



Stewartstown

COMMUNITY SCHOOL



From Principal
Humphrey:

Happy Fall

I can't believe how fast the school year is going, and it is already the end of October. This month, students raised over \$3,600 at our Wellness Walk. Students and Staff walked and earned money into our Student Activity Fund. This fund is used for our school field trips and events. I am very proud of everyone who joined in the fun.

We have had many fun events this month. We had our dress up as your favorite animal Fun Friday, Halloween, Fire Prevention Day, and we celebrated Hot Lunch Week. We enjoyed the families who were able to come to lunch. Stay tuned in November for the Thanksgiving meal on November 16. The information and sign-up went home already. If you have not received the information, don't hesitate to contact the office.

Parent-teacher conferences are on Wednesday, November 8. Please get in touch with your student's teacher to schedule a time. Conferences are an essential part of your child's education. It allows you and the teacher to discuss your student's grades, behaviors, and expectations. Even if you feel that your student is doing fine, it is still essential to build a relationship between school and family. You will also have the opportunity to meet with other teachers as well. If you cannot meet on November 8, contact your student's teacher.

November is the start of the holiday season. Mrs. Crossely is working with the eighth grade to facilitate whole-school community events. The first one is the Penny Drive. The money raised with the penny drive will help fill Thanksgiving baskets. Last year, we were able to give out eight full Thanksgiving dinners.

Sincerely, Principal Humphrey

Upcoming Events

- 11/3 End of Qtr 1
- 11/3 Fun Friday- Mismatch Day
- 11/6-11/17 Penny Drive
- 11/7 Report Cards go home
- 11/8 Parent-teacher conf 3-7
- 11/9 Picture Retakes
- 11/9 Early Release
- 11/10 No School Veteran's Day
- 11/16 8th grade visit to Canaan
- 11/22-11/26 Thanksgiving Break



Pre K & K



Mrs. Hemon

PreK/K students have been very busy this month. We have been introduced to the letters Aa to Pp, learning the name, the sound, and the letter formation for writing each letter. We have read lots of Halloween stories and had discussions about story elements such as characters and setting. We've worked on retelling a story making sure to include the beginning, middle, and end.

In Math, Kindergarten has been working on counting, reading, writing, and comparing numbers 0 to 5. They are still struggling with the concepts of more and fewer, and sometimes have difficulty answering the question "how many?".

In Science, we explored a pumpkin, thinking of words to describe the pumpkin using our five senses. We were very surprised that our pumpkin only had a handful of seeds inside despite a large number of ribs.



1st & 2nd



Mrs. Ricker

The month of October has been busy learning about matter, continued practice with addition and subtraction and reading various books. Second graders have started learning about repeated addition and building arrays. It didn't take them long to realize the connection between this and multiplication!

We will soon be learning about the Pilgrims and Wampanoag. Students will also be completing a project at home to disguise turkeys. I can't wait to see how creative students will be!

As the weather is changing please remember to send students with appropriate winter clothing for recess.

3rd



Ms. Scott

Happy Halloween! In math right now, we are working on adding and subtracting three-digit numbers. Next, we will dive into multiplying. In ELA, we have been working hard on spelling patterns and writing. We have also been working on reading fluency. For Social Studies, we learned about the Federal Government, going in-depth about the three branches of government—as well as laws and community helpers. Students have started learning about states and capitals with Mrs. Shelley. Keep working hard to memorize them! We have loved having Ms. Miller join our class this month.



Month number two of the year is done and will end with the yearly fan favorite--HALLOWEEN. As usual, students are kept busy with all kinds of learning opportunities. Here is a general list of things we've covered across all the subject areas:

- Adding/Subtracting whole numbers and decimals
- Multiplication properties
- Multiplying by 1 digit numbers/ Multiplying 2 digit by 2 digit numbers.
- Author's purpose
- Elements of fiction, drama, and poetry
- Narrative nonfiction
- Informational text and video
- Prefixes/suffixes/synonyms/antonyms/syllable division/greek & latin roots
- Expository writing
- Why people began exploring the world
- European explorers--goals and accomplishments
- Potential vs. Kinetic energy
- Effects of mass and height on speed and energy
- Transfer of energy in collisions

November will certainly bring a whole new list of topics and provide time to strengthen what we've already covered. HAPPY HALLOWEEN to all. Be safe!!

4th & 5th

Hello Jr. High families,

October has been a busy month for students in grades six through eight. The students have been practicing reading and writing skills, reading Jr. Scholastic Magazine, solving analogies, and reading independent library books. Next week our students will be writing letters to our area veterans for the Veteran's Day breakfast in Colebrook.

Grades seven and eight have finished reading two selections about Mars from their HMH reading textbook. Grade six just finished stories about standing up for yourself, and self-portraits. Sue Bergman will be joining our ELA and Enrichment classes for extra writing instruction starting this week and continuing throughout the school year.

Social Studies classes for junior high grades have been focused on researching and creating projects. Grade six and seven students have been learning about Otzi, The Iceman; a prehistoric man found in the Otzal Alps. They have also been learning about how the earth was made and the stages it went through to get to its current stage. Grade eight students have been learning about how our nation got its start and will be researching and learning about American Indigenous groups.

Have a...

Happy Thanksgiving!

Mrs.Stebbins

Junior High ELA & Soc



Math and Science

Science 6 Students recently used clay to show different landforms. They are learning about topography and how forces either are destructive or constructive towards these landforms. Do you know the main systems of the Earth? Do you know what contour lines are and how scientists use them to determine elevation and relief? Do you know how GPS works? Ask a 6th grader for the answers

Science 7 Students recently did a lab showing the reaction of chalk and vinegar. They also did a lab showing how black dots on a filter paper can change by adding water. Do you know the difference between a chemical change and a physical change.

Science 8 Students are learning about the classification system of organisms. Organisms are all living things including both plants and animals. Do you know how scientists classify them? They use a specific system of classifying so that all scientists can understand it. Do you know what binomial nomenclature is? Ask an 8th grader and challenge them on what that means? They recently did a lab involving separating different types of beans and seeds to see what characteristics will help them into different categories.

Math 6 Students have been reviewing their multiplication facts because they will need to know that skill to do their assignments. We also have been working on math words that get changed to numerical expressions. Do you remember what sum and difference means in math? If some number increases or decreases another number, do you add or subtract from that number? Once we can change an expression from work phrases to numerical expressions, we can do algebraic expressions!

Math 7/8 Do you know how to solve a one-step equation? Ask either Zahara, Carson, or Bella. Students have been learning math vocabulary to solve these types of math problems. What is a coefficient? What is meant by terms of an algebraic expression? Do you know the difference between an equation and an expression? How would you solve $x+17=34$? If you know the answer is 17, then you solved a one step equation?

JH Math & Title 1

Math- Joos

During the month of October Math III group continued working with real number system. Students practiced finding squares and cubes of numbers as well as numbers' roots, applying properties of numbers and the Pythagorean Theorem. They also worked on solving one- and two-step equations. Regular practice is the key to success in nearly every endeavor. This is especially true in Math where at least 20 minutes of nightly practice is extremely important to master the skills as the content gets harder.

STEM & Library

Mrs. Falconer

In PreK/Kindergarten in STEM class, we have played with playdough and made matches with pictures and shadows of animals, and played with popsicle sticks to make shapes. We have also played with whiteboards to draw and write. We have made different Halloween decorations/projects, and that has gone well. We have played together and separately. In the library, we read books, and I will ask some questions, and a few students will answer. The students get excited about reading and getting books.

In First/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 trying really hard to do this, and they get excited at their new achievements. Then, we have a STEM class where we learn how to work separately as a team. We play but learn all together. The students love STEM and what I come up with next. We have Library class where we read many stories and talk about who the characters are and much more.

In third grade keyboarding class, we were doing Edu Typing. They are doing well with review packets and their Edu Typing lessons. In STEM class, we have been team building. We have also been able to work alone on different things as well. Some work will go home; others must wait for the student showcase. We just started to work with Lego League class packs, and that is helping with using imagination. In the library, we read books and do different activities to go along with our books.

In Fourth and Fifth grade, we did independent typing in edutyping. I have noticed with this class that keeping their fingers on the home row is hard, so we always practice this. In STEM class, we have been team building. We have also been able to work alone on different things as well. Some work will go home; for others, you must wait for the student showcase. We have been using graphs to make drawings and making them bigger each time we upgrade the graphs. In the library, we learn about story elements and put the lessons into practice.

In the Sixth/Seventh STEM class, we are learning how to make roller coaster design and then actually put it into practice. Then they have to make sure it works out if it does not, then they have to write what happened and how to fix it. Then try again! In Intro to Library class, we are learning how to do research papers and cite the resources properly. They have been writing a research paper on the Civil War.

In Eighth, we have been learning how to make a marble maze in STEM class. They must write how they will make it and map out the maze. Then, they will make what they have designed and try it out. If they do not work, they must write what happened and how to fix it. Then try again! In library class, they have started a research paper on our Presidents and used what they have learned.

Mr. Covill

Special Education

Just like that another month has passed us by. The weather cools and the leaves have fallen. With the progress in time students have continued to grow as learners. In Pre-K we have made strides in interacting with others in appropriate ways. In third grade we started to learn simple multiplication. In 4 and 5 we are reading harder texts and multiplying two digit numbers. In middle school....BOOM! We are learning about onomatopoeia and simplifying equations with variables. It has been a fun month full of learning! Let's look into the future with optimism of what comes next!



Penny Drive

Stewartstown Community School will be collecting pennies for a good cause. The money earned will be used to donate a Thanksgiving basket of food to someone/family who needs a little extra this holiday season.

Each classroom will have a jar outside of the office. A classroom would receive one point for every penny added to the jar. The classroom will lose points according to the coin's value for every nickel, dime, or quarter added to the jar. For example, a dollar in the jar and the class loses 100 points. Kids are allowed to place coins and dollars in any jar they want so they can make a classroom with the most points that day and lose points by putting everything but pennies in the jar.

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SAP

Students in grades 1 and 2 have been working on social skills since October. Grade 3 has begun learning about states and capitals; working with students is so much fun. I am in the Junior High homeroom of sixth and seventh graders, working on social skills each morning. Students who need me to meet with them one-on-one also continue daily.

Mrs. Crossley

Music

Mrs. Thilkey

October is a very long, busy month, and we accomplished a lot in music class. Pre-K and Kindergarten have been doing lots of music and movement with scarves, ribbons, maracas, and of course, singing! First, second, and third grade have been practicing solfege (do, re, mi, etc.) and doing active listening exercises, as well as learning songs on the Boomwhackers. Fourth and fifth grade finished their listening unit on timbre and will be starting on madrigals and medieval music. They are also well into learning and singing songs for a certain December concert that it's a little too early to mention. :) Our junior high classes are practicing a mixture of guitar, ukulele, and of course, singing. They are starting some work on bells as well. All around, we have made a great start on concert preparation, and there will be lots to get done in November.

Mrs. Thilkey

Do not forget to sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences!

