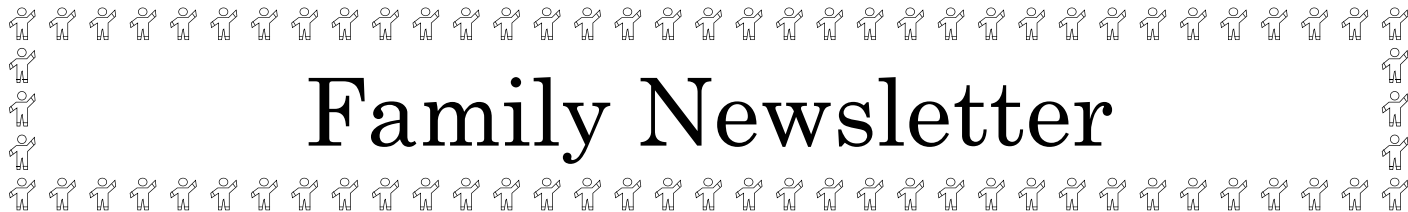


STUKEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Family Newsletter

September/October 2024

Letter from the Principal

Dates To Remember

- Sept 2nd - NO SCHOOL, Labor Day
- Sept 3rd- NO SCHOOL. Teacher Work Day
- Sept 5th - PTO, 5:30-6:30 pm
- Sept 19th - Academic Night, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- Oct 1st - Picture Day
- Oct 2nd- Parent Teacher Conference, 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- Oct 3rd - Parent Teacher Conference, 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- Oct 4th - NO SCHOOL, Teacher Work Day
- Oct 10th - PTO Meeting 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
- Oct 14th - Oct 18th NO SCHOOL, Fall Break
- Oct 30th - Trunk or Treat 5:00 pm - 6:30 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 weeks and have been highly engaged in learning with their new teachers! All scholars will be 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.

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.

Free and Reduced Benefits: Please fill this out as this will help with Chromebook and district fees.
<https://www.adams12.org/resources/nutrition/free-and-reduced-benefits>

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.

PTO Dates: We would love to see more involvement in our PTO this year! We meet from 5:30-6:30 in the library. Here are the dates: September 5th, October 10th, December 5th and March 6th.

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 deborah.m.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 **Tuesday, October 1st 2024.**



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.

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! Homework will be coming home starting in September. Please remember to read with your kindergartener 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 which began at the end of August. 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 24/25 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 around how plants and animals grow and change. In writing, we will be practicing our informative writing. We are so excited about using our shared reading texts from our life cycle genres to help us with these pieces. 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 this time. 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!

"Every Scholar, Every Day"

Classroom Corner Continued

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 knowing ourselves as writers 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 Unit 1, and will begin Unit 2 about Number Stories and Arrays. In Reading, we will finish Unit 1, Animal Adaptations and begin Unit 2, a fiction unit titled 'Ways Characters Shape Stories'. We will now use the writing units from our literacy curriculum, Benchmark Advance, so the writing units will align with the reading units. The first piece of writing we will work on is "Write to a Text-Based Prompt: Informative/Explanatory Essay". In Social Studies, we will continue learning about "Our Democratic Community." Our scholarly habit for the month of September is Respect.

October- In Math, we will start Unit 3, focusing on operations. In Reading, we will continue to work on our second unit. In Writing, our second unit is writing an Opinion Essay. After finishing our Social Studies unit on "Our Democratic Community", we will jump to our second Social Studies unit: "Regions of the World." Our scholarly habit for the month of October is Safe.

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 writing informational/explanatory essays. 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 with Native People's studies.

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:

Social Studies: Our scholars will be learning about the economy and personal finances to understand how those are important in our daily lives.

Science: We will explore the properties of matter, liquids, gasses, and solids, and include how they can be identified, separated, and conserved.

SEL:

The start of the year can bring excitement and nervousness. Your child may think school will be hard, they will have fewer friends, or they will not have enough time to play. Getting back into a routine and on a sleep schedule is very important. And these are just a few of the concerns! Please acknowledge these concerns and recognize the feelings attached to them. Let them know you are there for support and that they also have support at school. Please feel free to email or Dojo your Social Emotional Learning Specialist with any questions or concerns. We will work together in partnership to help your child have a successful year!

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