

November 2022

BULLDOG NEWS

Stewartstown Community School

What's On

- Dec 5- School Board meeting
- Dec 9- 2nd QTR Progress Reports
- Dec 9- Early Release
- Dec 16- Fun Friday- crazy hair and sock day.
- Dec 16- Holiday Music Performance 1:30 pm
- Dec 19-22 Holiday Spirit week both dressing up and activities planned by 8th grade
- Dec 23-Jan 2 Christmas Break
- Jan 3- School Resumes
- Jan 4- School Board (Wednesday meeting)

Welcome

I would like to introduce Officer Scott Stepanian to our learning community. He is our new Resource Officer! Please stop by and say Hello!



From Principal Humphrey

Hello, I hope you had a nice break and holiday. As November ends, we are focusing on the busy month of December. Please remember to send in proper outdoor wear for your student. Hopefully, we will get snow soon so students can play in it. If the weather goes below 0 degrees, they will stay inside.

I know that people are busy in the morning and at the end of the day, but you must follow the directions to drop off and pick up. First, make sure to watch the buses. If you pull into the driveway and the red lights are going, you have to stop and wait. Parent pick-up is at the side of the building. Students will not be walking out front to get into cars. Please pull up, and we will dismiss students to you. This includes junior high students. If you will be late, please call before 2:30 and let us know. The end of the day is hectic.

December has lots of fun activities for our students and staff. Please watch for information to come home with students, as well as Facebook and our website. Don't forget Friday, December 12, is Fun Friday- crazy hair and socks day. It is also the day of the Holiday Music Performance at 1:30 pm.

I want to thank families who were able to attend Parent Teacher Conferences. In the spring, we will have a student showcase where students will lead the activities. Look for more information on this in May 2023.

I hope you can enjoy the month of December and please know that if you have any questions, please give me a call or email me.

Thank you.
Principal Stephanie Humphrey

Reminders

December 9 is an Early Release. Walkers/Parent Pickup will be dismissed at Noon. Buses will leave around 12:20 pm.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

November 2022

K/1

Vanessa Woodburn

Vanessa is eager to learn and always tries her best. She is excited to show understanding of a task, whether it is counting items, identifying letters, or reading Kindergarten level high-frequency words. Keep up the good work, Vanessa!

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Talyn Krajniak:

Talyn has demonstrated many acts of kindness throughout the month of November. From cheering up a friend to helping pick up a mess made by someone else. Talyn is one of the first to volunteer to help out with whatever is needed. Keep up the great attitude, Talyn!

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Mason Johnson:

He has shown immense growth and has kept improving more and more. Keep up the good work!

4/5

Brooke Brochu:

Brooke has shown a lot of growth over the past few months. When she learns a new skill she tries hard to apply it and make connections. She shows lots of effort in everything she does. Keep up the great work!

Robbie Warren:

Robbie has done a tremendous job learning, practicing, and consistently showing his multiplication skills. We are so proud of what he has accomplished. Wonderful job!

Junior High

Brayden Woodburn:

Brayden is a thoughtful, focused student. He tries hard to do his best on his assignments. This is an admirable quality for a student to possess.

Thank you for your hard work.

Junior High

Jorden Harding:

Jorden Harding is the November Student of the Month. He has shown to be eager to learn about what is next in mathematics. Jordan has been staying after school to strengthen his knowledge and reinforce his skills. He is eager to learn more each day in science class.

Walter Elliot, British Politician, said "Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after the other." Great Job Jorden!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

K/1 Mrs. Hemon

The month of November is a busy one in the PK-1 classroom. In Math, the Butterflies have been working on addition and subtraction within 20 and the Leopards have been working on counting, reading, and writing the numbers 0 to 20. In Language Arts, the theme for the Butterflies is Good Sportsmanship. They have 10 high frequency words each week, as well as spelling words. They have been working on digraphs ch and sh. The Leopard's theme is All About Me and they have been working on learning the names and sounds of all of the letters, as well as 7 high frequency words. Both groups are working hard and are proud to show what they know

Grade 2- Mrs. Ricker

November has flown by! In Language Arts we continued to read about being problem solvers. We read many stories about how people can work out disagreements. We are now reading fairy tales and fables. Second graders have learned that there is always a lesson to be learned when reading a fable. They have enjoyed trying to figure out what the lesson of the story is.

In Math, we have practiced many ways to add and solve problems mentally. We are now learning to subtract using different mental math strategies. Continued practice of basic addition and subtraction facts will help as we advance throughout the year.

In Science, we continued to learn about matter. We did many experiments including experimenting to find out what ingredient makes the best butter! In Social Studies, we are now learning about Economics.

Grade 3 Ms. Gourlay

Can you believe the holidays are upon us soon? In November the kids were really busy! They are still learning multiplication in math and are coming along really well. We are going to start division soon too! They are doing states and capitals in social studies. Mrs. Crossley is coming in every Wednesday and doing a states and capital game with them. In science, they are testing if things are magnetic or not.

Grades 4/5 - Ms. Wonkka

Our class is busy all the time trying to learn as much as we can. We have fit in quite a bit for a shortened month. Students in both grades have been multiplying like crazy trying to solidify this skill. We will need it, so we can move on to division. Our ELA is progressing at a steady pace. We work on specific spelling, grammar, reading, and writing skills every day. We build on with new skills and revisit old ones on a consistent basis. We have also identified the ten NH counties and researched major regions of our state. Finally, our science topics have centered around the cycles of matter within Earth's systems.

Let's have a great December!

Ms. Wonkka

WHAT'S HAPPENING

JH ELA/SS- Mrs. Lapoint

Hello Jr. High families,
November has been a busy month, and has passed by very quickly for students in grades six through eight. Students have been reading stories in their new reading series books, and choosing activities to complete after each selection. We have also been able to do some reading from Jr. Scholastic Magazine. Most of the topics of our reading from Jr. Scholastic are current newsworthy topics. We have also been writing for various reasons, solving analogies daily, and reading student-chosen independent library books.

Social Studies classes for junior high grades are focused on researching and creating projects. Grade six and seven students have been learning about our neighboring country, Canada; its culture, geography, and environment. They finished making a hand-drawn map of Canada; which proved to be quite challenging. I have to say they did a great job with their maps. Grade eight students are researching and learning about the Native American Indigenous groups. They will be creating a project from their research.

Enjoy the snow and the holiday season!

Mrs.Lapoint

Title 1- Ms. Scott

Wow, November went by so fast! I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We have had a month full of awesome reading. Congratulations to those of you who completed the reading challenge. I look forward to seeing who completes the December reading challenge. How many books can you read before the new year?

Math & Science- Mr. Kennedy

Junior High Math

Do you know your divisibility rules? Can you divide the number 318 evenly by 3? There is a trick to help you with that answer. Ask someone in Mr.K's math class about. Students created their own table to show their learning. What is the new topic the students are learning? INTEGERS! Mr. Kennedy is challenging the students on what you do when you need to either add two positive numbers, add two negative numbers, or a negative number and a positive?

Junior High Science

One group of students are learning about waves, specifically sound waves. The students just recently did a lab on which will move rice, salt, or popcorn when placed on a Plastic Wrap covering a bowl. What did they finish learning? Tectonic plates and how volcanoes and earthquakes are formed.

Another group of students recently did two labs: Dancing Corn and Creating Oobleck were the two labs. Dancing Corn showed a chemical reaction and created oobleck to show the different phases of matter. What did they finish learning about? The answer is erosion. There are different forms of erosion and students learned about wind, water and soil erosion.

Lastly, the eighth grade science students finished learning about gene mutations involving exploring sea turtles and how climate change is changing the species of sea turtles. The students are reviewing their knowledge of how to classify animal kingdom from vertebrates and invertebrates.

Special Education- Mr. Covill

The month of November has ended and I am beginning to hear the music of the holidays flood the airways. In Pre-K to first grade I have continued to work on letter and number recognition and rote counting. In the second grade I have been working on new glued sounds such as -ang, -ing, -ong, and -ung, along with new trick words. In the third grade classroom I have been working on multiplication! We have made so much progress in the last month! With fourth graders I have been working 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 the concept of adding and subtracting positive and negative numbers. I know we are excited for the holidays, but let's keep our attention centered and get some great work done!

WHATS HAPPENING

Library- 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 colored turkeys and had fun talking about Thanksgiving. We read books about different animals having Thanksgiving.

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. The students are doing very good at keyboarding. 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 wrote up about Thanksgiving and found out what different people do for Thanksgiving. We have Library class where we read about Thanksgiving and do different activities about Thanksgiving. The students had fun doing this.

Third grade we had keyboarding class where we are doing Edu Typing. In the computer class we are learning how to organize our files and documents that we make. In the library we are reading books and doing different activities to go along with our books. We will be learning about card cataloging soon.

In Fourth and Fifth grade we did independent typing in edutyping. 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 use different tools on google docs and much more. In the library they are having a review about card cataloging. We will also learn about the Destiny program later.

In Sixth/Seventh/ Eighth grade in computer class we are learning how to use Canva and become familiar with this program. We just started working on the year book and are very excited on how it will turn out. In Intro to Business class we are learning about Economics and outsourcing. 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.

SAP- Mrs. Crossley

In 2nd grade working we are Social Skills discussing Feelings and Emotions.

In Third grade we are also working on Social skills and learning the States and Capitals.

In 8th grade we have continued discussing how Media affects youth (people) and the choices they make.

I also have been assisting students independently and in the classroom as needed as well as assisting on school projects

Title 1 & Math- Mrs. Joos

During the month of November Math II group worked on equations. 7 graders practiced building and solving one- and two-step equations using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division properties of equations. 8 grade deepened the previous knowledge of equations and worked on harder problems involving rational numbers. Both grades worked hard on solving word problems using equations.

Title 1:

In November I continued providing math and ELA support to Grades 3-7. Younger grades practice writing using writing prompts, with a focus on building full paragraphs with plenty of description details, using a speech-to-text feature on their Chromebooks, typing, and writing by hand. Junior High students in RTI groups practice independent research on a chosen topic and present it to the group or they work in Writable, a digital literacy program, improving their writing every day. They get assessed based upon proficiency rubrics built into the Writable app, which is the direction our school is moving towards in the near future.

Officer Stepanian

I am excited to be the new School Resource Officer (SRO) at the Stewartstown Community School. The SRO position will create positive interactions between law enforcement, students and staff. In addition to providing security at the school, I plan on presenting age appropriate safety themed education for the students throughout the school year.

I ask parents and guardians to drive safely while transporting their students to school. I would also remind drivers that it is a NH law that they clear all ice and snow from their vehicles. Please be aware of the school buses while dropping off students. NH law requires all vehicles to stop when the school bus is displaying flashing red lights. I look forward to your cooperation in providing a safe environment for the students at SCS. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the school.

WHATS HAPPENING

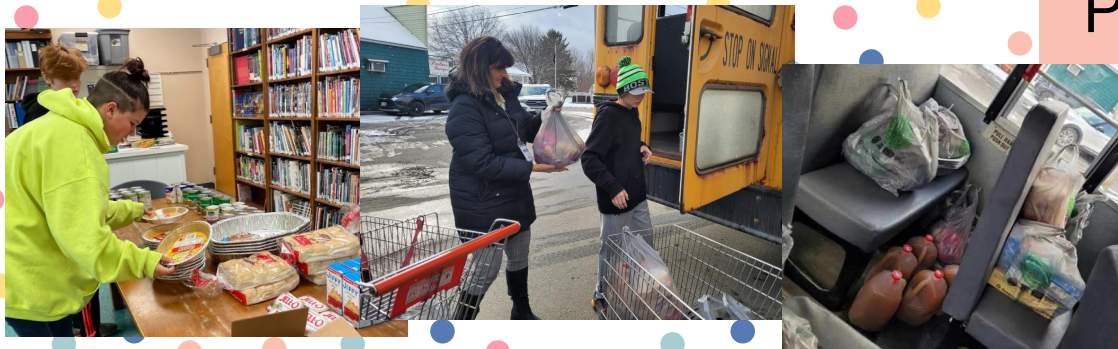
After School Program

November was a short month for ASP, but we completed lots of fun activities. Wooden apples, lego creations, Veterans Day cards, and turkey donuts were a few of the fun activities for this month. Thank you for your help with communication! Cool Winter activities are planned for December.

NO ASP - December 20,21,22

HOLIDAY CHEER 2022 Holiday Cheer Week:

Monday 12/19	Tuesday 12/20	Wednesday 12/21	Thursday 12/22
WEAR: CLASS COLOR (K/1 GREEN 2 BLUE 3 SILVER OR GRAY 4/5 PINK/BURGUNDY 6/7 GOLD OR YELLOW 8 RED STAFF WHITE)	WEAR: UGLY HOLIDAY SWEATER	WEAR: CHRISTMAS SOCKS & HEADWARE (FOR EXAMPLE: HAT, RIBBON, HEADBAND)	WEAR: CHRISTMAS PAJAMAS
MAKE A CHRISTMAS CARD	GINGERBREAD ART	HOT CHOCOLATE & CANDY CANES	CHRISTMAS COOKIE & JUICE



Penny Drive

We have raised \$696 for the Thanksgiving food baskets! Grade 2 won the ice cream party!

Competency- Based Education

CBE
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Competency

Essential skill, knowledge or behavior required for effective performance of a real world task or activity.



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