

# STEWART ELEMENTARY

PUYALLUP SCHOOL DISTRICT #3



**OCTOBER 2011**



## *From the Principal's Desk...*

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the 2010-2011 school year! This is perhaps one of the best starts to the school year we have experienced recently and we credit you for your support in making this happen! At our annual "Back to School" Night, we had about 400 guests. Many families both new to Stewart and returning to Stewart have committed to being involved in their child's classrooms in helping our teachers, as well as signing up to become members of our Stewart P.T.A. and become involved with school activities. We need your support and would like to invite you to join our wonderful Stewart PTA if you haven't already!

If you had a child in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, or 6<sup>th</sup> Grade this past school year, you should soon be receiving your child's individual scores on the Measurement of Student Progress or MSP Test. We have received our data as a school, and were very proud of our students! Our results for 2011 are the following:

**Stewart Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Puyallup School District 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: WA State 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:**

READING	80.3	78.3	73.1
MATHEMATICS	68.2	61.5	65.2

**Stewart Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Puyallup School District 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: WA State 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

READING	78.1	75.1	67.3
MATHEMATICS	75.	66.3	59.3
WRITING	70.3	64.6	61.4

**Stewart Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Puyallup School District 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: WA State 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

READING	85.5	75.9	67.6
MATHEMATICS	76.4	70.1	61.2
SCIENCE	72.7	63.8	55.6

**Stewart Elementary 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Puyallup School District 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: WA State 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

READING	83.3	78.6	70.6
MATHEMATICS	70.4	71.5	58.8

We will continue to work diligently to help all of our students reach academic standards and appreciate your continued support at home in helping make this happen!

We look forward to a FANTASTIC school year! Thank you again, parents for your support!

Respectfully,

*Anne Hoban*

Principal



# **PLUS** *Points*

The theme I have chosen to write about for this school year is the importance of **Reading Aloud** to your child. I do know that every teacher at Stewart takes time to read aloud to their class. This is an activity that if carried out when children are not in school, can be one of the single most important factors for your child's success in school. A "child spends 900 hours a year in school and 7,800 hours outside school." There is "research showing that reading aloud to children improves their reading, writing, speaking, listening – and best of all, their attitudes about reading." Isn't it true that we will do what we like or desire? It has been proven that 100% of Kindergarteners have an interest in reading. By 4<sup>th</sup> grade reading for pleasure is only at 54%, 30% in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and 19% in 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Reading aloud should begin at birth and not stop when children enter school but continue for many years.

**You may have tangible wealth untold:  
Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold.  
Richer than I you can never be-  
I had a mother who read to me.**

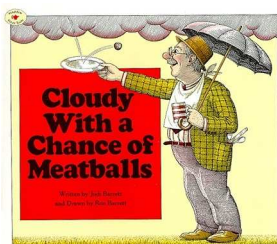
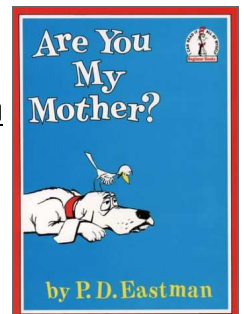
\*Strickland Gillilan



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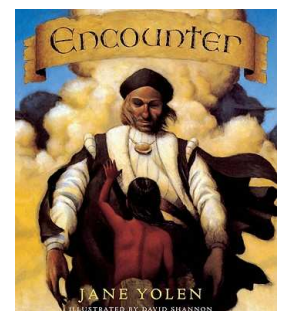
(for elementary age groups)

**Early Years:** Ah-Choo by Mercer Mayer; Ben's Dream by Chris Van Allsburg Are You My Mother? By P.D. Eastman; Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? By Bill Martin Jr.; All About Alfie by Shirley Hughes (series), & all Nursery Rhymes



**Middle Years:** Aesop's Fables by Jerry Pinkney; Big Jabe by Nolen & Nelson; Brave Irene by William Steig; Captain Abdul's Private School by Colin McNaughton; Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs by Barrett & Barrett

**Older Years:** Encounter by Yolen & Shannon; Baseball in April by Gary Soto; The Bears House by Marilyn Sachs; A Blue-Eyed Daisy by Cynthia Rylant



*Happy reading aloud!*

Sheryl Piskel, PLUS Program Coordinator

# Recess Reminders

*from the playground..*

Please remember to mark all jackets with student name! Remind your student to check the lost and found which is the large yellow box in the corner of the cafeteria.

Thanks!

*Dorie & Janet*



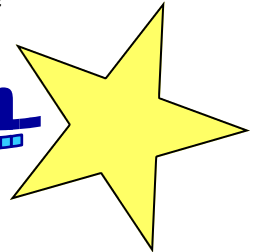
# Character Trait of the Month....

For October is

## SELF DISCIPLINE

*To work hard: to control your emotions, actions and impulses; and, to give your best in every situation; pushing yourself to improve*

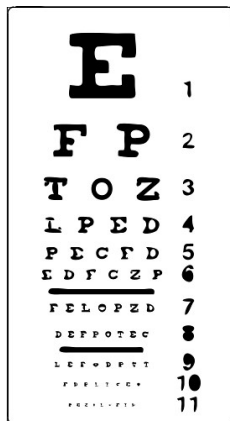
*only we all shine on... and we all shine on..*



# From the School Nurse ...

*Nurse Notes*

Health screening will take place in the library on Tuesday, October 25th. Students in Kindergarten and grades 1,2,3 and 5 will be screened for vision. hearing, height, weight and dental health. I will re-check any students who do not pass their vision or hearing tests, and then send home referrals for any students who do not pass the second time. Please let me know if you have any questions about referrals or if you need assistance with doctor. or dentist appointments or glasses.



*Darlene Short*

# From the Office ...

Welcome back! Colleen and I have been busy updating student data and getting back into the routine, so to speak. We certainly were excited to see all of the students on their return and have enjoyed the comments and reports of summer here in the office.



We look forward to a great year!

*Liz & Colleen & Melissa*

## What to do when your student is absent:

Call the Office at 841-8743, Option1 to report if your student will be absent all or part of the day. We ask that you contact the office, not the teachers directly to report the absence. Thank you!





# Sign up for District's Facebook and Twitter

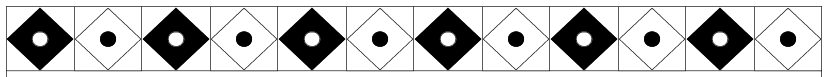
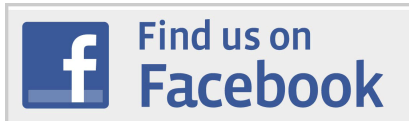
More than 4,000 people are following up-to-the-minute news and information on the Puyallup School District's Facebook and Twitter social media sites.

Since starting the sites nearly two years ago, more than 3,450 fans have signed up for the district's Facebook site and nearly 600 people are following district news on Twitter.

Those who join the sites receive the first notice of school delays or cancellations. They are also the first to receive breaking news and other announcements.

In addition, the sites feature student artwork posted each week to the Student Gallery on the district website, as well as photos and feature articles about school programs, events, and accomplishments among students and staff.

To follow the district on Facebook and Twitter, go to the school district website at [www.puyallup.k12.wa.us](http://www.puyallup.k12.wa.us). On the bottom of the Home page, click the Facebook and Twitter links.



## From the Indian Education Program...

The Indian Education Program at Puyallup was established in 1973 and is funded by the Department of Education (Title VII, Office of Indian Education and the Bureau of Indian Affairs). The Indian Education program serves many families and students representing 54 Native American tribes, bands, and corporations in the Puyallup School District and continues to grow. The top five tribes represented among Puyallup students are: Puyallup, Cherokee, Chippewa, Choctaw and Alaska Native. The Indian Education program supports academics and high school completion.



### QUESTIONS:

PLEASE CONTACT AMY EVESKIGE AT 253-841-8796

MICHELLE MARCOE OR LAURA GOODALL AT 253-840-8852

MARCOMA@PUYALLUP.K12.WA.US

GOODALL@PUYALLUP.K12.WA.US

## 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:** October 12, 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."

Families please join us for the Indian Education Program's



### PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

on

Wednesday, October 5, 2011  
from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm  
at Stewart Elementary

- Snacks and beverages will be provided.
- Make and take Native American craft activities for youth.





# Attention Watch D.O.G.S & Volunteers!

# Recess Training!

Pierce County Recreation will be here to train volunteers for recess!

## Goals for the training:

- ★ Build confidence for volunteers during recess!
- ★ Teach skills to get all students to participate!
- ★ Provide strategies to positively resolve conflict!
- ★ Keep the fun going in a constructive manner!

## October 20th

## 5:30 - 7:30

*From the Volunteer Coordinator...*

**Volunteers can get a picture badge  
on picture retake day!  
October 28th  
9AM to 1PM**



### 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](http://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



**Stars have self discipline!**







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-  AM Kinders
-  PM Kinders



2	3	4	5-PR	6	7	8	1		
	PTA Meeting <b>PTA</b>			Supp Day #4 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Supp Day #5 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>				
9	10	11	12-CT	13	14	15			
16	17	18	19-EC/SS	20	21	22			
23	24	25	26-1	27	28	29			
		Health Screening Day 9:00 to 1:00 	Sports Day Awards Assembly 10:30 to 11 AM 		Picture Retakes 	PTA Harvest Party 6-7:30 			
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