade, Wednesday - 3rd grade, Thursday - 4th grade, and Friday - 5th Grade. The physical education period will be divided between six fitness stations (including leg extensions, sit-ups, push-ups, and pull-ups), running, and agility games. It is recommended that students wear sweat shirts and sweat pants, or other loose fitting clothing, with athletic shoes for their specific day.

CALLING ALL LOYOLA VILLAGE SCOUTS

We will honor our country's veterans at assemblies on Wednesday, November 10th. All boy scouts and girl scouts are requested to wear their uniform and to assist in the United State's flag procession. This patriotic tribute is a Loyola Village tradition!