



## Mrs. Hibbard's Notes

Welcome to the 2025-2026-school year! It was wonderful having students in our halls again this week! Everyone is settling in while learning all the new routines and procedures of the classroom. It's going to be a great year!

This is the first monthly newsletter of the year and will be sent through Parent Square at the beginning of each month. If your email or other contact information should change, please contact the office by email at ([csoffice@senecafallscsd.org](mailto:csoffice@senecafallscsd.org)) to be sure we have the most updated information. Parent Square is our primary form of communication—please be sure that you are signed up and receiving notifications!

Checking your student's take-home folder each day after school will keep you up to date on the information you need to know. A lot of information was sent home this first week; please complete & return any forms as soon as possible. Please also spend some time reading the Parent Handbook and other information sent home the first week.

At Cady Stanton, we know that a strong partnership between the school and family is the best way to ensure student success. In addition to checking your student's folder daily for any communication that comes home, please feel free to contact the school with questions and concerns. I encourage you to always reach out to your child's teacher first since they know your child best. Lastly, please talk to your child about all they are learning each day and encourage them to always try their best. A positive mindset, making safe choices, and showing kindness are the cornerstones we want all of our Cady Stanton community members to emulate.

The staff at Stanton is committed to celebrating the strengths and uniqueness of each and every child while fostering their academic, social, emotional and behavioral growth . Thank you for partnering with us!

-Mrs. Hibbard

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## Mark your Calendars

See page 6 for Sept. calendar

### Friday, September 5

First Full Day

### Wednesday, September 10

PTO Meeting, 6:00, library

### October 6—9

PTO Scholastic Book Fair

### Tuesday, October 7

Picture Day!

### Wednesday, October 8

Gr 5 Roller Skating, 3:15-4:30  
PTO Meeting, 6:00, library

### Thursday, October 9

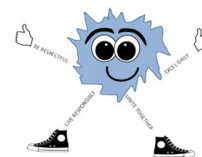
Early Dismissal Drill  
(all dismiss 15 minutes early)  
Open House, 6:30 p.m.  
For students in grades 4 & 5

### Friday, Oct. 10 & Monday, Oct. 13

NO School!

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**BE B.L.U.E!!!!**



## \*Dismissal\*



We always strive to ensure the safety of all of our students, especially at the busy time during

dismissal. If you pick-up your child in the back of the building, please note that you must park and meet your child at the door. There are crossing guards and other staff members to assist students. ***Please DO NOT park on the sidewalks on Chapin St.***

**The most important thing you can do is contact the school if your child has any dismissal change. If we don't hear from you, we will have your child follow the information you provided on the primary dismissal form. Thank you!**

If you have any concerns about transportation and/or if your child has any problems on the bus, please contact the transportation department at x5410.

**Reminder: lacrosse sticks, lacrosse balls, baseballs/softballs/bats are not allowed on the bus.**

## Contacts\*

**Question about dismissal or to report a change in your child's routine? Question about signing your student out or coming late due to an appointment?** Please call 315-568-5834 ext. 4109 or email

[csoffice@senecafallscsd.org](mailto:csoffice@senecafallscsd.org)



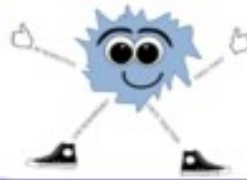
**Need to report your student's absence or have a question about your child's health?** Please contact

our school nurse at 315-568-5834 ext. 4500 or email

[dclemenson@senecafallscsd.org](mailto:dclemenson@senecafallscsd.org)

## \*Helpful Information\*

- If you need a 2nd mailing to go to a different parent/guardian, please contact the office.
- **Students are only allowed to drink water in the classroom.** For lunch, students are not allowed to drink soda. We strongly encourage parents to NOT send in any caffeinated drinks.
- Students may not wear hats, hoods or coats during the school day. If a student is cold, they may borrow a sweatshirt from the nurse's office. Also, **all cell phones and smart watches must stay OFF and in their backpacks (in their cubby) during the school day.**
- **Students should not arrive at school before 8:45 a.m.** Students who need breakfast may begin to enter the building and go directly to the cafeteria at 8:45. All other students will remain outside until 8:55. At 8:55 students may enter and proceed directly to their homeroom. After 9:05, an adult MUST bring the student to the door by the main office.
- If you are dropping off or picking up your child at school, please note that vehicles should not be in the front bus loop between 8:40 and 9:05 in the morning and 2:50 and 3:15 in the afternoon. Please use the back parking lot for drop off and pick up during these times. Additionally, remember that no visitors may enter through the back of the building.



## PTO News

Welcome back, Everyone! We hope your summer was full of adventure, fun and new memories were made! Our PTO team is excited to make this school year another exciting time for all of our students and staff!



Our next PTO meeting is **September 10th at 6 PM in the Cady Stanton library!** All are encouraged and welcome to attend!

### **A look ahead:**

- Our first roller skating party will be for 5th graders on **Wednesday, October 28** from 3:15 –4:30.
- We have the Scholastic Book Fair from **October 6-9.**
- **School Picture Day is Tuesday, October 7**—bring your best smiles! Forms will come home soon

We are always in need of volunteers to help with events throughout the year. Event coordinators can't do it alone, so look for Sign Up Geniuses for upcoming events. Any help you can provide, such as your time or donations of supplies, is greatly appreciated! Your ideas and suggestions for new events are also always welcome. You can keep up to date by joining the Cady Stanton PTO Facebook page!

**Box Tops:** Box Tops has gone digital!! Download the Box Tops App to get started! Visit [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) for additional information.



Have a wonderful September and thank you to all of our teachers and staff for working hard and getting everything ready for another great year!

Good Luck!



## Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-urgent related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have a contagious illness, call your school or health care provider for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

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### When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

Visit Attendance Works at [www.attendanceworks.org](http://www.attendanceworks.org) for free downloadable resources and tools!



**1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...**

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

**How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?**

He/she is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr. 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

**EVERY DAY COUNTS**

**If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES, attendance does matter!**

# BLUE BASH Kickoff!

We had a lot of fun at our BLUE Bash Kickoff Event today. We're looking forward to students being BLUE and making good choices this year!



# MEET MRS. O!

Some of you may already know me as Mrs. O and others as Coach Jamie, but I am thrilled to add a new title as **Intern Assistant Principal for Frank M. Knight and Elizabeth Cady Stanton Schools!** Having worked in our district for over ten years, I've had the privilege of working with amazing students, families, and staff. I'm so excited to continue that work in my new role.

I look forward to getting to know each of you and partnering to make this school year a great one for every student and family.

## FUN FACTS

- I have 2 sons. **Vincent**, 7yrs & **Mendez**, 2yrs
- I have a golden retriever named **Benny** the Jet Rodriguez.
- I have 2 older **sisters** and 1 younger **brother**.



## CONTACTS

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# September 2025-letter days

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL!!	2 Superintendent Conference Day	3 First Day for Students 11:30 Dismissal No specials	4 11:30 Dismissal No specials	5 A Day Wear BLUE!	6
7	8 B Day	9 C Day	10 D Day PTO Meeting, 6:00, ECS Library	11 E Day	12 F Day	13
14	15 A Day	16 B Day	17 C Day	18 D Day	19 E Day	20
21	22 F Day	23 A Day	24 B Day	25 C Day	26 D Day	27
28	29 E Day	30 F Day				