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BULLDOGS NEWS

THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
STUDENTS AND FAMILIES



Stewartstown
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Principal Letter:

From Principal Stephanie Humphrey

The leaves are falling, and we have finished our second full month of school. I have said it before; I can't believe how fast time goes.

This month, students took part in Red Ribbon week. I enjoyed seeing students and staff participating in each dress-up day and promoting saying no to drugs and alcohol. Thank you to Mrs. Crossley and the 8th graders for organizing the events and giving away the "goodies."

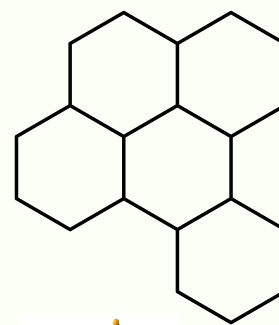
Each classroom has been working on learning lots of new and exciting things. For example, junior High science has been learning about erosion, and I just love visiting classrooms and watching the excitement in the classrooms.

For November, the school will have a penny drive. The money raised will be used to purchase food to make a Thanksgiving food basket to give away. The more pennies we raise, the more of a basket we can make. I am excited about this opportunity for our students to help someone in need. One area I would like to focus on as a school is our community in and outside the building. It is vital for students to give back and help others. Over the past few years, opportunities to give back have been scarce, and now is a great time to build relationships between the community and Stewartstown Community School. Students will be bringing home more information on Tuesday.

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on November 9, 2022. Please get in touch with your student's teacher to schedule a time. On November 10, students and staff will have an early release. This was not on the district calendar. Walkers and parent pickup will be dismissed at noon, and bus students will leave around 12:15. Please make sure to have someone home for fifth-grade and younger students.

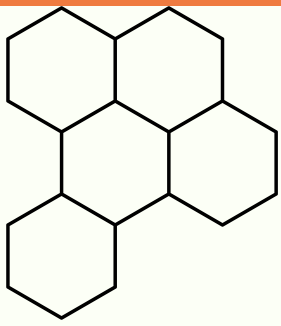
As the temperature drops, please ensure your children have appropriate outdoor wear. We try to go outside as much as possible, and students must be dressed accordingly. I hope to see you on the 9th, and have a great month of November.

Principal Stephanie Humphrey

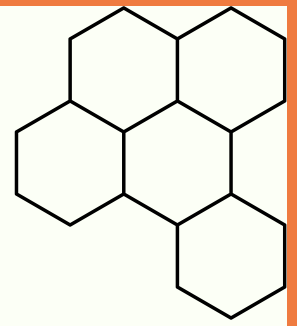


Upcoming Events

- November 4- End of Quarter 1
- November 7- Quarter 2 begins
- November 9- Parent Teachers Conferences (*Watch for sign up information to come home- to schedule your time*)
- November 10- Picture Retake
- **November 10- Quarter 1 report cards go home- EARLY RELEASE at 12:00pm**
- November 11- No school Veteran's Day
- November 16- 8th grade to Canaan for the day
- November 18- 1st QTR Honor Roll
- November 23-27th No School- Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 5- School Board meeting
- Dec 9- 2nd QTR Progress Report
- Dec 9- Early Release
- Dec 23-Jan 2 Christmas Break
- Jan 2- School Board
- Jan 3- School Resumes
- Jan 13- Early Release
- Jan 16- No School Martin Luther King Day



Students of the month October



Keep up the hard work Bulldogs!

PreK & Kindergarten & First Grade: Jae Uran Boucher . Jace started out the year being super competitive: racing to be first to complete tasks, or sit at a preferred spot on the carpet. This month he has been more of a team player. He has been kinder and looks to make sure things are fair for everyone.

Second Grade: Lukas Woodburn. Lukas has worked extra hard this month to stay focused and not rush through work. Although he often wants to be the first one to complete a task, Lukas is stopping to pause and check over his work. This carefulness will be beneficial in the future. Keep up the fantastic work, Lukas!

Third Grade: Jakob Boucher. Jakob Boucher. Jakob has been doing well in class with all subjects. He also showed great leadership by helping his friends with their work when they needed it. Keep up the great work Jakob.

Fourth/Fifth Grades: Sean Warren. Sean has displayed qualities of someone deserving of the Student of the Month award. He participates well in class, works respectfully in small groups, completes all tasks given to him to the best of his abilities, and is kind to others. Great work Sean!

Sixth/Seventh Grades: Isabella Gray. Bella is a focused, kind, and helpful student. She knows what she needs to do to accomplish her goals and perseveres.

Eighth Grade: Mackenzie Gray. Mackenzie is always willing to help other students and adults in school. She actively participates in school activities.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

in the classrooms

PreK/Kindergarten/First Grade- Mrs. Hemon

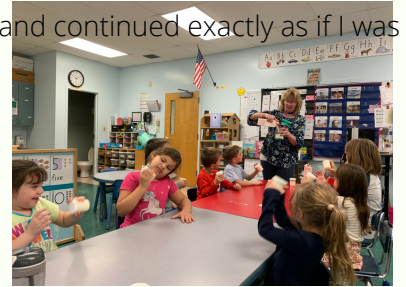


The PreK to 1 group had a very busy October. In Language Arts, the Leopard group has been working on learning all the letters of the alphabet and is making great progress! The Butterfly group has been working on quickly decoding cvc and high frequency words to read grade-level texts fluently. Both groups enjoyed making butter as an extension of one of the stories in the Butterfly's anthology.

In Math, the Leopard group has been working on becoming more fluent with the numbers 0 to 10, including recognizing, counting, and writing the numbers. A few of the students are still struggling with 1 to 1 correspondence and could benefit from practicing at home. The Butterfly group has been working on addition and subtraction within 10, using various models such as ten-frames, part-part-whole models, and clusters of counters. A few of the students need help with subtilizing (looking at a cluster of counters and instantly knowing how many). For both groups, board games and card games are fantastic ways to practice these skills with materials you already have at home.

I would also like to give a huge shout out to Mrs. Allard, Mrs. Placey, Ms. Miller, and Mrs. McAllaster (and anyone else who helped out) who filled in for me this past month while I recovered from surgery. I was thrilled to return and see the learning that had taken place during my absence. Instruction was uninterrupted and continued exactly as if I was there.

Mrs. Hemon



Second Grade- Mrs. Ricker

October has been a very busy month full of learning. In Language Arts, we learned about the world around us. We read stories about the states of matter and how our senses help us explore things around us. In Science, we dove deeper into learning more about matter and have done many different experiments to explore how matter can change from one state to another. We have started a new topic in Language Arts about being problem solvers. We will be reading stories to figure out different ways people can work out disagreements.

In Math, we continued practicing addition and subtraction strategies. We learned about repeated addition and how it can help you find the total number of objects. Second graders were very excited to learn about drawing arrays. It didn't take long for students to know that rows go left to right and that columns go top to bottom.

We have enjoyed the nice October weather. Please remember to send jackets, hats, and gloves as it gets colder. As long as it is not raining or below zero we will be going outside for some fresh air!

Mrs. Ricker

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



A system of education in which learners advance through content based on demonstration of proficiency on competencies.



Competency-based education

Demonstrated skill or knowledge required to advance to and be successful in higher levels of learning in that content area.

Proficiency

Content or skills that define a content area. Clusters of standards are used to create tasks in which students demonstrate a level of proficiency.

Standards



Third Grade- Miss Gourlay

Wow, October went by and the cold weather is coming very soon I can feel it. The kids have been doing such a great job in class. They have been rocking their multiplication facts in math. They have been enjoying science, like learning about Newton's Laws of Motion. We are also working on maps in social studies. They have been enjoying their specials and outside time as well.

Miss Gourlay

Fourth & Fifth Grade- Ms. Wonkka

It is spooky how quickly months can pass by. We are already approaching Halloween. Fourth and fifth graders have been hard at work developing their multiplication skills. We are showing progress and will continue working on this next month. Practice makes us better.

Students and teachers alike are getting a handle on the new reading series. There are many skill areas to explore and develop. Everyone is trying hard to apply these skills in all subject areas and we are beginning to see growth.

Science topics have been focused on the interaction of living things within ecosystems, how everything from the Sun to producers to consumers to decomposers has a purpose. They are all vital to each other's survival.

Now that our unit about government is over, we can turn our attention to learning more specifics about our fine state like what symbols represent NH and where we are in the world. There is so much more to come!

Ms. Wonkka HAPPY HALLOWEEN to ALL

Learning--a journey of a lifetime--never dull, never ending!

Junior High ELA/Social Studies- Mrs. Lapoint

Hello Jr. High families,

October has been another busy month for students in grades six through eight. We continued reading and practicing reading skills with our new reading series, "Into Literature". We have also added two other components of the ELA program that include grammar instruction and practice, and writing through a program called "Writable". Grades six and seven used "Writable" to tell, me in a few sentences, about their summer adventures.

Social Studies classes for grades six and seven have been focused on researching about and creating a map of, our neighboring country, Canada. Grade eight students are researching and learning about the Early American people: Mayans, Incas, and Aztecs.

Have a...

Happy, Healthy, and Safe Halloween!

Mrs.Lapoint



Junior High Math/Science– Mr. Kennedy & Mrs. Joos

Math I

Students are working hard on decimals. Let's Multiply! Remember your decimal placement! What does estimate mean? Students are trying to figure out their problems by estimating by place value and then multiply. Students are working hard at their Mad Minutes involving their multiplication and division facts. What else? During break times, we are learning how to play HOT 100! Ask a middle schooler about it!

Math II - Mrs. Joos

Math II

In **October** Math II group continued working with real numbers. We covered operations with scientific notation, squares and roots, irrational numbers, and the Pythagorean theorem. The most complicated section was the laws of exponents, and students worked really hard practicing it. I am proud of their perseverance in mastering some of the toughest parts of pre-algebra.

Science I

Students recently finished a unit on erosion. They made their own soil erosion experiment involving how plant roots influence soil erosion. The students also learned about other types of erosion. Weathering and deposition are important topics involving Earth Science. We just recently started a unit with the Continental Drift Theory. Do you know what Pangaea is?

Science II

Do you know anything about glaciers? Glaciers are responsible for the mountains you see! Ask middle schoolers about what glaciers do to the landscape of the Earth. Students finished learning about weathering, erosion, and deposition. To learn about chemical weathering, students placed chalk into vinegar. Guess what happened? Ask either a 6th or 7th grader why Mr. Kennedy asked them to do this experiment.

Science 8

Students are learning about sea turtles and how their lives are impacted by their change in their environment. Did you know that there are more female sea turtles than males? Why? Climate Change! Students are also learning the difference between environmental factors versus genetic factor. We just started reviewing how interactions of organisms in an environment are important to our future.

Library & Computer Class– Mrs. Falconer

Hello from Mrs. Falconer,

In PreK/Kindergarten/First Grade we have learned how to use our mice more and more each day. We are learning how to go from one website to another. We still have lots to learn but we all are getting there. In the library we read books and talk about what we read and do some activities. We are learning all the different settings that can happen in our books. We are now picking out the characters in our books and doing really good with this. The students like to help in the library and talk about books. .

In Second grade keyboarding class we are moving out 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 how to do different things in Google Docs and the students realized why typing is important. We have Library class and learn about settings and characters that are in our books and then do an anchor chart to show what we have learned. The students are very excited to learn about everything in each class and we are hoping that stays with us through the year.

Third grade we had keyboarding class where we are doing Edu Typing. In the computer class we are going over what the tab will do in Google Docs and how to use the tab to show a new paragraph. In the library we are reading books, finding the setting and who are the characters and doing the anchor chart to show what they think and we are going over it as a class.

In Fourth and Fifth grade we did independent typing in edotyping. There have been a few fifth graders that have been bumped up to sixth grade level edotyping which is very exciting. In the computer class we are practicing how to sit up and keep their hands on the home row properly. I have noticed with this class that keeping their fingers on home row is hard so we are always practicing this. We are learning how to show a new paragraph on google docs and much more. In the library they are doing a research paper on what career they are interested in. They have been working hard and learning a lot doing this paper.

In Sixth/Seventh/ Eighth grade in computer class we are learning how to use Canva and become familiar with this program to get ready to work on the yearbook soon. In Intro to Business class we are learning about Economics and the supply and demand. They are doing well in this class and they do participate in indepth conversations and debates. Some of the students have been helping with the school store and they enjoy that.

Title I- Ms. Scott & Mrs. Joos

We have been busy working on math and reading in each classroom. Keep up the hard work. I am so excited to see you all reading! Keep an eye out for the November reading challenge. We are looking forward to seeing you all in November for conferences.

ASP

What a great first month of ASP! Activities we have done include pumpkin painting, Q-tip skeletons, and slime! Ask your student about pumpkin bowling and catapulting candy corn. We are looking forward to our November activities.



NO ASP - November 8,9,10, 22

Ms.Scott

During the month of October, I provided math and ELA interventions in Grades 3-7. In my writing groups with younger students, we practice spelling and writing using prompts. My middle school RTI group works on their reading and writing of both fiction and non-fiction sources. We started using Writable, a digital literacy program, which helps students to become more purposeful, proficient writer.

Mrs. Joos



Student Assistance Coordinator-Mrs. Crossley

The entire school participated in many activities for Red Ribbon Week to be drug free! We are continuing to work on social skills in both grades 2 & 3. 3rd grade social skills have been worked on while students are learning states and capitals. 8 grade is working on the impact media has on decisions using Media Powered Youth Program. I am also seeing students individually as needed.

Mrs. Crossley



Music-Mrs. Thilkey

This month the kindergarten and first grade continued practicing keeping a steady beat with different instruments, including jingle bells! Second grade listened to several pieces from Carnival of the Animals and made some pretty artwork to go with it. The third, fourth, and fifth grades worked on some different aspects of music theory and learned how to play a song (rhythm) using plastic cups. More recently they learned about how sound is made by vibrations, and made their own kazoos out of straws! The sixth, seventh, and eighth graders have worked on a few different music appreciation assignments, including watching the Pixar short "Piper" and then changing the mood of the piece by giving it a new soundtrack. Oh, and everyone has already started practicing a few Christmas songs to sing for their teachers and peers!

Mrs. Thilkey

Mr. Covill-

The month of October has come to an end! The temperatures are quickly dropping, and I see 2023 on the horizon. I work with nearly every grade in the school, so there are so many things to talk about! In Pre-K to first grade we have continued to work on letter and number recognition and even rote counting. In the second grade we have been working on glued sounds along with trick words. In the third grade classroom we have been working on the foundational work of multiplication. With fourth graders I have been helping them on sight words, as well as CCV words. In middle school we worked on analogies along with more detailed work in grammar. In math we have worked on multiplying with multiple digits. What a fun month!

Mr. Covill

Special Educator