

Bulldog News

Stewartstown Community School April 2023

Upcoming Events

- May 12- Progress Reports
- May 9-18 NH SAS testing
- May 23- NH SAS Science gr 5&8 only
- May 25- Student Showcase 5-6pm
- May 29- Memorial Day
- June 1- Spring Concert K-8
- June 2- Living Shores Aquarium whole school
- June 6- Grade 8 to Boston
- June 7- Grades 4-7 to SISKIN
- June 8- Grade 3 to Planetarium
- June 9- BBQ and field day
- June 12- Grades k-12 to Hemon farm
- June 13- Graduation
- June 14- Last day of school 1/2 day students

From Principal Humphrey

Hello Students and Families,

I hope you had a great break. I am looking forward to warmer, sunnier weather which hopefully happens soon! As we approach warmer temps, please make sure that students wear safe and appropriate apparel. Please review the Dress Code policy JICA in the student handbook on page 22 for specifics.

May is going to be a busy month. NHSAS testing begins on May 9 for grades 3-5 and May 16 for grades 6-8. Here are some things you can do at home to help your students:

- Get sleep the night before
- Make sure they eat breakfast
- Encourage students to take their time
- Encourage students to try their best
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I am very excited to welcome families to SCS on May 25 for the Student Showcase and on June 1 for our spring concert. Students will show off their work in their classrooms and their musical abilities. The spring concert will be directed by Mrs. Thilkey, our music teacher, who is new this year to SCS. She is doing wonderful things with our students, and I can't wait to have them showcase their hard work to you.

Permission slips will be coming home this month for the upcoming field trips. Please check your student's folder and ask your junior high students for any paperwork. We will not be chasing down permission slips on the day of. If a student does not return a signed slip, they will stay at school. Behaviors can also impact field trip eligibility. Students are expected to follow the rules and expectations at school to be able to go. Our first school field trip is on June 2; we will go to Living Shores Aquarium in Glen, NH.

One last thing is that the student's last day of school will be June 14. Students will be dismissed at noon. We will follow an early release schedule. Have a great month of May. It will be busy!

~ Mrs. Humphrey

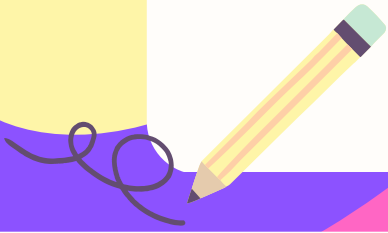
Reminders

May 12, 2023 Progress Reports going home for 4th quarter.



Student of the Month

April 2023



K/1

Ava Sweet

Math can be very difficult for Ava, but she has not given up as the skills have gotten more challenging. She perseveres until she understands the new concepts



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Liam Rowell

Liam has been really improving this month and continues to make strides. Keep up the good work.

4/5

Xander Gendreau

Xander has shown great effort with his school work and is taking responsibility for his learning. He truly wants to learn even when some things are hard for him. He adds a nice touch of humor to the classroom that makes everyone smile. Congratulations on being the 4th/5th grade Student of the Month for April.



Junior High

Hunter Letson

Hunter has shown great improvements at school; from his bright morning smile to his growth in his classes. He has made great strides in each area of study and has become a positive learner. Keep up the great work, Hunter!

Junior High

Zoe Flagg

Zoe continues to show great effort towards learning. She did a fabulous job in mathematics this past marking period. Recently, she was able to get her first job! She is learning about budgeting, body systems and probability. She has shown great leadership skills in the WMSI program! Nelson Mandela, former President of South Africa, once said, "It always seem impossible until its done."

What's Going On in the Classroom

Kindergarten/ First Grade

The month of April flew by in the K/1 classroom. In Math, Kindergarten worked on capacity, height, length, and weight of various objects. First Grade learned about Comparing Numbers to 120, composing those numbers with tens and ones and using $>$, $<$, or $=$ to compare them.

In Language Arts, Kindergarten learned about Community Heroes and First Grade is learning about Celebrating America. Both groups continue to build on their reading skills and the gains they make this time of year never cease to amaze me.

Third Grade

It is the month of May already! April went by in a flash. In math the students are wrapping up perimeter and area. In social studies they are still focusing on the colonial times. We working on writing, vocabulary and grammar in ELA. We just finished up working on our states and capitals with Mrs. Crossley. They have made such great progress and continue to make great strides.

Second Grade

April has flown by! We have enjoyed the warmer days we have had and have been trying to get outside for a little extra recess or a walk. Between the visits with Mrs. Bergie, going to see Chaos and Kindness, and going to watch the dress rehearsal of "Alice and Wonderland" we have been very busy!

Second grade students have spent the month of April continuing to practice different strategies to add and subtract 3 digit numbers from one another. We have also been working on practicing math fact fluency. What is math fact fluency? Math fact fluency is the ability for students to add and subtract numbers fluently. Students start by using different strategies or tools to solve problems such as their fingers, number lines, or manipulatives. In order to be fluent, students should be able to solve problems without the use of these tools. Students can practice at home by playing board games, playing with dice (roll and add or subtract the numbers), or playing flash light math (flip two flash cards at a time, shine a flashlight on one and answer). We have started to learn about Geometry and will continue after break.

In Language Arts, we learned about different animal habitats. We learned how living things in a habitat depend on each other. Students were very excited to read about different animals and habitats that are not found around here. We have now started a new topic about the many cultures around the world. We will continue reading and discovering about what we can learn from different people and cultures.

What's Going On in the Classroom

Fourth/Fifth Grade

April, it seems, was a rushed month. We had several small extras plugged in, here and there, to break up our days. WMSI came regularly on Mondays. We had a bus evacuation practice. The whole school went to the "Chaos and Kindness" presentation in Colebrook--which we all enjoyed. There was also an early release and a UNH Extension assembly to end the month. So, academically, students read and analyzed some nonfiction texts in ELA, finished work on fractions in 4th and began work on geometry in 5th. All students completed their Solar System games in Science which were FANTASTIC and we covered the Industrial Revolution in NH History. We have reached the final push to the end of the year and still have much to accomplish. Encourage your children to stay focused and to do their best work.

Ms. Wonka

JH-Lapoint

Finally, our warmer spring weather has arrived. The students have been able to spend time outside enjoying their breaks. Jr .High students have been working on completing spring benchmark testing for the last two weeks. They have managed to do some writing, reading , mindset, and social studies lessons in between the test sessions. Mrs. Bergman is teaching some helpful, exact language sentence writing strategies which will be utilized in our writing assignments. She will be working with our students to improve their writing skills for the last few months of school this year. Happy Spring Break!

Mrs. Lapoint

JH Kennedy

Math 6/7/8

What is the probability of you rolling a six on a die? What are the chances of you winning the lottery? Math students have been learning about probability in math class. As a project the students created a game showing probability. Some students created a Klinko game showing various prizes. Others create some great creativity in showing probability by these examples: spinning wheels, putting game, PAC Man, solving the mystery.

Science 7

Science students create a Kahoot of their knowledge of 4 body systems. Do you know much about the nervous, circulatory, skeletal, and digestive systems? Do you know the importance of each system? The debate question was: Which is more important: the heart or the brain?

Science 6/7

Students are learning the three laws of motion. Before the break the students enjoyed " The Egg Drop". They were given a shopping list of items to protect their egg. Were they successful? Overall, the students did a great job and learned about gravity being an important force in the world of motion.

Science 8

Students are finishing their knowledge of the skeletal system. Next, they will be learning about the digestive system. Do you know why the skeletal system is so important? If you answered, to provide structure of the body and to protect vital organs you are correct!

Also, eighth graders are learning about budgets and checkbook skills. With the help of Mrs. Crossley and Mr. K. Students are learning about how money can be saved and spent.

What's Going On in the Classroom

Title 1- Scott

I hope you all have been outside enjoying the weather! Everyone worked hard on their testing, thank you! Keep up the great reading. Watch for the May and Summer reading challenges. Have a great vacation. Get outside and enjoy the warm weather!

Title 1& Math II - Joos

In the short month of April, my Math II students reviewed two-dimensional geometry and measurement applications. We covered the perimeter and area of various polygons and composite figures. 8 Grade also learned about coordinate plane transformations. In April our students had Aimsweb and STAR testing, and my math students showed great results. Their hard work is definitely paying off.

Special Education

With the showers of April fading we see the daffodils bloom. We have made many strides this month. While the month was short, our learning did not suffer. In Second Grade we have grown in our ability to add and subtract using regrouping. In third grade new relationship building has begun. In Fourth Grade we have begun to read more complex texts and increase reading comprehension. In Middle School we have worked on Probability and reading complex texts that continue to challenge our abilities and comprehension skills. Let us see this year through as we see the sun of Summer peaking through our dreary clouds.

SAP

Finishing up with 3rd grade The Canine with Character Social Skills Class Hopefully use the skills outside the classroom

Also with 3rd grade finish States and Capitals the Winner of gift certificate Dunkin Donuts is Madyson Fogg for all your hard work and being willing to study

Finishing with the 4,5 grade Sticky Situation Cards Social skills and Kindness lessons with Discussion being kind to each other we all have a choice to Be Kind!

Continue 6,7 grade Career research Project Where Social skills and Life Skills are discussed

Continue 8th Grade 8th Grade Mr. Kennedy and I will be using Life skills for a project

What's Going On in the Classroom

Library

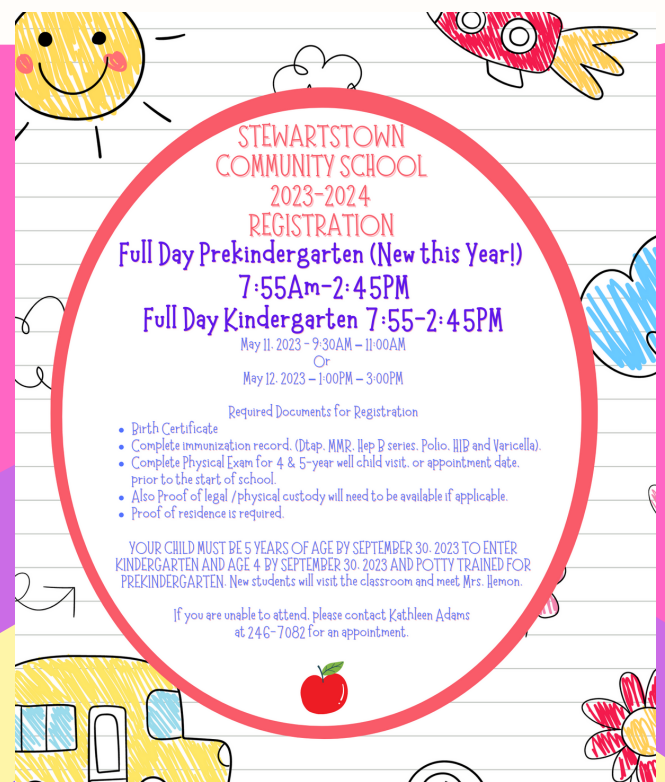
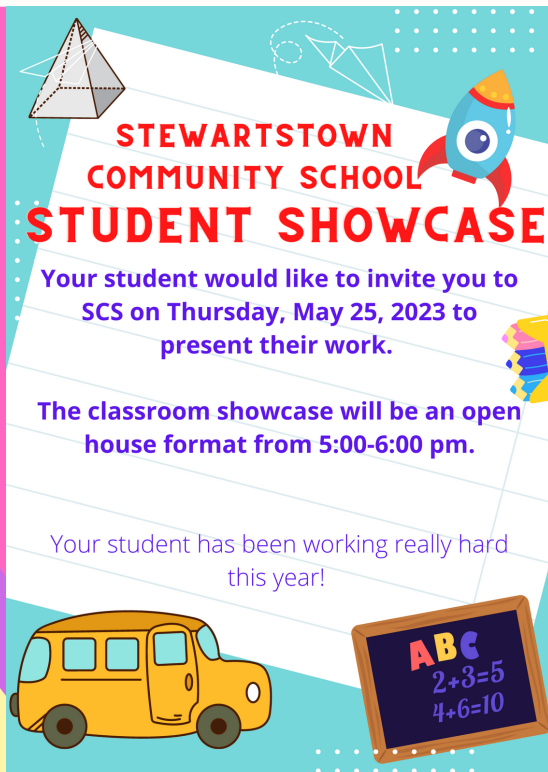
In PreK/Kindergarten/First Grade we have learned how to help each other with different issues that they are getting into. In the library we read books and talk about what we read and do some activities. We colored many things that went with our stories. We have also done word search and number pictures and much more.

In Second grade keyboarding class we are moving at our own pace learning the different keys and typing with our hands on home row. The students are doing really well at this and they get excited at their new achievements. Then we have computer class where we are learning control commands little at a time. We have Library class where we read and did coloring and other activities that matched our stories.

Third grade we had keyboarding class where we are doing Edu Typing. They are getting better with their typing skills and moving on quickly. In the computer class where we are learning our control commands a little at a time. We have Library class where we read stories and do coloring and other activities that match our stories.

In Fourth and Fifth grade we did independent typing in edutyping. They are trying very hard to upgrade their typing experience all the time. In the computer class where we are learning google sheets. In the library they are doing research on different states and/or countries that they have interest in and making a brochure.

In Sixth/Seventh/ Eighth grade in computer class we are learning about google script coding. This is a bit of a challenge however we are doing it little by little. They are doing well! The yearbook is coming along nicely and we can not wait to see how it looks at the end. The eighth grade is working very hard on their yearbook making sure everything is just right. In Intro to Business class we are using Everfi to learn more about business and how it can relate to everyone.



What's Going On in the Classroom

Music Class

April went by very quickly. Students in all grades are rehearsing their songs for the concert in June and several of our students acted in the production of Alice in Wonderland that took place at the Pittsburg School. They all did a wonderful job and I am really proud of the work they put in!

The lower elementary students are preparing some fun songs for everyone at the concert, and kindergarten will even be playing a surprise instrument. :) The upper elementary and middle schoolers chose one more song for the concert (to replace one that they were not enjoying) and I think many of the parents will recognize it. They also finished up their unit on Holst's "The Planets" and are beginning a new listening unit focused on Program Music (music that is written to evoke an image or tell a story.) It's a great time for this, as many of the composers were inspired by spring- the sounds of birds, rain, storms, and fields of flowers.

Grades K-8 spring concert is June 1, 2023, mark your calendars!

Afterschool Program

We are so excited to have more friends join us for the last few weeks of ASP! April was a short month but we made the most of it. We have been getting outside to enjoy the weather! This month we also made and painted birdhouses.

May is our last month of ASP. Last day - May 18

COMPETENCY BASED CORNER

The use of flexible grouping within whole-class instruction to meet the individual needs of students.

Differentiation



As a district we are working towards being Competency based. What is CBE you ask? Check out this space each month for more information!