

Stewart Shuttle

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THE PRINCIPAL'S POSITION

I hope this finds you having a wonderful start to the New Year. We have reached the halfway point of our school year. There is no better time to step back and look at how we can help all of our students have better success at Stewart.

Last year, our Character Counts Committee developed an idea that made a very positive impact on our kids. The committee started a mentoring program. The following is a brief overview of the program for our students:

- ⇒ Any student that has over 5 behavior referrals or has been referred by a staff member can be eligible to receive a staff member in the building to act as a mentor.
- ⇒ The mentor has the opportunity to personally connect with the student and create a respected, positive relationship.
- ⇒ Through this positive relationship, we hope the student will feel more connected to Stewart and therefore demonstrate an increase in positive behaviors.

We are excited to give our kids at Stewart another opportunity to feel important and respected. Our hope is that we can continue to make this a safe and comfortable environment for all our kids. If it is against your wishes to have your child in our mentoring program, please feel free to communicate that with your teacher or the office at your convenience. Have a fantastic 2013!

Adam Miller
Elementary Principal

GUIDANCE CORNER

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated to our food drive benefiting HACAP in Washington. Over 1,000 non-perishable food items were collected between November 14th and December 14th. We were blown away by everyone's generosity. Our students and staff came together to demonstrate how to be great citizens for our community. Thank you again! Your donations are much appreciated.

Mr. Miller was also gracious enough to join in the fun. He kissed a pig for 300 food items, and then a llama for 900 food items. We're guessing some of you heard your children talking about this event. There were many pictures taken!

On a different note, as we head into 2013, our character pillar focus for the month of January is trustworthiness. We will focus on caring in the month of February.

During large group guidance lessons, we are highlighting what it means to be trustworthy, as well as how to be a good friend. Here are some guidelines we use to discuss these topics with the students:

PEOPLE WHO ARE TRUSTWORTHY:

- * are honest in their words and actions
- * do what they say when they say they will do it
- * do what they know is right, even when it is difficult
- * are good friends
- * identify/list many different feelings
- * recognize their own feelings
- * respect the feelings of others
- * are responsible for their own feelings and actions related to their feelings
- * celebrate similarities and differences they have with others

As always, we continue to enjoy each and every day with your children. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Have a Happy New Year!

Mrs. Knowles- Guidance Counselor
Ms. Sievers- Behavior Interventionist/Volunteer
Coordinator

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2ND GRADE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Below are the leadership teams that were nominated for the month of December. Congratulations to everyone, and keep up the great leadership qualities that you are showing here at Stewart!

Dec. 3, 2012

Avery Six, Justin Davis, Bryan Frisbie, William Kennedy, Ethan Patterson, Natalie McCleary, Haley Mitchell, Makenna Conrad, Kaylin Long, James Strabala

Dec. 10, 2012

Sofia Jaspering, Elizabeth Szlembarski, Sarah Hunger, Madison Harder, Alecia Goff, William Swift, Alex Murphy, Gavin Smith, Ally Rees, Levy Palacios

Dec. 17, 2012

Emilie Burciaga, Avery Six, Stephanie Hook, Josiah Aguallo, Kyler Warren, Trenton Heisdorffer, Tyson Hudson, Jai Hagans, Yanetzy Estela, James Strabala.

IMPORTANT DATES IN JANUARY

Monday, Jan 7- Box Tops Contest Begins
Wednesday, Jan 9- 1:10 Dismissal; PD
Monday, Jan 14th- No School; Work Day
Monday, Jan 14th- Booster Meeting; 5:30
Wednesday, Jan 23rd- 1:10 Dismissal; PD
Thursday, Jan 24th- Math Family Fun Night
5:30-7:00
Thursday, Jan 31st- P/T Conferences
4:30-8:00
Tuesday, Feb 5th- P/T Conferences 4:30-8:00

ATTENDANCE/TARDY POLICY

If your child is absent, **please contact the school's office**, at 653-3244 or 653-1101 (answering machine) by 8:30 AM. It is the responsibility of the parent to notify Stewart as soon as the parent knows the student will not be attending school on that day. The principal may request evidence or written verification of the student's reason for absence. (Board Policy 501.9)

Students arriving before 9:30 A.M. will be considered tardy rather than absent. Students arriving between 9:30 and 11:45 will be counted as a half-day absence. Those who must leave prior to dismissal, but after 1:30 PM will not be marked as absent for that length of time. However, those minutes missed in the morning or afternoon will be counted and the accumulated time will count against your student for perfect attendance. Half days added together make a whole day. If your student misses 2 half days, it will show on their attendance as a day missed from school.

LOST AND FOUND

We have accumulated many lost and found items in our lost and found lockers. If you are missing any items, please come and take a look through our items that have been turned in. Two lockers across from the office have been designated for this purpose and are clearly marked; feel free to come and claim your child's items!!!