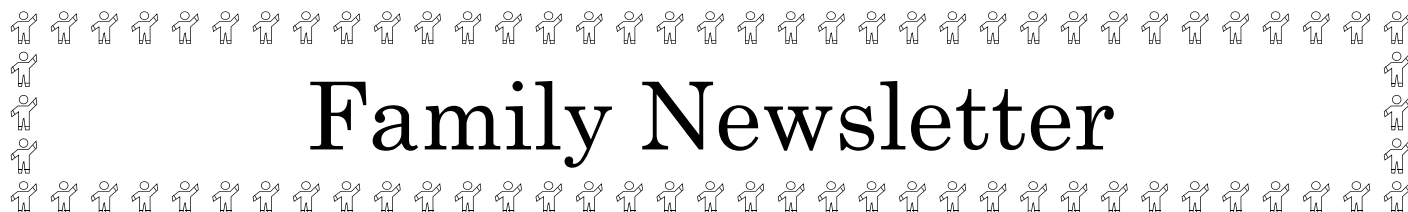


# STUKEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



## Family Newsletter

November/December 2024

### Letter from the Principal

#### Dates to Remember

- Nov 1st - NO SCHOOL, Teacher Work Day
- Nov 7th- Picture Retake day
- Nov 11th, - NO SCHOOL, Veterans Day
- Nov 25th -29th, NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 4th - NO SCHOOL, Teacher Work Day
- Dec 7th- PTO Meeting, 5:30- 6:30
- Dec 12th - Winter Choir Performance 6:00 - 7:30
- Dec 19th - Coco & Caroling 6:00 - 7:00
- Dec 20th - Jan 6th, NO SCHOOL, Winter Break

Dear Stukey Families,

As we jump into the months of November and December, we have so many wonderful things to share with you! Thank you so much for your involvement and participation in Parent Teacher Conferences in October. As the quarter comes to an end, we have seen many improvements and much growth in our scholars. There is so much to celebrate! It is also a time to reflect on the gaps and areas of improvement we need to focus on and do some goal setting. Hopefully, this information was shared with you at conferences. Please reach out to your classroom teachers, ELD teachers or learning specialists if you ever need guidance on how to work with your scholar on academics. If you need a thought partner on any social emotional needs or behavior, our SELs and admin team are also here to assist. We are here to help you!

Thank you for all the home support in ensuring your scholars are **reading every night** and **completing their reading logs**. We hope that this commitment will help our scholars advance in their reading skills and help decrease the number of reading plans here at Stukey. If you are ever in need of books, please let us know.

As we enter into the months where we may experience inclement weather, here are a few reminders about systems in the event of a one hour delay start day:

- The student day will begin one hour late, with the first bell ringing at 8:40 and the tardy bell ringing at 8:45
- Breakfast will be served for students at 8:40
- Outside morning duty will begin at 8:40

We are so happy to see our PTO/SAC group grow a little more this year. We encourage you to join us at our quarterly meetings. The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 5th.

*A few reminders: Please remember that scholars should not be on campus prior to 7:40 each morning without any parent supervision. Please be sure to park in the non red zones to drop off and pick up your scholars. We cannot drop children off in the middle of the street for safety purposes. Please encourage your children to use the crosswalk.*

Here is the link for the Stukey Snapshot that I gave out at conferences for those of you who did not receive it. Link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/128x2iixPKNhoC53plbBbljyDiZzBfaqUkSMqGBuC4s/edit?tab=t.0>

Also, here is the link to our parent portal: [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1TJikZRtBsmVrPFpOCDBI-hc5BxS3782D2MIRG3\\_h50o/edit#slide=id.p](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1TJikZRtBsmVrPFpOCDBI-hc5BxS3782D2MIRG3_h50o/edit#slide=id.p)

Thank you for sending us your amazing children! Please check out all of our dates for events in the upcoming months. We want you to feel confident about sending your child to Stukey, and encourage you to 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](mailto: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

#### Stukey School Hours

Monday through Friday  
7:40 am - 2:35 pm

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720-972-5436  
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### 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

### Treat/Snack Health Policy

Treats/snacks in the classroom for classroom celebrations must align with our district health policy:  
Some examples of healthy snacks are:

- \*granola bars
- \*goldfish
- \*fruit kabobs
- \*veggie sticks
- \*pretzels

### 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.

### Community Flyers

Community flyers can be found on our web site under the resource tab titled community flyers. See the link below:  
<https://stukey.adams12.org/resources/community-flyers>

**"Every Scholar, Every Day"**

## Classroom Corner

### Kindergarten:

Now that we are into our school year with routines and systems in place, our learning is taking off! At conferences, we loved sharing all of the learning and growth taking place in kindergarten! Students are working on learning letter names, letter sounds, and high frequency words. We are also working on using our learning strategies as we read and we love sharing the books that we are bringing home in our reading book bags. Families are doing a great job of supporting our learning through our monthly projects, reading each night, and returning Friday folders. From Informational writing to new math strategies, kindergarten is full of fun, learning, and continued growth!

### 1st Grade:

October 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 our November and December months we will be learning about fictional characters in books we read. We will also be learning about why people decide to get involved with their communities. In writing, we will be finishing up our personal narratives and diving into the genre of informative writing. In math we have been working on addition and subtraction number stories and we'll be getting into measurement very soon. Our literacy work stations are going well, and the reading log routine is showing results!

### 2nd Grade:

Hi families! We are doing amazing things in 2nd grade. We have just finished up our Opinion Unit in Writing. We are continuing to work on using place value to discuss our answers in Math. Currently we are reading non-fiction text and making connections to real world examples! We will be getting ready to discuss various holidays around the world. Thank you for all the continued support families!!

### 3rd Grade:

#### November

In Reading, we will be working on a nonfiction unit, Unit 3: "Government and Citizenship". During this unit, we will determine important details and identify cause and effect relationships in nonfiction text. In Writing, we will be working on writing an informational piece about a part of government they find interesting. In Science, we will explore weather patterns and use data to make predictions. In Math, we will work on Unit 3 "Operations." During this unit, we will use different strategies to add and subtract multi-digit numbers. We will also continue to work on multiplication strategies. We will likely finish Our scholarly habit for the month of November is Caring.

#### December

In Reading, we will be working on a fiction unit, Unit 4: "Perspectives in Literature". During this unit, we will look at the character's perspective and how they impact the stories. In Writing, we will write a narrative journal entry from the point of view of Cinderella. When we finish our weather unit, we will go back to Social Studies. This unit is about geographic problems. We will take a look at how geographic problems affect communities. In Math, we will begin Unit 4: "Measurement". During this unit, the students will study the relationship between area and perimeter. Our scholarly habit for the month of December is Perseverance.

### 4th grade:

To finish our semester, 4th graders will be learning the history of trappers, traders and miners Social Studies and beginning earth sciences in Science. In math, we will be continuing fractions and beginning multi-digit multiplication. In writing, students will be working on integrating information from multiple sources to speak knowledgeably about a topic and beginning an opinion essay. In reading, students will continue to learn about how the government influences our lives. Afterward, we will get into a fiction unit where we discuss character development and continue to enhance our comprehension skills.

### 5th Grade:

Math: We will be learning about fractions by adding and subtracting mixed numbers and how to use fractions to represent real world situations. Reading: In Unit 3 & 4 we will be learning about how laws continue to evolve and how other perspectives can help us evaluate the world around us. Science: 5th Grade is learning about the states of matter which include gases, solids, and liquids and how they change forms. Social Studies: We will also be finishing our Young Ameritowne Unit by preparing our shops and attending the field trip on November 14th.

Writing: Scholars will be working on a research report about voting rights. Students will gather information from several sources to complete their essays.