

August 2023



You Do Make a Difference

Stewart News



A Note From the Principal

On behalf of the Grace E. Stewart staff, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2023-24 School Year. As always, August brings the "back to school" buzz of energy into our community... my favorite time of the year! Before long, we will be in the rhythm of the school year and the hallways will be bustling with 430+ students. We are looking forward to an incredible school year!

Sincerely,

Deanna Carpenter, Principal

Welcome, New Friends

To our new families, welcome to our Stewart Team! Please contact the office staff or your teacher with any questions, 785-309-4450. We want you and your child to feel at home and comfortable with all things Stewart.

I encourage you to be active with our PTA. It's a great way to meet and get to know other parents and our school staff.

Looking forward to meeting you!

WELCOME TO OUR "STEWART TEAM"

**MEET
YOUR
TEACHER**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023

4:30-5:30 PM

FOR GRADES 1-5

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP EACH CHILD FEEL MORE CONFIDENT AND COMFORTABLE BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. ONCE AT SCHOOL, YOU CAN FIND EACH CHILD'S CLASSROOM, MEET THE TEACHER AND LEAVE SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

KINDERGARTEN'S MEET YOUR TEACHER IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 16, 4:30-5:00 PM.



No School

No School Friday,
August 25th due to
Teacher In-service

Marathon

The Stewart Marathon
begins Monday, August
28th. Further information
will be coming soon.

Take Note!

Parent/Teacher
Conferences are
scheduled for Thursday
and Friday, September
13th and 14th.

Cell Alerts

In order to get text
messages (cancellations,
emergencies and other
education
communications) from
Stewart School and
USD305 please make sure
your phone number is
up-to-date in Skyward.

Get Involved!

We encourage you to be active in our PTA. Our Stewart PTA provides students with many things including free Stewart PRIDE T-shirts, funds for classroom needs, school improvement projects, water bottle filling stations, additional Chromebooks, beautiful trees on the playground, technology subscriptions, field trip bussing, most recently our Peaceful Playground and so much more. April Augustine and Amy Friesen are co-presidents for 2023-2024. Join the team and get involved!



Para Positions

We have paraeducator positions available to help serve students at Stewart. Our paraeducators work with small groups of students to provide support in the classroom. If you or someone you know is interested in making a difference for students and think this would be a rewarding position, please contact the Stewart Office at 785-309-4450. Thank you!



Surviving and Thriving during AM Arrival



The Good news...The Roach and Wayne Street circle drives are open for AM Drop OFF.

But...you gotta follow the rules!

For **breakfast kids, Kindergarten, and 1st Graders**, please use the main doors in the Roach Circle Drive. Breakfast starts at 7:55 AM.

For **2nd and 3rd Graders**, please drop off at the entrance just north of the main doors in the Roach Circle Drive. We call those the Triangle Doors as the sidewalks create a triangle.

For **4th and 5th Graders**, please use the Wayne Circle Drive so your kids are entering the North Entrance.

Multiple Grades-If you have students at multiple grade levels, please drop off towards the north end of the Roach Circle Drive and the kids can use the sidewalk to walk to their doors.

Note: if the **Roach Drive at the Main Entrance is backed up with cars**, *PLEASE* pull to the north end of the Roach Circle Drive and have your child use the sidewalk to walk to their door.

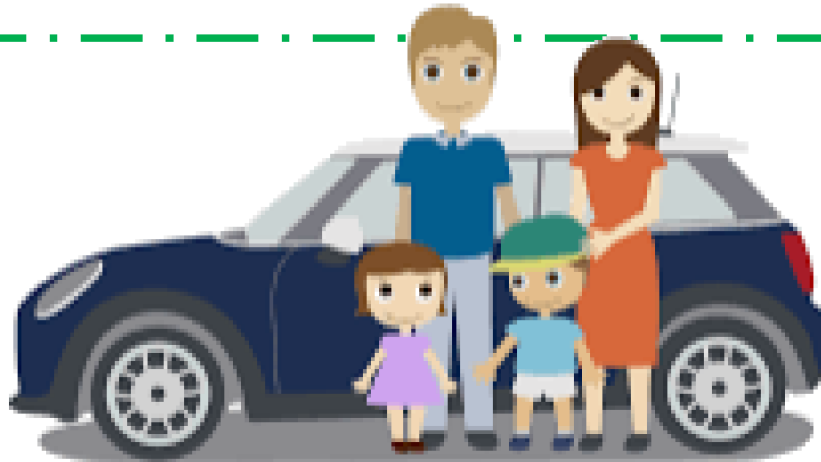
DO NOT BLOCK the Circle Drive waiting for a front row space. Keep in mind, the Roach Circle Drive is most congested at 8:15-8:25 AM.

Drop Off vs. Parking-If the driver gets out of the car, you are parked. If the driver stays in the car, you are dropping off. **DO NOT PARK in the drop off zone.** If your child needs/wants help getting out of the car, park in a stall or pull to the end of the circle drive so you are not holding up drop-off cars.

Thank you for helping us make arrival as smooth as possible.

8:05 AM Supervision begins

Please do not drop off students before 8:05 (exception: Breakfast kids 7:55 AM).



Stewart Dismissal Procedures for 2023-24

3:25 PM Dismissal

● Roach Street Curbside Procedures-Kindergarten and 1st

- Kindergarten and 1st grade students will dismiss curbside on Roach Street. Preschoolers, see page 2.
- No parking on the school side curb of Roach Street so we can keep the traffic flowing.
- **Loading only (parents stay in the vehicle)**
- ★ Older students can be picked up at the same location with younger siblings for parent convenience. Visit with your teachers and students so everyone knows the plan.
- **All students must be picked up curbside** and will not be allowed to cross the street or parking lot unless an adult is with them. **Do not wave them over to your car;** please walk up and escort them if you are not on the curb. Children are not to be walking in the street/parking lot without an adult.

● Wayne Street Parking Lot- 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade

- 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students will dismiss from the Parking Lot off Wayne Street.
- **All students must be picked up curbside** and will not be allowed to cross the street or parking lot unless an adult is with them. **Do not wave them over to your car;** please walk up and escort them if you are not on the curb. Children are not to be walking in the street/parking lot without an adult.



The Roach Street Circle Drive is for **Bussing/Daycare Vans only** during dismissal time.

Grade Levels will dismiss from the following locations:



Preschool Dismissal

AM Class 11:15-11:20 am

PM Class 3:30 – 3:35 pm

- For **Preschoolers**, please use the Wayne Circle Drive so your kids are entering the North Entrance facing Wayne Street. Afternoon class parents, **please do NOT enter** the Wayne Circle Drive **UNTIL 3:30** to respect K-5 Dismissal at 3:25. Preschool teachers will bring your student out to your vehicle curbside or you are welcome to park and gather your student from the preschool staff from right outside the door.
- **Arrival or Dismissal** – Preschool students will not be allowed to cross the street and/or go in the parking lot by themselves. Do not wave them over or release them from the car. Adults are required to walk with them (please hold their hand to keep them safe). Your child safety is our greatest concern!



Our parking lots and streets are VERY CONGESTED from 3:15 -3:30 PM. Please **DO NOT come earlier** than 3:30 for Dismissal.

Students are not to be walking in the street/parking lot without an adult.

Preschool			
v	QTY	Item	Description
	1	Book Bag	Name Placed Inside
	1	Change of Clothes	Name Placed Inside

Kindergarten			
v	QTY	Item	Description
	1	Book Bag	Name Placed Inside
	2	Crayons	Boxes
	4	Dry Erase Markers	Black Only, Chisel Tip Preferred
	1	Facial Tissue	Large Box (200 or more)
	2	Erasers	Pink or Green
	6	Glue Sticks	Medium
	1	Markers, Washable	Set of Fine Line
	1	Pencil Box	Small Plastic
	12	Pencils	#2 Yellow with Erasers
	1	Scissors	Blunt Tip

First Grade			
v	QTY	Item	Description
	1	Book Bag	Name Placed Inside
	2	Crayons	Boxes
	4	Dry Erase Markers	Black Only, Chisel Tip Preferred
	1	Ear Buds	One Set (Headphones Preferred)
	2	Erasers	Pink or Green
	1	Facial Tissue	Large Box (200 or more)
	6	Glue Sticks	Medium
	2	Highlighters	Yellow Preferred
	1	Markers, Washable	Set of Fine Line
	1	Pencil Box	Small Plastic
	24	Pencils	#2 Yellow with Erasers
	2	Pocket Folders	Assorted Colors
	1	Scissors	Pointed Tip
	1	Spiral Notebook	Wide-Ruled

Second Grade			
v	QTY	Item	Description
	1	Book Bag	Name Placed Inside
	1	Colored Pencils	Set Assorted Colors
	2	Crayons	Boxes
	4	Dry Erase Markers	Black Only, Thin Tip Preferred
	1	Ear Buds	One Set (Headphones Preferred)
	4	Erasers	Pink or Green
	1	Facial Tissue	Large Box (200 or more)
	4	Glue Sticks	Medium
	2	Highlighters	Yellow Preferred
	1	Markers, Washable	Set of Fine Line
	1	Pencil Box	Small Plastic
	24	Pencils	#2 Yellow with Erasers
	3	Pocket Folders	Assorted Colors
	1	Scissors	Pointed Tip
	1	Spiral Notebook	Wide-Ruled, 70 Pages or More

Third Grade			
v	QTY	Item	Description
	1	Book Bag	Name Placed Inside
	1	Colored Pencils	Set of Assorted Colors
	1	Crayons	Boxes
	4	Dry Erase Markers	Black Only, Thin Tip Preferred
	1	Ear Buds	One Set
	2	Erasers	Pink or Green
	1	Facial Tissue	Large Box (200 or More)
	4	Glue Sticks	Medium
	2	Highlighters	Yellow Preferred
	1	Loose-Leaf Paper	Package, Wide-Ruled
	1	Pencil Bag	With Zipper
	24	Pencils	#2 Yellow with Erasers
	5	Pocket Folders	Assorted Colors
	1	Scissors	Pointed Tip
	1	Spiral Notebook	Wide-Ruled, 70 Pages or More

Fourth Grade			
v	QTY	Item	Description
	1	Book Bag	Name Placed Inside
	1	Colored Pencils	Set of Assorted Colors
	1	Crayons	Boxes
	4	Dry Erase Markers	Black Only, Thin Tip Preferred
	1	Ear Buds	One Set
	2	Erasers	Pink or Green
	1	Facial Tissue	Large Box (200 or More)
	2	Glue Sticks	Medium
	2	Highlighters	Yellow Preferred
	1	Loose-Leaf Paper	Packages, Wide-Ruled
	1	Pencil Bag	With Zipper
	24	Pencils	#2 Yellow with Erasers
	3	Pocket Folders	Assorted Colors (With Brads)
	1	Scissors	Pointed Tip
	2	Spiral Notebook	Wide-Ruled, 80-100 Pages

Fifth Grade			
v	QTY	Item	Description
	1	Book Bag	Name Placed Inside
	1	Colored Pencils	Set of Assorted Colors
	4	Dry Erase Markers	Black Only, Thin Tip Preferred
	1	Ear Buds	One Set
	1	Facial Tissue	Large Box (200 or More)
	2	Glue Sticks	Medium
	2	Highlighters	Yellow Preferred
	1	Loose-Leaf Paper	Packages, Wide-Ruled
	1	Pencil Bag	With Zipper
	24	Pencils	#2 Yellow with Erasers
	2	Pocket Folders	Assorted Colors (With Brads)
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Steps to Success: Communicating with Your Child's School

We strive to be the best place to learn. The only way we can improve is to know about concerns so we are able to address them. Here are some tips for communicating with your child's school when concerns arise.

The fastest way to a positive result is to start with the people closest to the situation in the school. Talk with the teacher or coach about your questions and concerns before going to the principal.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to reach out to teachers and school staff by:

- Calling the school's phone number. Because they are teaching, you often will need to leave a message for your child's teacher or coach.
- Emailing the teacher or coach directly. All teacher emails are available on our school website.

We want to be responsive to parents' questions and requests for information. Our staff will respond to your call or email as soon as possible, in most cases within 2 school days.

If you have had a conversation with your child's teacher and the principal and are still needing assistance, the director of elementary or secondary programs will be able to provide additional support.

We are excited for this new school year and look forward to partnering with you to support a great school experience for your student.

Directory Information

In accordance with Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), USD 305 has designated certain information as directory information. This information is considered public information which may be released from the school district without your prior consent. Please inform your school building in writing that any or all of the directory information should not be released without your prior consent (by August 25, 2023 to ensure it is not included in a parent directory). The following information is considered directory information:

- I. The student's name and age
 - II. Parent's name, address and telephone number
 - III. The student's major field of study and class designation (i.e. first grade, tenth grade)
 - IV. The student's participation in officially recognized activities or sports
 - V. The weight and height of members of athletic teams
 - VI. Dates of attendance (period of time during which a student was enrolled in an educational agency or institution, i.e. academic year, spring semester)
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Screen Your Student for Symptoms of Illness

It is important to screen your student for illness every day before coming to school. Keep your student at home if sick with any illness. By making sure students are healthy when they come to school, we all can help prevent illnesses that disrupt learning. Thank you for your support!



August Calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

10th - Meet Your Teacher 4:30-5:30 p.m.

11th - First Day of School Gr 1-5
Kindergarten ASQ screening by appointment

14th - Kindergarten & Preschool ASQ screening by appointment

15th - Kindergarten Camp Day 1
Preschool ASQ screenings by appt.



16th - Kindergarten Camp Day 2

Preschool 1st Day of School
KDG. Meet Your Teacher 4:30-5:00 p.m.

25th - Teacher Inservice/No School

28th - Marathon Begins

Contact Us

Deanna Carpenter - Principal
Erin McCorkle - Lead Teacher
Teresa Nelson - Secretary
Main Office Phone Number: 785-309-4450

 **Stewart Elementary**

 **School Website**

 **@USD305**

 **District Website**

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#305GrowsGreatness

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