

STEWART ELEMENTARY

PUYALLUP SCHOOL DISTRICT #3

NOVEMBER 2011

From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Stewart Stars Parents,

I hope this month finds you and your children settled nicely into this new school year. We are sure enjoying having the opportunity to work with you. We have some exciting family fun and learning events at Stewart we would like to invite you to attend.

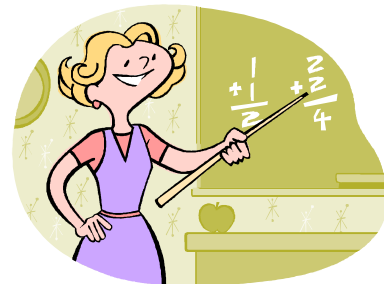
The first week of November, we invite you to attend our annual "Fall Into Mathematics" and "Reflections" Night. This year, our school district adopted the BRIDGES Mathematics Curriculum in grades K-5. We would love to have you attend our annual "Fall Into Mathematics" Night to come to your child's classroom to learn about this wonderful new curriculum, and to have an opportunity to see some sample lessons (taught by our classroom teachers). We will also be featuring an opportunity to learn more about the math curriculum plan in our QUEST classrooms and will have our computer lab open to learn about the "IXL Math" Program. In addition, children will have the opportunity to guess on "Estimation Jars" as well as put a ticket in for a raffle for special math games and manipulatives at the end of the evening. We will be recognizing students who completed "Reflections" Projects and honoring our children. Please place Thursday, November 3rd from **5-6:30** on your calendars now! Free pizza will be provided from 5-5:30 in our cafeteria and the curriculum sessions will take place from 5:30-5:55 – and 6-6:25 p.m. with an open format for families to see "Reflections" Projects throughout the evening in the gymnasium area. As this evening is focusing on adult learning, we will have a math movie in the gym for children to enjoy while adults attend curriculum sessions.

Finally, we would love your assistance in making sure that Stewart is the safest school possible. Please pay special attention to safe driving surrounding our school and in the adjoining "Joy of Life" Church Parking Lot, where we enjoy parking privileges during arrival and dismissal times. We would like to work together to improve our safety at Stewart and appreciate your help in making these important safety practices happen at arrival, dismissal and throughout the day!

Respectfully,

Anne Hoban

Principal





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Topic: Reading Aloud

Is reading still an important skill to learn in our age of video games, computers, smart phones and other electronic devices? It has been well documented that reading is the single most important social factor in American life today. The following statements sound simplistic but are true more often than not.

“The more you read, the more you know.

The more you know, the smarter you grow.

The smarter you are, the longer you stay in school

The longer you stay in school, the more diplomas you earn and the longer you are employed.”

Just how does reading aloud become such an important factor to influence success in school and life? Reading aloud is the “single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading. It is a practice that should continue throughout the grades” and our lives. There are two efficient ways to get words into a person’s brain- -either through the eye or through the ear. In young children the eye development for reading does not develop as soon as their auditory development. “What we send into the ear becomes the “sound” foundation for the rest of the child’s brain. We read to children for the same reasons we talk to them. To reassure, entertain, bond, inform or explain, to develop curiosity and to inspire. By reading aloud we condition the child’s brain to associate reading with pleasure, create background knowledge, build vocabulary and provide a reading model.



Education is not the filling of a bucket but the lighting of a fire.

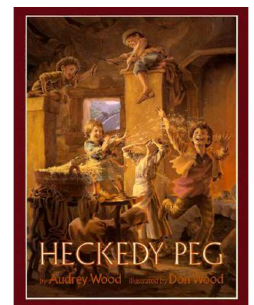
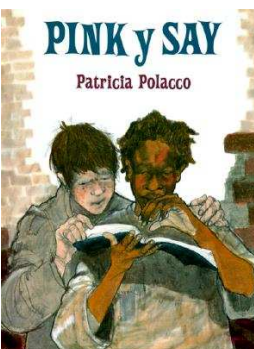
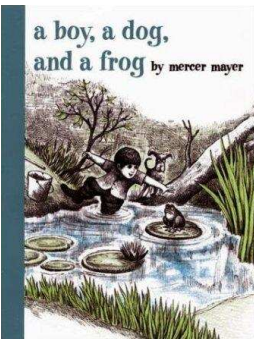
-William Butler Yeats

Suggested readings: (for elementary age groups)

***Early Years:** A Boy, a Dog and a Frog by Mercer Mayer; Deep in the Forest by Brinton Turkle; The Cake That Mack Ate by Rose Robart; Arthur’s Chicken Pox (series) by Marc Brown; The Biggest Bear by Lynd Ward

***Middle Years:** A Days Work by Bunting & Himler; Goin Someplace Special by McKissack & Pinkney; Heckedy Peg by Wood & Wood; Me, All Alone, at the End of the World by Anderson & Hawkes

***Older Years:** Molly Bannaky by McGill; Pink and Say by Polacco; Richard Wright and the Library Card by W. Miller



Happy reading aloud!

Sheryl Piskel, PLUS Program Coordinator

Recess Reminders

from the playground..

As the weather gets colder, please be sure that your student is dressed appropriately for recess



Some other important reminder are:

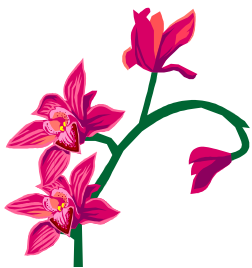
- We are a “Hands Off” school
- No snacks or candy are allowed on the playground
 - No sharing of hats please

Thanks!

*Mrs. Strobel
& Mrs. Timme*

You're Invited ...

All ELL Parents



are cordially invited:
November 30th
11:15 to 12:15
in our library.

We are welcoming families to Stewart to learn about our program and service delivery model.

Character Trait of the Month....

For NOVEMBER is

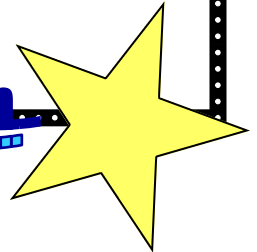
RESPECT

To have value for people, actions and things.

Recognize others as worthy.

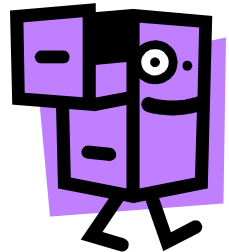
Be fair and considerate to others

*only we all shine on
and we all shine on..*



From the Office ...

Friendly Policy Reminders:



- If there is any change in your contact information, please be sure to notify the office with these important updates.
- All visitors must sign in and sign out at the front office.
- Parents may request homework for their students after they have been out three consecutive days. Homework will be available for pick up in the office the following day after 2PM.

Liz & Colleen & Melissa

Fall Conferences

Fall conferences are underway through mid November. Conferences are a great opportunity to team with parents and teacher to help students. Your child's progress in the classroom, math & reading assessment info and any social or emotional concerns are typically covered during this important meeting.



From the Indian Education Program...

Families please join us for the **Indian Education Program's Parent Advisory Committee Meeting** on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm at Stewart Elementary 426 4th Avenue NE Puyallup Dinner is potluck, please bring a favorite dish to share. Make and take Native American craft activities for youth!



From the Office of Diversity Affairs...

Caring Adults Making an EMPCC (Ethnic Minority Parent Community Council)



We are a parent and community advisory council to the Puyallup School District Superintendent and The Office of Diversity Affairs. We meet monthly to engage in a two-way conversation, dialogue and sharing with the purpose of strengthening the home school partnership to insure all students meet and exceed the district goals to reach their maximum potential.

WHEN: November 10, 2011
WHERE: Education Service Center
302 2nd Street SE
Puyallup, WA 98372
TIME: 6 to 7 PM

Cultural Competence is: "The will and skill to create authentic and effective relationships across differences."

Karshner Museum

Family Day

Saturday November 5, 2011

10:00am ~ 2:00pm

Cause and Effect



Museum Treasure Hunt

Arts & Crafts

Games

\$3/person or \$10/family

309 4th St. NE (2 blocks east of

McDonalds) 253.841.8748

Sponsored by "Friends of Karshner Museum"

Voice of the Volunteers...

Thank you volunteers for your hours of service to our students! A big thank you to Jen Spane from Pierce County Recreation for facilitating our recess volunteer training and to those who participated in this informative and fun event.



Please remember to always sign in and log your hours. It's always helpful if you can add your minutes at the end of your shift as the hours are sent into Puyallup School District monthly. Remember if you haven't seen the volunteer video, you are welcome to do so in the main office at any time.



If you have any questions, please contact Kelli Sterling at Sterlikd@puyallup.k12.wa.us

Harassment Policy:

The Puyallup School District has an anti-discrimination policy (Policy 3211) and a policy covering harassment, intimidation and bullying (Policy 3207). The policies were revised and adopted by our Board of Directors in August of 2003 as a means of providing the safest and most optimum learning environment for all students. Copies of these policies are available on the District website at www.puyallup.k12.wa.us or by calling the Office of Diversity Affairs at 253-840-8966.

Americans with Disabilities Act Statement: The Puyallup School District is in the process of reviewing its activities, services and programs to identify and eliminate any barriers to full participation by all otherwise qualified persons regardless of any disability. If you are aware, or become aware, of any such barriers to access or to communication associated with any of the school district's programs, services or activities, please notify the Americans with Disabilities Act/Section 504 compliance person for the Puyallup School District: Lorraine Wilson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, 302 Second Street SE, Puyallup, WA 98372 (253)841-8764

Non-Discrimination Statement: The Puyallup School District provides equal opportunities in education and employment and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status or disability in accordance with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, The Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, and any applicable Washington State laws against discrimination. For specific information, please contact: Lorraine Wilson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, 302 Second Street SE, Puyallup, WA 98372. (253)841-8764

Telecommunications Relay Service: For persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, all staff members may be contacted through the Washington State Telecommunications Relay Service at the following telephone numbers: Tele-Braille: (800)833-6385 Voice: (800)833-6348 TTY: (800)833-6388

ADA Accommodations: The Puyallup School District provides reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities. We invite any person with special needs to contact the ADA/504 coordinator at least seventy two (72) hours before scheduled meetings, training or events to discuss any special accommodations that may be necessary. Please contact: Amie Brandmire, Director of Employee Relations, 302 Second Street SE, Puyallup, WA 98372. (253)841-8645

Dear Parents,

Could you use some help during the holidays? Each year, several organizations offer to assist Stewart families with food, clothing, or toys. The organizations change and we don't know what will be offered this year, but we would be glad to share whatever items are offered with Stewart families who are in need. If you would like to be placed on the list requesting holiday food or gifts, please complete the form below and return it to the office at Stewart addressed to me. All requests will be kept **confidential**.

Thank you,

Lorraine Sanford

School Counselor

841-8743

Parent Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Address: _____

I would like to be considered for _____ Food _____ Toys _____ Clothes

| CHILD NAME SIZES | AGE | GENDER | SCHOOL (IF ANY) | CLOTHING |
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Other adults in the household:

Special circumstances? _____

I give I do not give Stewart Elementary permission to share this information with a charity

organization.

Signature _____ Date _____