

STUKEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Family Newsletter

September/October 2023

Letter from the Principal

Dates To Remember

- Sept 4th - NO SCHOOL, Labor Day
- Sept 5th - NO SCHOOL, Teacher Work Day
- Sept 15th - Math Night, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- Oct 2nd - Picture Day
- Oct 4th - Parent Teacher Conference, 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- Oct 5th - Parent Teacher Conference, 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- Oct 6th - NO SCHOOL, Teacher Work Day
- Oct 12th - PTO Meeting 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
- Oct 16th - Oct 20 NO SCHOOL, Fall Break
- Oct 30th - Trunk or Treat 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Stukey
School Hours**
Monday through Friday
7:40 am - 2:35 pm

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Dear Stukey Families,

A huge thank you to each of you for helping us kick off a great school year!! At Stukey our staff is committed to prepare each scholar for college and career. The staff is ready to go and we will continue our work this year by following our motto of "Every Scholar, Every Day" as well as carrying out our *Stukey Mission: At Stukey Elementary, we work with our community to create a caring environment that empowers scholars to persevere and succeed in life.*

Our Stukey scholars have been busy learning routines and procedures through the first months and have been highly engaged in learning with their new teachers! All scholars have been assessed using the new district assessment called mClass DIBELS 8. We are very eager to meet with families during conferences in October to help strengthen the home/school connection and build a partnership between teachers and parents. Be sure to check your child's classroom website next month for links to sign up for Fall Conferences held on October 4th and 5th from 3:00-7:00.

I'd like to take a moment to highlight areas regarding school safety, communication and important updates at Stukey. Please read the following notes and let us know if you have any questions.

Morning Arrival and Supervision: Our first bell rings at **7:40**, and the tardy bell rings at **7:50**. Breakfast will be served for all scholars. There is no supervision on campus prior to 7:40 am. Instruction will begin promptly at 7:50, so it is important that our scholars arrive at school on time and ready to learn. Staff will be positioned on our campus to provide supervision in the mornings between 7:40 and 7:50.

Afternoon Dismissal: Dismissal is at 2:35. There is staff supervision at 2:35-2:45. After 2:45, scholars will be escorted to the front office to wait for pickup. All children must go home first before using the playground. Students returning will need to wait until 2:45 until all students are accounted for.

Update on District Wellness Policy: In support of the District's Policy on School Wellness, we strive to help our students make healthy lifestyle choices. Simple steps can help children continue making healthier choices as adults. In addition to healthier lunch choices and increased physical activity during our school day, we have implemented a "Non-food birthday treats" policy here in Adams 12. Classroom teachers should have shared their non-food birthday celebration information with parents. If the classroom is having a planned holiday party and you would like to bring a treat, it must be a healthy treat. Please see some examples below:

*Veggie Sticks *Goldfish *Crackers *Cheese Sticks *Fruit Kabobs *Granola *Individually wrapped apple bags

We appreciate your support in this matter as this is District Policy.

Free and Reduced Benefits: Please see this [form](#) for free and reduced benefits

PTO Dates: We would love to see more involvement in our PTO this year! We meet from 5:30-6:30 . Here are the dates: October 12th, December 7th, January 11th and April 11th.

Thank you for sending us your amazing children! We want you to feel confident about sending your child to Stukey, and encourage you to visit, volunteer, or give us a call or email any time. Please feel free to email me with any questions, concerns, celebrations or compliments at [debo-rah.m.voelker@adams12.org](mailto:deborah.voelker@adams12.org) or call 720-972-5423. We look forward to partnering with you to provide the best school experience for your child!

Warm Regards,
Deborah Voelker
Principal

Star Time

Students may not be on the school grounds before 7:40 am. At 7:40 am students enter their outside classroom door at 7:50 am the tardy bell rings and class begins. **All students who are not in the classroom by 7:50 am are considered tardy and must enter the main school entrance.**

Please remember how important it is for students to be in school regularly and on time. It is important that our students learn good habits that will serve them well in the future.

Parents may excuse up to five (5) absences per semester without documentation. Absences beyond five (5) will be considered unexcused unless proper documentation is provided.

Picture Day is Coming

Student picture day is
**Monday, October 2nd
2023.**



Messages for Students

Due to the fact that it is extremely distracting to teachers and students, we will not be able to interrupt class time to give messages to students unless it is an emergency. Please make arrangements with your child before school.

Title 1 Required Information: As a parent of a student at Stukey Elementary, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teacher who instructs your child. This is a requirement for all districts that receive Title I funds. Federal law allows you to request certain information about your student's classroom teacher. The law also requires the district to give you this information in a timely manner upon request. Listed below is the information about which you have the right to ask for regarding each of your student's classroom teachers.

- Whether the Colorado Department of Education has licensed or endorsed your student's teacher for the grades and subjects taught.
- Whether CDE has decided that your student's teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any teachers' aides or similar para-educators provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

Please contact Robyn Werpy in the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Human Resources Office at 720-972-4058 or robyn.m.werpy@adams12.org if you would like to receive any of this information.

"Every Scholar, Every Day"

Classroom Corner

Kindergarten:

We are off to a great start in kindergarten! After setting a foundation of classroom routines, expectations, and building our community of learners, we have been diving into our academics! Please remember to read with your kindergarten-er each night and complete their monthly reading log. Also, please continue to complete and return the monthly projects at the end of each month. A huge thank you for remembering to check and return Friday folders. From numbers to letters, and high frequency words to parts of a story we are so excited for all of the ways your child will grow in the next few months!

1st Grade:

August has flown by and we are now in full swing with our school year. Your scholars are doing great with our first grade rituals and routines. During the September and October months, our literacy focus will be on a nonfiction genre themed around how plants and animals grow and change. In writing, we will be practicing personal narratives and working towards writing procedural reports or How To's. We will begin our mathematics work with addition and subtraction including number stories. Our reading rotations will be up and running and your scholars will be working hard in reading at their instructional levels and independent levels during these rotations. Social Studies will be centered around learning about the calendar and special holidays around the year. Social Emotional Learning will be held every Friday followed by our Second Step Curriculum. We are so excited to be back in school and learning every day!

2nd Grade:

We are so excited to get this school year started! We are working on finding patterns in Math and working with place value. We have been working on our personal narratives and learning more about our friends in school! In reading we are continuing to work on using our comprehension strategies to help us better understand more complex text! Thanks for all your support families!

3rd Grade:

September- In Math, we are finishing our first unit that covers time, introduces multiplication, and revisits rounding, and we will begin our second unit about Number Stories and Array. In Reading, we will work on our first informational unit about life science. The students will read and annotate articles about different animal classification. Students will be bringing home a magazine type book with extra activities! In Writing, we will start our Personal Narratives. The students will focus on having a beginning, middle, and end to their story. They will also use dialogue throughout their story. Finally, we will continue learning about "Our Democratic Community." During this unit, students will learn about the rights and responsibilities of a citizen. They will also learn about the different parts of our local government.

October- We will finish all of the units we started in September, before moving on to new units. In Math, we will start Unit 3, where students will begin learning different strategies for addition and subtraction. In Reading, we will work on our second unit that is based in fiction, Ways Characters Shape Stories. During this unit the students will explore point of view and how the actions of a character contribute to the story. In Writing, we will finish up our personal narratives. Once our personal narratives are finished, we will start informational writing. After finishing our Social Studies unit on "Our Democratic Community", we will jump to our second Social Studies unit: "Regions of the World." During this unit the students will learn about the similarities and differences of world regions.

4th grade:

Hello families! What a great start to the year we are having in 4th grade! We are looking forward to amazing things in the next couple of months. In reading, we will begin reading nonfiction stories about nature and government. We will also have fictional stories about character actions. In writing, we will be working on a point of view writing and beginning informational writing. In math, we will be continuing to practice our skills in place value, multiplication, geometry, and beginning fractions. Finally, in social studies we will begin our history studies in the early years of Colorado.

5th Grade:

Math: We will be finishing up our Area and Volume unit and moving onto using the Place Value System (base -10 numbers) to problem solve multi-digit equations.

Reading: We will be diving into natural resources and how they help us as well as learning about why we value certain qualities in people.

Writing: Our scholars will be working on narrative writing and how to develop characters using descriptive elaboration. Then we will move onto research writing by choosing a topic to explain.

Social Studies: Our scholars will be learning about the European explorers and how their exploration affected the world which will lead into our learning about British American Colonies and the history about why they were established in the areas they were.

Science: We will not be working on Science at this time.