

Interview Summary

Results of Interviews with Parents of Absent Students

Truman Middle School Band Class			
Student	Reason for absence	Symptoms	Parent interview available?
T1	Sick	Stomachache, headache, fever	No
T2	Sick	Stomachache, vomiting, fever	No
T3	Sick	Stomachache, headache, vomiting	No
T4	Sick	Stomachache, diarrhea	Yes
T5	Sick	Stomachache, diarrhea, fever	No
T6	Sick	Stomachache, vomiting, diarrhea	Yes
T7	Family vacation	None	No
T8	Sick	Stomachache, headache, diarrhea	No
T9	Sick	Stomachache, diarrhea, fever	No
T10	Sick	Stomachache, vomiting, diarrhea, fever	Yes

Jackson Middle School Band Class			
Student	Reason for absence	Symptoms	Parent interview available?
J1	Broken leg	Broken leg	No
J2	Sick	Stomachache, diarrhea, vomiting, fever	Yes
J3	Sick	Stomachache, headache, diarrhea, fever	No
J4	Sick	Stomachache, diarrhea, fever	No
J5	Sick	Stomachache, headache, diarrhea	No
J6	Sick	Stomachache, vomiting, diarrhea, fever, headache	Yes
J7	Sick	Stomachache, headache	No
J8	Sick	Stomachache, headache, diarrhea	No

Quotes from Interviews

Interview with Parent of Student T4

Health worker: I understand that your daughter missed school on May 20 and 21. Can you tell me why she was absent?

Parent: She woke up before her alarm clock went off and complained that she felt sick to her stomach. About an hour later she threw up and so I kept her home.

Health worker: I see. How is she doing now?

Parent: She is better. She missed two days of school, though, and is busy getting caught up.

Interview with Parent of Student T6

Health worker: Can you tell me why your son missed school on May 20 and 21?

Parent: Yes, he had the flu.

Health worker: Did you take him to the doctor?

Parent: No, but I'm pretty sure it was just the flu. He probably caught it from his friend who was also sick at the same time.

Health worker: Maybe. After being exposed to the flu, it generally takes three to five days for symptoms to show up.

Quotes from Interviews

Interview with Parent of Student T10

Health worker: Why was your son absent from school on May 20 and 21?

Parent: He came home from the band competition and complained that his stomach hurt. The next day he felt worse. I took his temperature and found that he had a fever, so I kept him home. I think he had food poisoning. You should check out the restaurant that they went to.

Health worker: I suppose it could be food poisoning. Symptoms of food poisoning usually appear in the next day or two after eating contaminated food.

Interview with Parent of Student J2

Health worker: Why did your son miss school on May 20 and 21?

Parent: He had a bad stomachache and diarrhea. I took his temperature and it was a little high. I was going to take him to the doctor, but he started getting better, so I canceled the appointment.

Health worker: Well, I'm glad he's doing better!

Interview with Parent of Student J6

Health worker: Can you tell me why your daughter missed school on May 20 and 21?

Parent: She woke up with a stomachache and spent the whole morning in the bathroom. Later, she developed a fever and a headache. Do you think it is anything serious?

Health worker: We're concerned that the absent students may all have the same illness. I'll be sure and let you know what our investigation turns up.

School Calendars

Truman Middle School Band Calendar

April						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2 Parent Teacher Conferences	3 No School— Teacher Work Day	4
5	6 No School— Spring Break	7 No School— Spring Break	8 No School— Spring Break	9 No School— Spring Break	10 No School— Spring Break	11
12	13 Band practice	14	15 Band practice	16	17 Band practice	18 Band Concert
19	20 Band practice	21	22 Band practice	23	24 Band practice	25
26	27 Band practice	28	29 Band practice	30	1	2

School Calendars

Truman Middle School Band Calendar

May						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1 Band practice	2 Bake Sale Fundraiser
3	4 Band practice	5 May Day Parade with bands from Jackson and Roosevelt	6 Band practice	7	8 Band practice	9
10	11 Band practice	12	13 Band practice	14	15 student planning meeting for battle of bands with Jackson	16
17	18 Band practice	19 Battle of the Bands with Jackson	20 Band practice	21	22 Band practice	23
24	25	26	27 Band practice	28	29 Band practice	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

School Calendars

Jackson Middle School Band Calendar

April						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2 Parent Teacher Conferences	3 No School— Teacher Work Day	4
5	6 No School— Spring Break	7 No School— Spring Break	8 No School— Spring Break	9 No School— Spring Break	10 No School— Spring Break	11
12	13	14 Band practice	15	16 Band practice	17	18
19	20	21 Band practice	22	23 Band practice	24	25
26	27 Band Concert	28 Band practice	29	30 Band practice	1	2

School Calendars

Jackson Middle School Band Calendar

May						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5 May Day Parade with bands from Truman and Roosevelt	6	7 Band practice	8	9
10	11	12 Band practice	13	14 Band practice	15 student planning meeting for battle of bands with Truman	16
17	18	19 Battle of the Bands with Truman	20	21 Field Trip to Band Concert at State College	22	23
24	25	26 Band practice	27	28 Band practice	29	30
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Third Memo from Director

MEMO

To: Members of the Health Department Investigative Staff

From: Director of the Community Health Department

About: WATER ALERT

I need to alert you to a new situation that may or may not relate to your investigation. A neighboring community has discovered a problem that may affect us and other communities in the region. Bacteria that cause stomach illness have been detected in its water supply. The health department in that community reports a sharp increase in illnesses that have symptoms similar to food poisoning and a stomach virus (stomachache, vomiting, nausea, and diarrhea). We're taking the necessary steps to watch for problems in our community.

By the way, I'm pleased to hear of the progress you are making with your investigation. As requested by your team supervisor, our staff has collected information about the activities that students participated in during the Battle of the Bands event. This information is available in a table and displayed as a series of maps.

Keep up the hard work. I look forward to learning the results of your investigations.

Activity Tables

Activities in which Students Participated

Truman Middle School^{a, b}

Student	Biff's French Restaurant	Cheep Chicken Hut	Volleyball	Soccer	Swimming
T1		X			X
T2	X			X	
T3		X			X
T4		X			X
T5		X			X
T6		X			X
T8		X			X
T9		X			X
T10	X				X
T11	X				X
T12		X			X
T13	X		X		
T14	X			X	
T15		X			X
T16		X		X	
T17	X				X
T18	X		X		
T19	X		X		
T20	X			X	
T21	X			X	
T22	X		X		
T23		X		X	
T24	X			X	
T25		X		X	
T26	X		X		
T27	X			X	
T28		X			X
T29	X		X		
T30		X			X

^aStudent T7 was on vacation and did not attend the Battle of the Bands event.

^bThe shaded area indicates students who did not become sick.

Activity Tables

Activities in which Students Participated

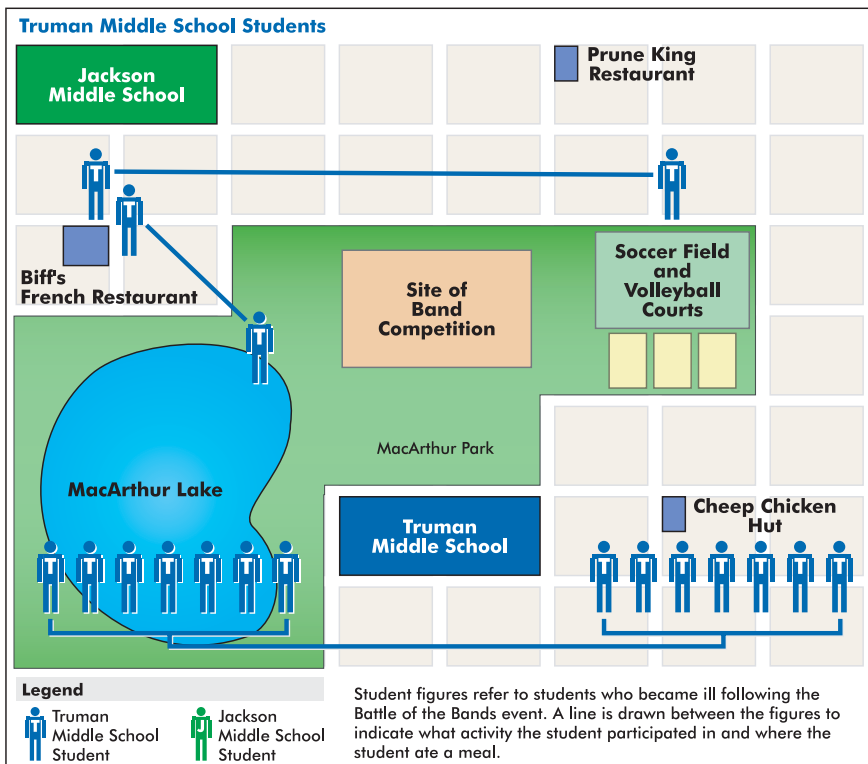
Jackson Middle School^{a, b}

Student	Cheep Chicken Hut	Prune King Restaurant	Volleyball	Soccer	Swimming
J2	X				X
J3	X			X	
J4		X			X
J5	X		X		
J6	X				X
J7	X				X
J8	X				X
J9		X	X		
J10		X	X		
J11		X		X	
J12	X				X
J13		X			X
J14		X	X		
J15		X		X	
J16	X				X
J17		X		X	
J18	X			X	
J19		X	X		
J20		X			X
J21		X	X		
J22		X		X	
J23		X		X	
J24	X		X		
J25	X				X
J26		X		X	
J27		X		X	
J28		X	X		
J29		X		X	
J30	X			X	
J31		X			X
J32	X				X

^a Student J1 has a broken leg and did not attend the Battle of the Bands event.

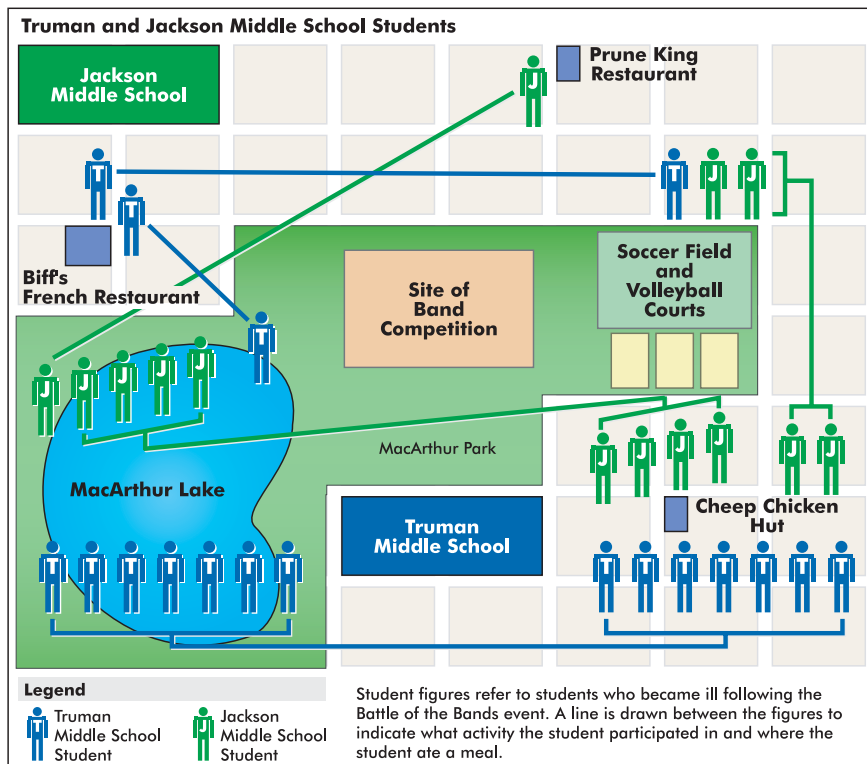
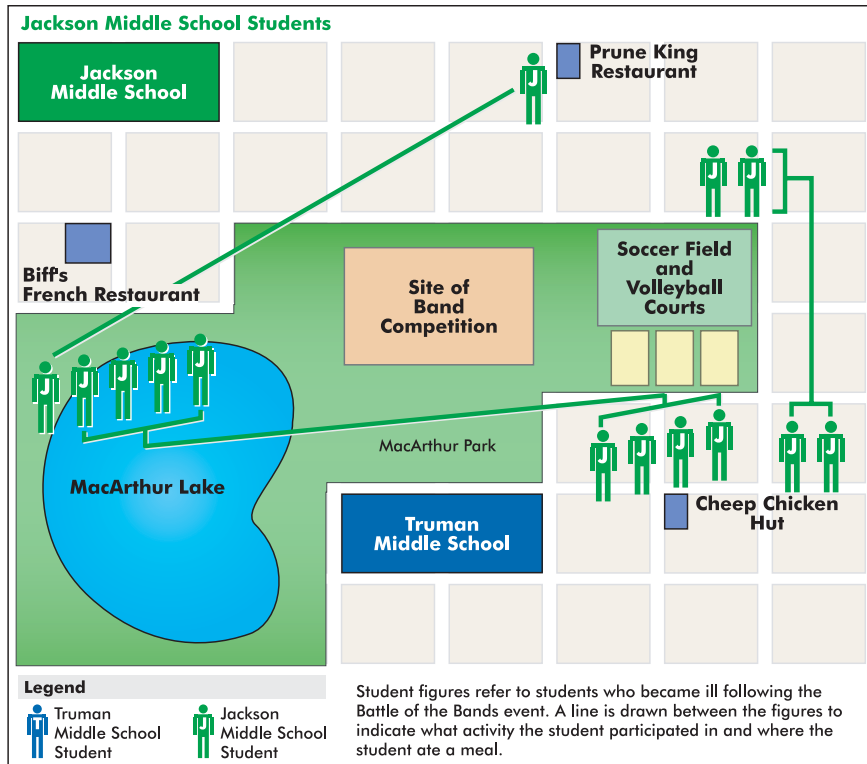
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Activity Maps



For each student, a line is drawn between two figures to indicate what activity the student participated in and where the student ate a meal on May 19.

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