

Stewart Middle School

S T E W A R T M I D D L E S C H O O L

P R I N C I P A L ' S P A G E

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Spotlight on Bullying

Stewart has received grant funding to implement the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program in our school this year. This researched based program is the world's foremost bullying prevention program proven to reduce bullying behavior. As parents, you know that bullying is a big issue for middle school children. While

Stewart has a zero tolerance for this type of behavior we also recognize that staff, parents and students need to be taught what bullying is, what should the bystanders response to bullying be, and what the school consequence for bullying is. We are excited to hold parent and student meetings in this area in January so that we can work

as a team to prevent incidents of bullying at Stewart Middle School. The three main goals of the Olweus bullying program are:

- Reduce existing bullying problems among students.
- Preventing the development of new bullying problems.
- Achieving better peer relations at school.

As parents you send your children to school for one reason and that is to learn. We are hopeful that with your support and the implementation of this program that Stewart will become a safer and more positive place for your children to learn and develop.

Study Skills

Although the rain dampened the night the PFC recently held a successful Study Skills Workshop. Information was shared at the workshop to help parents work with children at home. Here are a few tips from the workshop:

- Set up a homework area for your child.
- Set up a homework routine.
- Set homework/ studying priorities. This should come before TV and outside time.
- Make reading a habit for you and your child!
- Turn off the TV, computer and video games.
- Talk to teachers-you can better support your child if you know what is expected of them in their classes.

A M E R I C A N E D U C A T I O N W E E K

American Education Week (AEW), November 14th-18th, spotlights the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education from kindergarten through college, and the need for everyone to do his or her part in mak-

ing public schools great. We are proud to offer many activities for students and families during this week. We will kick off the week honoring student athletes who met the academic and athletic requirements to represent SMS during the Fall

sports season. We will invite parents to each lunch with their child(ren) and honor our teachers and paraprofessionals. We invite parents and guardians to an AEW Breakfast on November 18th from 7 AM to 8 AM.

Parent Faculty Club (PFC) News

Family BINGO Night

The Family Bingo Night that we held in October was very successful. We had about 60 people in attendance. We will have another Family Bingo Night in the spring. Please keep an eye out for more information. Thank you.



Monthly Meetings



Our Parent Faculty Club meetings are held every first Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the school



School Store

Stewart's School Store operates on Mondays during the students' lunch periods. Students can purchase pencils, cool erasers and novelty items. We also are selling drawstring book bags and parent T-Shirts for only \$8.00. **We are looking for volunteers for Wednesdays and**



Special Thank You...

To the parent volunteers that assisted the PFC with the Scholastic Book Fair, Family Bingo Night and School Dance. Thank you for all of your help. **We could not have done it without you!!**

Jewel Baldwin
Kathy DePaul
Stacey Dixon
Nancy Fooks
Jeff Gingrich

Vicki Greene
Patti Griffin
LaKeya Guy
Jonathan Haggard
Lisa Licwinko
Cheryl Werkiser

Please Note: If you are interested in volunteering your time, have questions or ideas for other family fun nights, please contact LaKeya Guy at stewartpfc@gmail.com.

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

In accordance with Pennsylvania State Law ALL students grades in 5th through 8th will need a second Varicella (Chickenpox Vaccine) by May 1st Those students with incomplete immunizations will be excluded from school on May 1, 2012.



All 7th grade students will additionally need an updated Tdap vaccine (Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis) and an MCV (Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine) or they will be excluded from school on May 1, 2012.

Please be sure your child has been updated accordingly.

If you have received a vision referral form for your child from the school nurse, please be sure to make an eye doctor appointment for your child. Having poor vision can adversely affect your child academically.



ONLINE PARENT RESOURCES

Online resources are available for 5th and 6th grade **Go Math** and **Storytown** students. Think Central is a virtual bookshelf containing a variety of GoMath and Storytown resources. The website address is <http://www-k6.thinkcentral.com/>. The home page will request the **State, School District, and School**. Students will be given a

username and password that will work for both math and reading. Clicking on My Library enables students to access their books and other resources. Online resources are available for 7th and 8th grade students taking Pre-Algebra, Principles of Algebra I, Algebra I and II all using the Prentice Hall books. Go to

www.pearsonsuccess.net/.

The students will have a username/password to login. There is full use of an online textbook, videos, worksheets, vocabulary and study guides in both English and Spanish. Teachers may add messages and possible assignments.

Reading is Fundamental also has a website at www.rif.org

FROM THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE

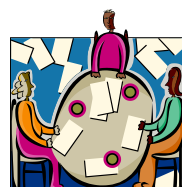
- Absence cards are required the day after you are absent from school.
- If you are absent 3 days or more a doctors note is required.
- If a note is not received after 3 days the absence is considered unlawful.
- All lawful absences beyond 10 cumulative days requires a doctors note.
- A TEP (Truancy Elimination Plan) will be initiated after the 3rd unlawful absence.
- More information regarding SMS attendance policies are in our student handbook.

PARENT CONFERENCES

Parents are invited to contact the school at any time to request a conference for their child. We know that it is not always convenient for you to meet with your child's teachers during the school day so the district has scheduled Parent Conferences for the evening of November 22nd and the morning of November 23rd. Given that there

is limited time we try our best to accommodate all the families that we contact to schedule appointments and those who contact Stewart. If you are unable to secure an appointment on the designated conference days please feel free to schedule a conference with a guidance counselor or team of teachers at any time. We thank you in

advance for your understanding and look forward to seeing you at our November events.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

11/1 Music Boosters Meeting 6:15 PM
11/1 PFC Meeting 7:00 PM
11/2 Flu Vaccination for those registered
11/8 No School
11/10 Grade 5 Family Game Night
11/14-11/18 American Education Week
11/15 and 11/17 Family Science Board Deco-
rating 3:30-5:00 Cafeteria
11/22 PM Conferences
11/23 AM Conferences
11/24 No School
11/25 No School

Uniforms

Boys: Navy blue dress pants. Collared oxford button down or collared golf shirt, long or short sleeve, black belt, black shoes, black sneakers.

Please note: vests, turtlenecks, sweaters, or sweat-shirts must be navy blue or white.

Girls: Navy blue dress pants, navy blue skirts or navy blue jumpers. Collared oxford button down or collared golf shirt, long or short sleeve, black belt, black shoes, black sneakers. Socks, stockings, or leggings (under skirts or jumpers only) must be navy blue or white.

Please note: vests, turtlenecks, sweaters, or sweat-shirts must be navy blue or white.

The following is NOT permitted: jeans, skinny jeans, leggings as pants, pants that are not dress pants, shoes or sneakers that are not black, shirts with logos, belts that are not black, and shirts without collars. Navy sweatpants are permitted for students in grades 5 or 6 who have PE only.

Socks and stocking should be navy or white.



SMILE SAFE KIDS

The safety and welfare of your children is very important to us at Stewart Middle School. We are committed to support the safety of your child and the community. We are pleased to announce that we will again participate in the SmileSafe Kids®, a safety program developed in partnership by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and Lifetouch School Studios. If your child was in attendance on picture day you will find with this newsletter a pair of Safety ID Cards, provided free of charge, featuring your child's current portrait and an introduction to the program. For more information, please visit www.smilesafekids.com.

En nuestro continuo compromiso de apoyo a la seguridad de nuestra comunidad, Stewart Middle School nos complace en anunciar nuestra participación en el programa SmileSafe Kids®, un nuevo programa de seguridad para los niños, desarrollado en colaboración por el Centro Nacional Para los Niños Desaparecidos y Explotados (NCMEC) y Lifetouch National School Studios.

Junto a esta carta usted encontrará un par de tarjetas de identificación para seguridad, provistas sin cargo, que presentan el reciente retrato de su niño/a y una introducción al programa. Para información adicional, por favor visite www.smilesafekids.com

