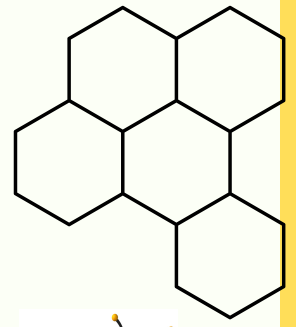


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BULLDOGS NEWS



THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES



Stewartstown
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Principal Letter:

From Principal Stephanie Humphrey

The first month of school has already passed, and I can't believe how quickly it went.

As students are settling into routines and following expectations, I want to remind families that, as a school, we are focusing on being kind to others this year. At the beginning of the year, the staff voted on the following slogan "The Buzz at SCS is BEE Kind." Our focus is to help students and adults remember to help others, be empathic, and follow the general rules of kindness. The outside world is harsh, and we want students to know that a simple act of kindness goes a long way with others.

During our first month at SCS, students went to Colebrook Elementary and Academy to watch the BMX Freestyle presentation. It was a hot day, but it was so much fun. Students also attended the Plymouth State University T.I.G.E.R. Choose Love program. It was so lovely to have the entire school together to watch the performers in the multipurpose room.

October is here, and lots are going on. Progress reports went home. Remember, you can log into FOCUS anytime to see your student's work and grades. On October 14, there is no school for students; it is an admin day for teachers. On October 18, 2022, we will have a whole school evacuation drill. Students will be dismissed at the church on Route 3 at 2:45. Parents will have to sign students out from the off sight location. Other students will be riding the bus home. There will be no After School Program that day. Watch for information regarding Halloween coming home next week. Lastly, just a reminder that on November 9, we will be hosting Parent Teacher conferences by appointment only. On November 10, we will have an Early release starting at 12:00 pm. There is no school on November 11.

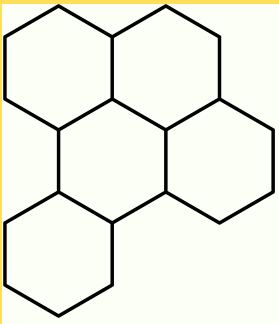
We are looking forward to meeting with you on the 9th. Please reach out anytime if you have any questions.

Principal Stephanie Humphrey



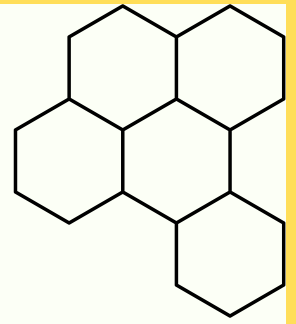
Upcoming Events

- October 3- Picture Day
- October 4- After School Program begins
- October 7- 8th grade to CAES in the afternoon
- October 10-14 - Hot lunch week
- October 10-14 - Book Fair in the library.
- October 14- No School Admin Day
- October 17- 8th grade to Canaan for the day
- 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 23-27th No School- Thanksgiving Break
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Students of the month

September



Keep up the hard work Bulldogs!

PreK & Kindergarten & First Grade: Greyson Rancourt . *Greyson Rancourt has gone above and beyond taking on many extra jobs in the classroom and being extremely helpful to everyone. We decided that his extra effort needed to be recognized and let him know that it was greatly appreciated.*

Second Grade: Colten Dumont. *Colten has started the year off with a bang! He has started to come out of his shell, is eager to participate, and is willing to learn new skills. Colten comes in every morning with a smile and never leaves without saying "Have a good night! I'll see you tomorrow." Keep up the positive attitude, Colten!*

Third Grade: Zaya Sierad. *Zaya has been working really hard this month and has shown growth even within just a month. I am so proud of the work she has accomplished and the work she will continue to do!*

Fourth/Fifth Grades: Leah Berry. *Leah Berry has shown great participation and understanding during our Social Studies unit about Government. I have been quite impressed with her knowledge of the topic and how well she has respectfully handled the topic. She deserves to be the student of the month for 4th and 5th grade. Great work!*

Sixth/Seventh Grades: Mallorie Berry. *Mallorie Berry has been chosen for student of the month for the 6/7 classroom. Mallorie is helpful in the classroom and the library, with her classmates and teachers. She also tries hard to stay focused and complete her work.*

Eighth Grade: Suzan Farrar. *Suzan Farrar is my student of the month for September 2022. She is presently doing very well in both math and science. She is completing her assignments, engaged in both subjects by sharing her knowledge. Suzan is started to develop more confidence in herself by speaking up and not afraid to use her voice so others can hear and learn from her. Actress Blake Lively quoted by saying, "The most beautiful thing you can wear is confidence." Keep up the good work Suzan!*

WHAT'S HAPPENING

in the classrooms

PreK/Kindergarten/First Grade- Mrs. Hemon

September tends to be a bit confusing trying to get into a routine. Our PK-1 class had to really pull together to help out with Mrs. Hemon taking a little extra time off. Everyone has been helping each other to make things run smoothly.

Mrs. Hemon

Second Grade- Mrs. Ricker

Second graders have been off to a wonderful start to the new school year! We spent the first few weeks of school getting back into a routine, catching up with each other, and practicing all the other skills that we will need to make the classroom run safely and smoothly. It has been exciting to be back to a more normal pre-Covid classroom! We have been enjoying being able to play together and have tables in our classroom!

We were excited to dive into our new language arts program and are starting to get into a routine. We have been learning about being good citizens-both at home, school, and in our community. In math, we have been reviewing both addition and subtraction strategies.

Mrs. Ricker

Whole School attended T.I.G.E.R program through Plymouth State University. This year's program was titled "Choose Love"



Third Grade– Miss Gourlay

Wow, September has flown by and now it is officially fall! The kids have been working hard to get back into the swing of things this school year. They are learning about objects in motion in science and maps and globes in social studies! The students are also working on adding and subtracting three digit numbers and rounding in math. ELA they are learning about different kinds of writing and vocabulary!

Miss Gourlay

Fourth & Fifth Grade– Ms. Wonkka

We've hit the ground running in 4th and 5th grade. It took a little while to remember what it is like to be back in school after a nice summer off, but we have figured it out together. We have already reviewed place value, adding, subtracting, and rounding of whole numbers and the 5th graders are learning about these within the context of decimals.

We started a new reading series and are figuring out how it all works. Our first module centers around "What makes us who we are?" All of the reading selections will cover that topic in some way. We continue to work on using context clues to determine meaning of unknown words and to aid understanding of the texts. In addition, this series introduces many new vocabulary words and expects students to use the newly acquired words in their writing.

In Social Studies, we started the year talking about the basics of how our national, state, and local governments function. This is pretty intense stuff and we've come a long way. It all starts here--understanding our rights and responsibilities within a representative democracy in order to become respectful, responsible citizens.

Finally, our Science lessons have taken us through the needs of plants to the needs of animals and will soon explore how the two interact within ecosystems.

Ms. Wonkka

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

Junior High ELA/Social Studies– Mrs. Lapoint

Welcome back to a new school year!

Students in the Junior High School grades kicked off the year with a new reading program, "Into Literature", put out by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. The program includes a textbook, a grammar workbook, and many online options. We have spent some time learning strategies for becoming better readers, as well as strategies to help us socially and emotionally at school. Those strategies include: listening actively, communicating clearly, taking a stand against name-calling, paying attention to your feelings, considering the relationship, and agreeing to disagree.

Social Studies classes for the beginning of the year have been spent learning and practicing research skills, with some history topics also. Students all researched U.S. National parks and then created slide shows to share their knowledge.

I am looking forward to a great school year with your wonderful kids!

Mrs. Lapoint

Junior High Math/Science– Mr. Kennedy

Math I

We have been doing a lot of review of exponents, standard form, expanded form, order of decimals, place value and rounding to the nearest place in place value. Students also have been engaging in Hot 100! Martinelli, and other games during their Brain Breaks. To help with multiplication and division facts, the students are engaging in Mad Minute each day to strengthen their fact knowledge.

Math II - Mrs. Joos

Math II group started September with reviewing the number system. While Grade 7 applied operations with positive and negative integers to solve problems, Grade 8 worked with rational numbers. Both grades practiced comparing and ordering integers/rational numbers, and used algebraic properties to compute with integers/rational numbers. We've been using IXL, Quizizz, Edulastic, and CK-12 platforms to reinforce and support students' learning.

Science I

What do you know about the Earth? Students have been reviewing their knowledge about the relationship of the Earth, Moon and Sun have in common. We have been studying about seasons, eclipses (both lunar and solar), and moon phases. Do you know the importance of the axis on the Earth?

What do you see up in the sky at night? Why is the moon the shape it is? What is the difference between a New Moon and a Full Moon?

Science II

Students have been working on heredity. What traits did you get from your Mom? What traits did you get from your Dad? Genes are fascinating because some can be dominant and others are recessive. Grade 8 is also learning about the DNA model. What makes up the DNA double helix?

Library & Computer Class– Mrs. Falconer

Hello from Mrs. Falconer,

In PreK/Kindergarten/First Grade we have learned how to treat computers in computer class. We have had a couple makerspace days where they got to play with Legos and work in groups while making things to solve a problem that I gave them. We also got to learn how to go to different websites and use our mice correctly. 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 starting to learn what a setting is in a book.

In Second grade we reviewed how to take care of our computers. Then we have a new class this year called keyboarding. This is where they get to learn how to type properly and how to keep your fingers on home row keys and sit up straight. They are doing very well with this. Then we have computer class and review how to click and drag and then we will get to learn about Google Docs. 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 learning home row and how to sit up straight properly. We are still doing Edu Typing this year as well. In the computer class we are doing Google classroom. We are learning how to organize our Google Drive properly. 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 Edutyping. In the computer class we are practicing how to sit up and keep their hands on 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 about slideshows. We will be learning more tips and tricks on this subject. In the library they are learning how to use a dictionary using the books and not google. They are doing really well on this. We will be moving on to thesaurus soon.

In Sixth/Seventh/ Eighth grade in computer class we are learning how to do spreadsheets. We are getting into more depth of this subject. We are using some of this class to learn about a program called Tinker Cad and make things for the 3D printers. 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 in-depth conversations and debates. Some of the students have been helping with the school store and they enjoy that.

Title I- Ms. Scott & Mrs. Joos

Where did the month go? This month in Title I we have been working on our beginning of the year testing. We finished testing and will have math and reading help in place soon!

Keep an eye out for our school wide reading challenges. Happy Fall!

Ms.Scott

During the month of September I helped with AimsWeb and STAR testing. Based on the testing results and following the data meetings we've finalized RTI placement and schedule. We are starting RTI groups the first week of October. I look forward to providing support in reading, writing and math to students.

Mrs. Joos

Student Assistance Coordinator-Mrs. Crossley

I have been working in the following classrooms during the month of September.

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 begun discussing how Media affects youth (people) and the choices they make.

I also have been assisting students independently and in the classroom as needed.

Mrs. Crossley



Music-Mrs. Thilkey

We have had a busy month in Music trying to fit in as much as we can! Kindergarten and first grade did quite a bit of dancing and using shakers. Second grade listened to Peter and the Wolf by Prokofiev and colored their story books, while third grade has begun listening to music from other countries around the world. They even learned a reel dance, The Noble Duke of York! Fourth through eighth have all done work with the four instrument families and had a few writing and critical thinking assignments. I think these groups are ready to dive into some drama and musical theatre!

Mrs. Thilkey

Mr. Covill-

The month of September has come to an end! I cannot believe how quickly the month passed us by! This month I have worked on many things as Stewartstown's Special Educator. I work with nearly every grade in the school, so there are so many things to talk about! In Pre-K to first grade I have been working on letter and number recognition and even rote counting. In the second grade I have been working on glued sounds and the beginnings of recognizing suffixes. In the third grade classroom I have been working on adding and subtraction multiple numbers. With fourth graders I have been working on sight words, as well as CCV words. In middle school we worked on analogies and narratives in ELA. In math we have worked on decimals and exponents. It was a month full of learning and great memories!

Mr. Covill
Special Educator