



JEAN E. STEWART ELEMENTARY

Stewart Stampede

May 2017

A note from Mrs. Fitzpatrick

Unbelievably, May is already here, and the end of this school year is just around the corner! I am in utter disbelief that the end of this school year is quickly approaching. As you know, June 1 is the last day for students. I guess time does fly when you are having fun. May is an exceptionally busy month, so I encourage you to reference the calendar as a guide to assist you with the many happenings that will be taking place during these last few weeks of the school year.

I write this letter with a heavy heart...it will be my last newsletter as Principal of Jean E. Stewart Elementary. Next month, I will begin a new journey as I prepare to open Lincoln Elementary (a new Pre-K – 5th grade campus). The past 18 years have been more amazing than one can even imagine. I've grown both personally and professionally and have made so many memories. Serving as Principal of Stewart Elementary has been a tremendous honor. I recognize my blessings daily, and I want you to know each of you contributes to the happiness and the fulfillment I find in my career. It is a wonderful feeling to be excited about going to work each day. I am grateful for the wonderful friends, students, and families I have been blessed to work with, and I consider it a privilege to serve you each day. Although I am truly honored to have been sought out to open a new school, I will miss you dearly!

♥Staff: Thank you for your continual dedication. You consistently give of yourself in hopes to make a positive difference in the life of a child. You are amazing! I will miss you beyond words, but I am grateful you will continue the legacy we started ☺

♥Students: You are the reason I come to work each day! Each of you will always hold a special place in my heart. Your big hugs, artistic pictures, and kind words always bring a smile to my face. I have enjoyed the special relationships we have developed this school year. Always remember you are precious! Smile big and always remember how genuinely I love you! I look forward to seeing you in places beyond Stewart Elementary!

♥Parents: Where would I be without your continued support? This year has been another successful school year because of your un-ending drive to foster your child's success. You have taken an active roll in your child's education, and I want to sincerely thank you for taking time to be involved. It has truly been a team effort.

♥PTO: For the countless hours of work you give to make our school a wonderful place . . . thank you. I treasure you and the difference you make at Stewart. I will always be grateful for your amazing dedication and unending support!

I hope the summer is filled with wonderful opportunities for each of you. Parents, please continue to promote your child's academic growth, and students, I hope that each of you finds yourself involved in many exciting learning experiences! Have a wonderful & safe summer!

With love,

Mrs. Fitzpatrick

Principal 2014-2017



- **May 8th** – STAAR Math Testing for 3rd, 4th, and 6th Grades & 5th Grade Retakes
- **May 9th** – STAAR Reading Testing for 3rd, 4th and 6th Grades & 5th Grade Retakes
- **May 10th** – STAAR Science Testing for 5th Grade & Nurse's Day
- **May 12th** – Mighty Mustang Lunch, 5th Grade- Kick the STAAR Soccer Tournament & 5th and 6th Grade Dance
- **May 15th** – Field Day for Kindergarten – 4th Grade
- **May 19th** – Future Tiger Challenge for 4th – 6th Grade & Talent Show
- **May 23rd** – Awards Day for 1st – 5th Grades
- **May 25th** – Fine Arts Spring Concert
- **May 26th** – 6th Grade, Kick the STAAR Soccer Tournament
- **May 29th** – School Holiday, No School
- **May 31st** – Kindergarten Graduation at 9AM
- **June 1st** – 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony, Early Release AND Last Day of School!

Announcements from the A.P.

We are approaching the end of the school year and there are still many things to be done! Please continue to motivate your child to end the year on a strong note. Make sure you have celebrated all of the successes and progress that they have made throughout the year! Take a look at the Calendar to see all of the events that are taking place for the month of May. It is going to be fast and furious!!

If your child has lost a jacket, sweater, lunch box, etc. in the Lost and Found, please come by and see if you can find it...At the end of the year, we will bag up the remaining items and they will be removed from our school. We would like for all of these lost items to find their way back home 😊

I hope that you have had a great year at Stewart Elementary. Have a relaxing and restful summer! You deserve it!!

😊 Jennifer Balch

Conroe Independent School District Pre-kindergarten & Kindergarten Round-Up 2017-2018

Parents should begin the registration process by visiting <http://stewart.conroeisd.net/> and click on the register tab. Once online registration is complete, you may bring your documents to the school. No appointment is required.

Requirements for registration:

- **Birth Certificate** - Kindergarten students must be at least 5 years old on or before September 1, 2017 to attend kindergarten.
Pre-k students must be at least 4 years old on or before September 1, 2017
- **Proof of Residence** - A current utility bill with parent/guardian's name and address
- **Proof of Guardianship**
- **Child's Social Security Card**
- **Immunization Records**

****If your student is NOT returning to Stewart next year, please make sure you stop by the Attendance Office.****



Counselors Corner

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that May is already here! As summer approaches, it is important to remind our students about personal safety while outside playing. In some of our classes our D.A.R.E. officer has reinforced the importance of stranger safety. Having these critical conversations at home are greatly important as well.

I am hopeful that this spring and summer you and your family will have an opportunity to spend lots of time together doing things that make family relations stronger while creating happy memories. Below I have listed a few ideas that will provide family fun at little to no cost:

- Find out what summer activity programs are available from your church or local community organizations like the YMCA, Oscar Johnson Center, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, etc.
- Visit the local library and help your child obtain a library card.
- Visit second hand stores to find books, games, and toys that family members can enjoy individually or as a family.
- Call the tourist bureau for free copies of activities to do in your area.
- Take every opportunity to talk with, read to, and play with your children. They grow up so quickly.

Have a safe and happy summer!

Mrs. Reagan

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Spring has sprung and Pre-K is all about spring time! Pre-K has been studying life cycles of plants, birds, and all types of insects. We have been growing seeds in soil and making observations about our plants as we watch them grow. Our class studied different types of birds and saw real life examples of nests and hatched baby bird eggs. We have been investigating insects and have several interesting specimens in our Science center. Our class was able to purchase caterpillars, so we can learn about their life cycle. The caterpillars doubled in size over one weekend and are growing bigger each day. We are so excited to see what they'll be doing next! Even though our Pre-K day is short, we manage to squeeze in lots of learning! The children have learned about 10 sight words, are adding and subtracting, and beginning to write stories of their own. As you can imagine, I love my job – every day is an exciting adventure with these precious friends of mine.

All my best,

Mrs. Massengale

KINDERGARTEN

WOW!! Where did the year go? We can't believe it is already May! Kindergarten is busy getting ready for graduation!! Please don't forget that Kindergarten Graduation is on May 31st at 9:00!! We can't wait for you to see the show! We will also be giving awards in our classrooms after graduation!

It is testing time again and it is amazing to see the growth that each child has made! We know they have a solid foundation!

In Math, perfecting counting to 100 and working with the hundreds chart will conclude our study of numbers. Also, we will be learning about Personal Financial Literacy. Basically, this will introduce your child to the concept of earning and spending money for personal needs and wants. In Language Arts, we will revisit the nonfiction genre as we dive into research! We will also be discussing media literacy. You know what they say, you learn everything you need to know in Kindergarten!! :)

May is an exciting time!! We definitely want to celebrate all we have accomplished!! As always, thanks for all you do!

Thank you for your support,
Kinder Team

FIRST GRADE

First grade is rounding out the year with fabulous fun! We will host our Mother's Day Tea on May 12 from 8:30-9:30 in your child's classroom. Field day is on May 15th. Look for more information to come about that. We also hope you can come to the First Grade Reading & Writing Restaurant on May 26 from 8:30-9:30 in the cafeteria. Your child will showcase their reading and writing skills.

We are continuing to learn each day:

- Reading: how to research and fiction stories
- Writing: research an animal and write about it!
- Math: place Value to 120 and financial literacy
- Social Studies: Economics- producers, consumers, money, markets
- Science: reduce, reuse, and recycle. We will also do a fun project.

We thank you for sharing your children with us! We have loved every day as they have taught us more than we have taught them. May you have a blessed summer!

Love,

Mrs. Toms, Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Stork, Ms. Andermann, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. White, Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Marrow

SECOND GRADE

The month of May will be very busy for second graders. They will be taking end of the year district mandated tests in math, science and social studies. The science test is May 18th, the math test is May 23rd and the social studies test is May 24th. Please make sure your child eats a good breakfast and comes to school on time. In math, we will begin personal financial literacy. In science, we will finish up investigating the life cycle of an insect. Remember, it's very important for your child to keep reading during the summer. We don't want him/her to forget all the strategies he/she has learned this year. Also, keep practicing addition and subtraction math facts.

The second grade teachers would like to thank you for your continued support in your child's education. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to educate him/her.

Thank you for your support,
~2nd Grade Team

THIRD GRADE

Third Grade will be doing the following this May:

- Math: STAAR test will be Monday May 8. After we will have fun reviewing all we have learned in third grade so we are ready for 4th grade!
- Reading: STAAR test will be Tuesday May 9. After we will have fun reviewing all we have learned in third grade so we are ready for 4th grade!
- Please provide your students with a good healthy breakfast with carbs the mornings of the STAAR test. Also remember to go to bed early the night before☺! We are super proud of how hard all our third graders have worked this year. Please help us encourage them on these mornings as well!
- Social Studies: In social studies we will be reviewing for the end of the year benchmark by visiting the people we have previously learned about.
- Science: Students will be learning about the human body and how to stay healthy. We will also review all the concepts we have learned in science this year.
- Writing: In writing we will be learning about composing different types of poetry.

Thank you for your support,
3rd Grade Team

FOURTH GRADE

Wow! It's already May! The end of the year is quickly approaching, but our fourth graders are still learning as we master new skills and review previously learned skills and strategies.

In Reading, we will review all strategies and genres we've learned to prepare for the STAAR Test on May 9 and finish out the year with research!

In Social Studies, we will get to look at the culture of our state and finally look at what Texas was like throughout the early 1900s, the Great Depression, and WWII. Our students have really become experts in Texas History!

In Math, students are reviewing all math TEKS to prepare for the upcoming STAAR test. Math STAAR will be Monday, May 8th. Please encourage your child to do their personal best. The students have worked so hard this year, and we are so proud of all they have accomplished! After STAAR, we will review content already taught this year and extend our thinking as we get ready for 5th grade.

In Science, we will continue with hands on experiments to keep your young scientists engaged and enjoying learning.

In Writing, we will learn to write research papers. It will be an interesting unit for sure! We are so very proud of the growth of our 4th grade authors this year!

Thank you for all your support,
4th Grade Team

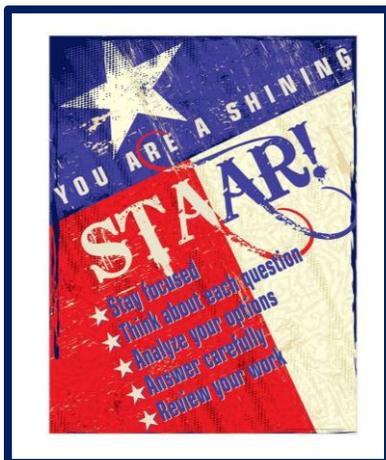
FIFTH GRADE

Howdy 5th graders!

Our final month of 5th grade has arrived! We hope you have learned a lot and had an amazing school year this year. Let's finish the year strong and do well on our last STAAR test! See below for important dates to remember:

- May 5 - STAAR test pep rally
- May 8/9- Math & Reading STAAR test retakes.
- May 10- Science STAAR test
- May 12- Kick the STAAR Soccer Tournament
- May 12- 5th/6th Grade Dance
- May 15- Kona Ice & Tug o War competition
- May 19- Future Tiger Challenge
- May 26- Mustang Market
- June 1- Last Day of School

Thank you for your continued support,
5th Grade Team



SIXTH GRADE

Dear 6th Grade Families -

Future Tiger Challenge Friday May 19, 2017

6th grade Kick the STAAR Friday May 26, 2017

Graduation will take place on Thursday, June 1 from 8:05-10:00 am

Students are encouraged to bring in 2 pictures of themselves, a baby picture and a current picture. These will be displayed and glued down on cardstock. They can take the project home however, keep in mind we are gluing them to paper.

Project Graduation will take place immediately following the graduation ceremony for students only.

Dress code for graduation should be Sunday best.

Please be on the lookout for a sign up genius in regards to lunch during Project Graduation.

Please email your students' teacher if you have more questions.

Thank you for your support ,
6th Grade Team

NEWS FROM THE NURSE

Sixth Grade Parents:

Please remember the immunization requirement (Tdap, and Meningitis) for all sixth graders **MUST** be completed to receive a schedule for Peet Jr. High. You should have received a copy of your child's shot record from me indicating what shots your child needs. If you prefer a conscientious objector exemption, you must request a form from the Texas Dept. of Health and have it notarized before receiving a schedule. When your child receives the immunizations, or if he/she has already received them, please forward the record to me so that I may update it for you. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Medication that was brought to the clinic during the school year will need to be picked up by a parent/guardian. **Medication will not be sent home with students, so please make arrangements for pick up.** Any medication not picked up by June 1, 2017 will be discarded. Please call the clinic at (936) 709-4215 if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Thank You,
Vicki Wilcher, RN



ART

Dear Mustangs,

Thank you for supporting the art program, we've had some wonderful projects and amazingly talented students this year! We're looking forward to the coming years and watching our little artists grow. As always please make sure your students are here every day so they will have the chance to complete their final artworks and bring them home before the last day of school! Thank you again for a great year!

-StewARTS Department
Dorinda Lee & Tracy Viser

MUSIC

We would like to thank you all for a great third year at Stewart! The month of May we will have several activities going on in the Fine Arts Department.

- * Friday, May 19th, at 6:00 PM, will be the Talent Show. Be sure to come out and watch the 3rd-6th Graders perform. There is a \$2 admission and concessions will be available to purchase.
- * Thursday, May 25th, at 7:00 PM, we will have our Spring Showcase. We would love to see you all there to see how much your child has learned this year.

-Mrs. Cutbirth, Mr. Elko and Mr. Smith

PE

Hey Mustang Parents!

Stewart PE has a few special dates in the month of May!

May 12th - STAAR Soccer Challenge for 5th Grade at Woodforest Stadium

May 15th - Splash Day for PK-4th grade. We will have inflatables, class relays, and silly games.

Kona Ice will be available to purchase for all grades. Money will need to be turned in by May 12th. A Tug of War challenge will be held between grade level classes.

May 16th - 6th grade physicals at Peet Junior High. Students who bring their permission slip, health form, and \$20 will bus over with Coach Jones at gam and return when finished.

May 19th - Future Tiger Challenge for grades 4th, 5th, and 6th at CHS Moorhead Stadium

May 26th - STAAR Soccer Challenge for 6th Grade at Woodforest Stadium

Permission slips will be sent home for each event. Please contact Coach Jones or Coach Skarpa with any questions!

Go Mustangs!!!

~Coach Jones and Coach Skarpa

Parent Teacher Organization



Thank you to all who were involved in planning and sponsoring our Spring Festival. It was very successful and a lot of fun!!

We still have several positions available for the 2017-2018 PTO Board.

- Fall Fundraiser - 1st Chair
- Holiday Store 1st & 2nd Chair
- Gift of Time
- Grandparents Day Breakfast 1st & 2nd Chairperson
- Staff Appreciation 1st & 2nd Chairperson

UPCOMING...

Friday May 12th 6pm - 9pm

5th & 6th Dance This dance is for Stewart 5th & 6th graders only. It is free and a lot of fun.

Yearbooks are still on sale with limited extras available Get your order in ASAP before they run out. The pre-ordered books will be delivered soon.

Keep collecting BOX TOPS all summer!! This year we received over \$1,600 in cash from your box tops.

The PTO would like to send out good vibes to all students and teachers who will be taking and administering the STAAR Test in May. YOU'VE GOT THIS!! We believe in all of you!

I want to personally thank our amazing PTO Board for doing a fabulous job this year!! You all worked together like a family and spoiled our staff and students. Thank you!

Have a fabulous summer,

Angie Creech
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