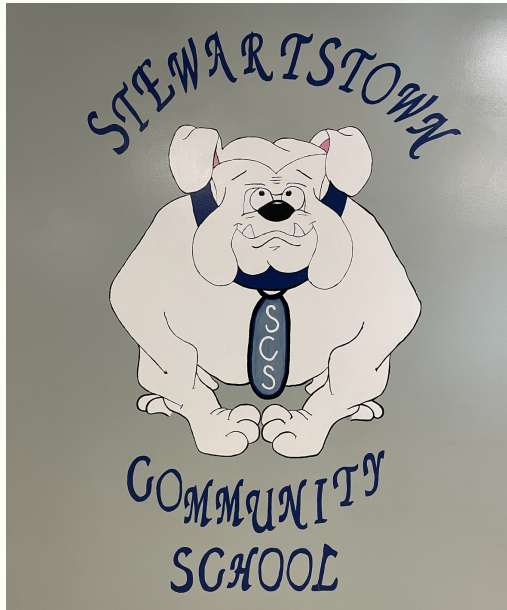


BULLDOGS NEWS

THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES



Upcoming Events

- December 3- Student of the month
- December 6- School Board Meeting
- December 8- Early release
- December 10- Progress reports to go home
- December 17- Fun Friday "Crazy Hair"
- December 20-22 Holiday Cheer at SCS
- December 23-January 2, 2022 Holiday Break

Principal Letter:

From Principal Stephanie Humphrey

The month of November has flown right by. I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. During November, students participated in the After School Program, made turkeys show what they were thankful for, and many other fun learning activities in their classrooms.

It was inspiring that Mirka came from the Christa McAuliffe Science Center and spent the day doing hands-on activities with each class. It was a fun and exciting time for everyone.

For December, the 8th-grade class is planning a Holiday Cheer week, and more information will be coming home soon.

Please remember that the temperature has gotten colder, and it is important that students are dressed accordingly for recess. It is vital to get outside and play, but we have to be dressed for it.

Also, there are no toys at school or any items that are a distraction to learning. Therefore, we ask that they do not even bring them and leave them in their backpacks.

We are continuing to work hard to keep students and staff healthy and follow COVID protocols. If your child is sick, please keep them home and call the office and let us know. The main office number is 246-7082 if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Principal Stephanie Humphrey

**Stewartstown Community
School is Thankful**



Students of the month

November

Keep up the hard work Bulldogs!

After School Program- made slime and turkeys. They are having a great time!

Kindergarten: Ryder Glover. Ryder always tries his best with a smile on his face. He is patient, kind, and funny. He works hard at making himself understood and is patient when it takes the rest of us a time or two to understand his words. Keep up the good work, Ryder!

First Grade: Colten Dumont. Colten has worked extra hard this month in all areas. He has shown an increase in both classroom participation and being able to work independently. Colten is kind to his classmates and always offers a helping hand. Keep up the hard work, Colten!

Second/Third Grades: Jaelynn Rowell. Jaelynn has shown growth since the first day of school. She is a hard worker and will help her classmates. She is a friend to everyone in the class! Keep up the good work Jaelynn!

Fourth/Fifth Grades: Gage Grover. Our resident "king of kindness" is always there to offer help in any way you need it. He is always thinking of others before himself.

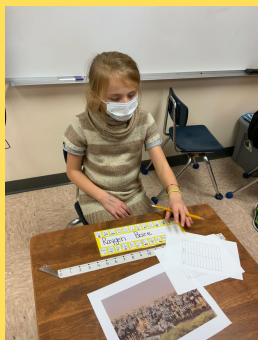
Sixth/Seventh Grades: Suzan Farrar. Suzan had earned this student of the month award for her consistent focused, and creative work each day.

Suzan is also thoughtful and kind to her classmates.

Eighth Grade: Allyson Avery. Allyson Avery is proven to be a great student. She is a great friend as well a hard worker in doing her studies. Being a new student is adjustment for her and she has handled it very well. Author Roy Bennett, once said, "Your hardest times often lead to the greatest moments of your life. Keep going. Tough situations build strong people in the end." I am very proud of her and look forward to seeing her learn more and more each day. Congratulations on achieving student of the month.



Christa
McCluliffe
Science
Workshop



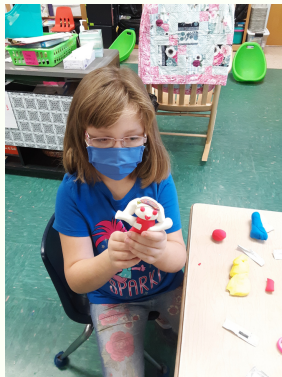
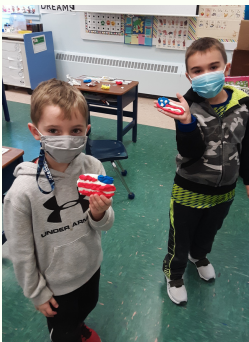
WHAT'S HAPPENING

in the classrooms

Kindergarten

The kindergarten and PreK students have been hard at work. In Social Studies we learned about farms and farm animals. We also read stories written by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin. We love the Click, Clack, Moo series! In Math we learned the numbers to 20. We are getting to be experts at reading, writing, and counting those numbers. Now we've moved on to Addition: stories about joining groups. In Foundations (Phonics) we've learned almost all of the letters of the alphabet. For a short month, November has been jam-packed!

Mrs. Hemon



First Grade

November has flown by! This month we have been learning about who the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag were and why they were important. We have learned many interesting facts. First graders wrote about what they do on Thanksgiving and what they are thankful for. First graders also wrote about a family tradition.

In Math, first graders have continued to practice addition to 20. We have practiced different strategies, such as adding doubles, doubles plus one, and making a ten to add. After Thanksgiving break, we will be learning different strategies to practice subtraction from 20.

Please remember that the weather is getting colder. Please have students dress appropriately to go outside. We will be going outside each day unless it is raining or is below zero. Also, please send in a pair of shoes for your child to change into.

Mrs. Ricker



Second & Third Grade

Can you believe it is December already? I feel like November went by in a flash. The kids have been working very hard. We have completed a science experiment with coke and mentos. We have also been working on learning about the early settlers and possibly writing letters to them. They have been having fun in the snow as well!

The second graders have come so far with their addition and subtraction in math. They have made it to adding multiples of ten! The third graders are going right along with their multiplication and are really getting the hang of it!

Miss Gourlay



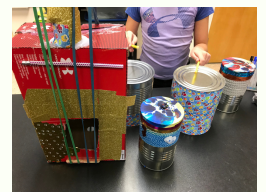
Fourth & Fifth Grade

As November came and went, so did multiplication in 4th and 5th. Don't worry, with division next, we'll still need plenty of it to help master "the divide". ELA topics have focused on skills such as finding cause and effect, identifying context clues and reviewing parts of speech.

In Science, we covered the physical science concepts of light and sound. We observed refraction, split white light into all its colors with prisms and bent light with lenses. We listened to sounds produced by tuning forks, saw the vibrations move water and we experimented with differences in pitch using strings and containers of water. We watched videos and just played around with stuff to help us learn. As a display what each student learned about sound, they created an instrument to play.

Our ongoing S.S. unit of study is the Native Americans of North America. We are covering the topics of food, transportation, shelter, environment and other interesting facts about each of the seven broad groups. These groups include the Eastern Woodlands, Southeast, Great Plains, Southwest, Northwest Coast, Great Basin and the Arctic.

Goodbye Turkey and Hello Santa Claus!
Ms. Wonkka



Junior High ELA/Social Studies

Students in grades 6-8 have started reading their novels and are beginning a personal narrative writing assignment today. They will be writing for the next two weeks instead of learning new vocabulary words in a Rev it Up lesson. The sixth and eighth grade students are presenting Social Studies projects this week to finish their units. The seventh grade students are finishing up their creative projects.

Mrs. Stebbins

I found these interesting Thanksgiving facts to share:

Thanksgiving Facts from "House Beautiful" Magazine

1. Historians have no record of turkey being eaten at the first Thanksgiving.
 2. Benjamin Franklin wished the turkey was the national bird.
 3. The first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade had Central Park Zoo animals.
 4. Snoopy has made the most appearances in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.
 5. The first professional Thanksgiving Day football game was played in 1920.
 6. Thanksgiving was once celebrated on the third Thursday in November.
 7. "Jingle Bells" was originally a Thanksgiving Day song.
 8. Each year, about 46 million turkeys are cooked.
 9. TV dinners are a Thanksgiving-leftover invention.
- Have a safe and healthy Thanksgiving Day!

Mrs. Stebbins



Junior High Math/Science

6th Grade

Step into the world of Pre-Algebra! Students are learning about equations. How do we get a variable by itself in an equation? Do we add, subtract, multiply or divide? Students are hard at work learning the various types of algebraic equations and how to solve them.

Grade 6 Symbiosis? What does it mean? Relationships with organisms is the subject we are learning in grade 6. Students recently did a ecosystem presentation. They presented the various terms involving an ecosystem including abiotic factors, biotic factors, consumers, producers and decomposers. Soon we will be learning how animal adaptation is involved in our populations.

Grade 7

In seventh grade Math, students were learning rational numbers. They've been practicing ordering, comparing, converting, adding, subtracting, and multiplying decimals. We've been using VersaTiles, other manipulative, and IXL platform to reinforce and support their learning.

Grade 7 Students are learning about the atmosphere. How many layers are there? Which layer involves the ozone layer? Why is the atmosphere important? Recently, we learned about the various faults we find when tectonic plates move. Ask Suzan or Mackenzie about Oreo cookies and tectonic plates. We did a fun lab involving cookies to demonstrate.

Grade 8

Grade 8 students are reviewing the steps in solving one step equations. These equations involve decimals, and fractions as well. Lately, the class has been divided into groups of 2 or 3 to see if their "team" has the same answer. Recently, with a whole class of 12 (yeah!) I was able to divide them into two teams of six to do an activity involving equations and creating circles. Well Done Grade 8!

Grade 8 What is a Bohr model when discussing atom structures? What is a Lewis Dot structure? What is the difference between an ionic bond and a covalent bond? Ask an 8th grader. Students are preparing a poster to wrap of their knowledge of the topic of atomic structures.

Library & Computer Class

Greetings from Library and Computers!!

In Computers, Kindergarten and 1st grade students learned about the different parts of a computer and are now looking at word processing skills such as creating a document and inserting pictures that correspond with lessons from the classroom ('Things I See on a Farm' and 'Changes that Happen in the Fall'.) This is a very new skill and is taking some time to practice. We will continue until students feel strong in the skills it takes to master this lesson. Second/Third and Fourth/Fifth grade students continue in Computer Basics lessons, moving to Cyber Citizenship: Online Behavior and Email Rules and Manner lessons. Sixth/Seventh and Eighth grade students have wrapped up evaluating computer websites for research. Sixth and seventh graders will be moving into creating presentations for book reports based on their 40 Book Challenge, while 8th graders will begin learning how to apply a graphic design program and will be creating presentations to help teach others how to use the program.

In the Library, Kindergarten and 1st graders are focusing on Literature Appreciation, "How does literature enrich your life?" Through class discussions based on characters and story predictions, it is wonderful to watch where our conversations go. We will begin practicing story summaries as well. Second/Third and Fourth/Fifth grade students have begun their unit of 'Identifying Parts of a Book.' Students will produce a mock up of their own book cover with all identifying information and end pages specific to their stories. Sixth/Seventh and Eighth graders have a good bite out of their 40-Book Challenge to read books from 11 different genres categories. They will be combining their Computer class to begin book presentations on the favorite book they have read so far.



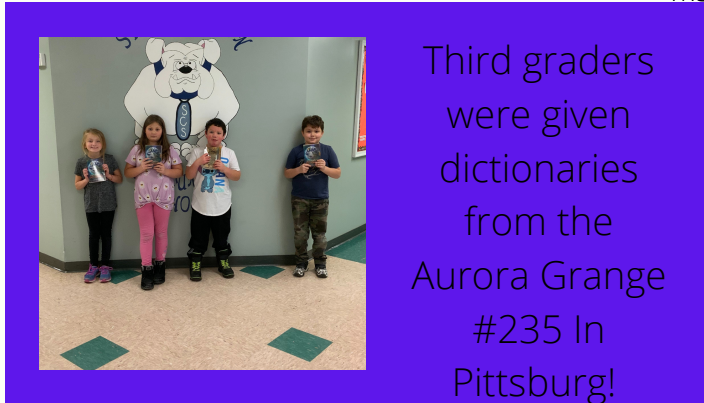
So much learning, so little time! Good work Bulldogs!!
Mrs. Damato



Title I

The cold is here! Brrrr In Title I during the month of November we worked with many students to improve their math and reading skills. Students have been working hard and should be very proud! As we move into December we will continue to work hard then celebrate with winter break! Have a safe and warm holiday season.

Ms. Scott



Third graders were given dictionaries from the Aurora Grange #235 in Pittsburg!

Student Assistance Coordinator

This month I started Second Step program in Kindergarten. Kindergarten students are excited to learn how to be good communicators by following directions, by using music and stories. The 4/5 grade continues life skills, understanding dangers of smoking. In the 6/7 grade, students are continuing Life skills. We will be starting social skills in 2,3 grade.

Have a great December,
Mrs. Crossley

In November my Walk to Read groups in 2 and 3 Grades kept working on their paragraph writing. We've incorporated the Thanksgiving theme into various creative and informational writing assignments. They are getting more and more confident with writing longer paragraphs. 1 Graders were building and writing sentences using the words from their Foundations units. We've played various spelling games writing Foundations trick words with them. I feel proud of all the hard work everyone has been demonstrating. In 6-8 Grades RTI groups I provide support in math helping students practice the concepts they've learned in class, as well as reinforce writing skills with individual students. We've been reading chapter books with various groups to improve students reading comprehension skills.

Mrs. Joos

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Please advise us if special meal accommodations are required for allergies or other special dietary needs.					Adult Breakfast \$2.00 Adult Lunch \$3.00 Milk \$0.50 Please Click Links Below for Nutrition Information on Daily Options: 30% Fat Juice (Monday & Thursday only), Fresh, Diced, or Canned Fruit, Skin White Milk, 1% White Milk, Fat Free Chocolate Milk Offered With All Meals.
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Miss Miller

November Newsletter

Hopefully everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving break and time with family. Before you know it, it will be Christmas break! During the next 3 and half weeks, my elementary students will be increasing their sight word knowledge, symbol imagery, reading comprehension & fluency as well as telling time to the half hour & hour and counting coins up to \$1.00. My older students will continue reading two chapter books, learning corresponding vocabulary words, & comprehension skills as well as learning new vocabulary & spelling words from the Rev It Up program. In Math, the students are learning how to solve 1-2 step algebraic equations with varying operations. Students, work diligently for the next 3 weeks!

Miss Miller
Special Educator