Classics: Ferris Bueller's Day Off

A classic slacker undertaking the classic slacker prank, faking sick for the free day off from school. Ferris Bueller (Matthew Broderick) is the man that every smart-ass on the face of the earth wants to be.

The cool, smooth talking Bueller convinces his parents (Cindy Pickett and Lyman Ward) that he is too sick to go to school and, unable to stay with him through the terrible ordeal, they leave him to his own devices.

He calls his best friend Cameron (Ed Huck) who is something of a "stick in the mud" and together (after some coaxing on the part of Ferris) drive off in Cameron's father's prize Ferrari.

But, while the boys, as the tag boasts: "struggle to take it easy" there is a looming threat to their well being, principal Ed Rooney. Tired of being fooled by the antics of the ever-popular Ferris, Rooney sets out to prove that the illness in s hoax. Through several hilarious telephone exchanges and even a visit by Rooney to Ferris's house, Ferris manages to stick it to the man, Even nabbing girlfriend Sloane Peterson (Mia Sara) from school right under Rooney's nose.

The idea may be old, but it is still rather refreshing to see the loveable slacker win in the end.

Grade: B+/A-