



Stewartstown

COMMUNITY SCHOOL

**From Principal
Humphrey:**

Happy New Year! I can't believe it is time to say that.

I would like to take this time to reflect on the school year as we head into the midpoint. I have observed student growth in many areas, both academically and socially. Students have risen to the challenge to be kind and to help others. We are working on integrity, kindness, and responsibility throughout the building. Students are working hard on the competencies. We collect evidence of students' knowledge, resulting in students taking responsibility for their work and learning. Teachers have been working hard to assess students' knowledge in different ways outside of traditional tests. I am proud of everyone's hard work and perseverance.

Over the next few months, we will be ending quarter two and we will be completing benchmark testing. Benchmark testing will demonstrate what students know and what they need help with. Students will again work on strategies in different RTI (response to intervention) groups. This is a wonderful time for students to receive extra help in areas where they need it. You may hear your student talking about this. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to your student's classroom teacher.

December was a busy month. Lots of fun activities and lots of learning took place. I am very proud of our students who performed at the holiday concert. I hope your family has a Happy New Year.

I want to remind you to please make sure to call your students out by 8:30 am if they will not be attending school.

Sincerely, Principal Humphrey

Upcoming Events

1/2 School Resumes

1/2-1/12 AIMSWEB & Star testing

1/5 Fun Friday- Backwards Day

1/15 No School - Civil Rights Day

1/19 End of Qtr 2

1/22 3rd Quarter Begins

**1/22 8th grade to Colebrook for
quarters 3 & 4**

1/26 Report cards go home



Pre K & K

Mrs. Hemon

PreK/K spent the month of December as busy as elves. They worked on fine motor skills and problem solving while creating ornaments for their families.

We have finished our introduction to the alphabet and are now cycling back to a deeper focus, beginning with m and s. In Math, we continue to work on fluency with numbers 0 to 10.



Pre-K and K had some fun with Glow Sticks and Blanket forts before the Holiday Break.



1st & 2nd

Mrs. Ricker

December sure flew by fast! First and second-graders started learning about many different animals. We read about animal life cycles, animal adaptations, and habitats, and also read about some interesting invasive animals. We will continue to learn about animals after the break.

We have been working hard at both math and reading. We have started writing opinion pieces. We did this based on 2 of our holiday stories that we read. During RTI on "Fun Fridays" we did many holiday crafts that we completed the last week before break.

We also spent the last few days before break reading various stories from Jan Brett and doing fun activities to go along with the books. One of students' favorite activities was making and decorating gingerbread men after reading "Gingerbread Baby".



3rd

Ms. Scott

I hope you all had a wonderful and restful vacation! Please be sure to send students in with winter gear and shoes to wear inside during the day. In December, for math, we continued multiplication. We also reviewed time and money. In ELA, we read plays and continued practicing our writing skills. Before vacation, students wrote many great stories about melted snowmen and candy canes. Happy New Year!



Stewartstown Temperature Guidelines for Recess and outside Breaks



0-32 degrees

COATS are required along with a hat, headband, or hood that covers the ears to go outside and stay on the tar/plowed area (basketball court)

If a student is playing in the snow, he/she must wear snow pants, boots, a hat, and gloves/mittens.

Below 0 degrees

Recess/Break will be inside.

*Temperatures are based on the feel-like temperatures to account for wind chill.

Grades 6 through 8 will need at least a jacket to be outside when the temperature is 32 degrees or below. If they do not have boots, they cannot go in the snow. Students should not wear slides or sandals; these are unsafe, with wet/slippery floors or sidewalks.

Happy New Year to all! Upon reflection of the last month of 2023, we look back at what has been accomplished and what will continue on in this new calendar year of 2024. Fourth and fifth graders, respectively, began multiplying two digit by two digit numbers and dividing by one digit divisors. They should expect more of the same in January. Both grades plug along with the reading series gaining exposure to a multitude of new vocabulary, word parts, literary/informational text genres, structures, and writing formats. We will soon finish our unit on the basics of electricity in Science. Finally, in Social Studies, we continue to build on our understanding of how the United States will become the United States and the struggles the country faced in its construction.

Ms. Wonkka

Junior
High

ELA & Social Studies- Lapoint

Hello, Jr. High School students and families!
I hope you all had a wonderful holiday break.

We had a fun-filled and busy holiday season at school. Students also had a variety of assignments, from projects to reading assignments, also, choice activities, and some holiday fun.

As the new year starts, we will continue to read from our textbook, write for a variety of reasons, research and study various topics, and learn to Code using the Code.org Express Course.

Winter benchmark testing starts on Wednesday this week, so please remind your students to get extra rest and eat breakfast daily.

Happy New Year!
Mrs. Lapoint

Math and Science- Kennedy

Science 6 Students have been learning about the atmosphere and the various layers of the atmosphere. They recently learned about how condensation works by doing a lab involving water and ice cubes. Do you know what condensation is? They have been learning about cold and warm air masses as well.

Science 7 Science- Students have been learning about matter and its properties. Matter can be measured in various ways. Matter can change, whether it is physical or chemical. Chemical change involves when a new substance is formed. They performed a lab showing how chemical change happens when they added baking soda and water to a balloon

Science 8 Science- Students have learned about animals and plants. They recently wrote an essay on how animals and plants are classified. Do you know the difference between a vascular plant and a non-vascular plant? Do you know the difference between a vertebrate and an invertebrate? What is the meaning of homeostasis? Grade 8 students learned how vertebrates regulate their body temperatures.

Math 6 Students finished learning about the importance of using exponents in scientific notation. Why do we use scientific notation? Scientific notation helps math and science people to calculate large or small numbers more easily by using their knowledge of exponents and their laws. Grade 6 is also learning the importance of the divisibility rules so they can better understand factors and multiples of numbers.

Math 7&8 Students have been learning about inequalities. What is that? Remember this symbol $<$ or this one $>$? Students have been solving equations involving inequalities. The same rules apply to solve for the unknown variable. One must do the opposite operation to both sides and solve!

Three weeks of December flew by quickly. Math III group was learning linear functions. Students identified relations and functions, domain and range of a function. They practiced finding and graphing the solutions of a function and the slope of a linear function. 8 Graders also learned how to solve systems of equations by graphing and substitution. This was one of the most complex algebraic units of the year, but the students did very well on it.

STEM & 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. We did decorate a 3D-printed ornament for the first time. That went well, and we are thinking of doing more with this. In the library we read books, discuss what we read, and do some activities. We colored many things that went with our Christmas stories. We read books about Christmas.

In Second-grade keyboarding class, we are moving out at our own pace learning the different keys and typing with our hands on the home row. The students are doing really well at this and they get excited at their new achievements. The students are doing very well at keyboarding. Then we have a computer class where we learn how to Tinkercad and make our own designs to make something in 3D printing. We have Library class where we read about Christmas, did coloring that matched our stories, and talked about the stories and our traditions.

In third grade, we had a keyboarding class where we were doing Edu Typing. In the computer class, we are learning how to Tinkercad and make our own designs to make something in 3D printing. We have Library class where we read about Christmas, did coloring that matched our stories, and talked about the stories and our traditions.

In Fourth and Fifth grade, we did independent typing in edutyping. In the computer class, we are learning how to Tinkercad and make our own designs to make something in 3D printing. In the library they are having a review about card cataloging. We are still practicing and making sure the students understand fully. Then we will be moving on to more fun things in our learning.

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 yearbook and are very excited about how it will turn out. In Intro to Business class we are learning about how to make a business plan and what is an elevator pitch. This can be hard for students, but we will get together. I can not wait!

Mr. Covill

Special Education

The holiday season has come to a close. Progress has grown this month. The Pre-K students work with others, learning through play and working together to solve issues. We have been asking each other for help and politely interacting. The third grade is looking at money. When we look at $\frac{4}{5}$, there is a wide variety of learning. From increasing phonological awareness to multiplying with more complicated decimals! In middle school, we continue to inspect parts of speech and more complex expressions. With the new year comes new growth opportunities. Let us shine in this new year!

Breakfast & Lunch Menus

January 2024 School Breakfast					
Menus are subject to change					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
1 No School	2 Sausage & Cheese English Muffin Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Ass. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Breakfast Yogurt Parfait Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	3 Fluffy Pancakes Real Maple Syrup Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Ass. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Breakfast Yogurt Parfait Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	4 Warm Cinnamon Bun Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Ass. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Breakfast Yogurt Parfait Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	5 Homemade Cheese Stuffed Muffin Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Ass. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Breakfast Yogurt Parfait Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	Student Breakfast: \$1.60 Reduced Breakfast: \$0.90 Student Lunch (PK-5): \$2.85 Adult Lunch: \$4.00 Milk: \$0.50
8 Sautéed Egg & Cheese Wrap Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Ass. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Breakfast Yogurt Parfait Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	9 Chocolate Chip Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Ass. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Breakfast Yogurt Parfait Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	10 Sausage Gravy & Biscuits Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Ass. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Breakfast Yogurt Parfait Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	11 Fruit Filled Muffin w/ Cheese Stick Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Ass. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Breakfast Yogurt Parfait Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	12 Egg & Cheese Bagel Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Ass. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Breakfast Yogurt Parfait Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	Please Click Links Below for Nutrition Information on Daily Options: 100% Fruit Juice (Tuesday & Thursday only), Fresh, Dried, or Canned Fruit, Skim White Milk, 1% Whole Milk, & Fat Free Chocolate Milk Offered With All Meals. 100% Fruit Juice Condiments Fresh, Dried Or Canned Fruit Milk Pay for meals on-line. Click an Link Below: LINQ Connect Please advise us if special meal accommodations are required for allergies or other special dietary needs. Click Image Below for employment opportunities:
15 No School	16 Waffles w/ Fruit Topping Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Ass. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Breakfast Yogurt Parfait Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	17 Breakfast Taco Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Ass. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Breakfast Yogurt Parfait Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	18 Cinnamon Biscuit Bites Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Ass. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Breakfast Yogurt Parfait Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	19 Cinnamon Granola Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Ass. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Breakfast Yogurt Parfait Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	
22 Fluffy Pancakes Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Ass. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Breakfast Yogurt Parfait Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	23 Strawberry Crumb Bar Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Ass. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Breakfast Yogurt Parfait Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	24 Blueberry Muffin Square Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Ass. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Breakfast Yogurt Parfait Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	25 Warm Cinnamon Bun Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Ass. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Breakfast Yogurt Parfait Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	26 Oatmeal Cocoa Chip Bar Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Ass. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Breakfast Yogurt Parfait Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	
29 Egg, Cheese & Sausage Breakfast Burrito Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Ass. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Breakfast Yogurt Parfait Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	30 French Toast Sticks Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Ass. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Breakfast Yogurt Parfait Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	31 Warm Cinnamon Bun Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Ass. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Breakfast Yogurt Parfait Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety			

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Stewartstown Community School Lunch					
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
1 No School	2 Dress Your Own Burger on a Bun Hand Cut French Fries Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety	3 Homemade Cheese Pizza Homemade Pepperoni Pizza Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety	4 Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice Pilaf Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety	5 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Homemade Garlic Breadsticks Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety	Student Breakfast: \$1.60 Reduced Breakfast: \$0.90 Student Lunch (PK-5): \$2.85 Adult Lunch: \$4.00 Milk: \$0.50
8 Cheesy Chicken & Noodles Dinner Roll Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety	9 Cheesy American Chop Homemade Garlic Breadsticks Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety	10 Cheesy Breadsticks Marinara Sauce Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety	11 Chicken Taco Bar w/ The Works Garden Salads Rice Pilaf Cajun Sour Cream Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety	12 Chicken Patty Sandwich w/ Lettuce & Tomato Hand Cut French Fries Maple Seasoned Pancakes Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety	Please Click Links Below for Nutrition Information on Daily Options: Del. Options K-5 Fruit & Yogurt Parfait w/ Granola Milk Condiments Fresh, Dried Or Canned Fruit Pay for meals on-line. Click Image Below: LINQ Connect Please advise us if special meal accommodations are required for allergies or other special dietary needs.
15 No School	16 Beef Nachos Supreme w/ Cheese Sauce Garden Salad Rice Pilaf Cajun Sour Cream Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety	17 Homemade Cheese Pizza Homemade Pepperoni Pizza Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety	18 Hearty Chicken & Biscuits Steamed Green Peas Steamed Carrots Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety	19 Tasta Test Event... Overstuffed Chicken Nugget Dinner Roll Hand Cut French Fries Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety	
22 Meatball Sub (beef & Chicken Meatballs) Cheddar Broccoli Soup Dinner Roll Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety	23 Baked Potato w/ Toppings Beefy Homemade Chili Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety	24 Dress Your Own Burger on a Bun Dress Your Own Hot Dog Homemade Potato Salad Maple Baked Beans Fresh Watermelon Slice Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety	25 Hearty Homemade Meatloaf Chef's Mashed Potato Steamed Green Peas Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety	26 Chicken Teriyaki Rice Bowl Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety	
29 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Corn Chowder Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety	30 Homemade Baked Ziti Maple Seasoned Pancakes Homemade Garlic Breadsticks Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety	31 Cheesy Breadsticks Marinara Sauce Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety			

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Music

December was busy and exciting and seemed to pass in the blink of an eye. Thanks to our hardworking students and supportive community, we had a very successful and fun holiday concert. The turnout was fantastic, and I'm so thankful for everyone's support and enthusiasm. It was great seeing everyone there. I am excited to see the students in January and return to our routine. I hope everyone had a safe and happy New Year!

Mrs. Thilkey

Mrs. Thilkey

