

February 2024



# You Do Make a Difference Stewart News



## A Note From the Principal

Happy February, Stewart Family!

Our 64th School Birthday Celebration was a thrilling success. Teachers and students competed in a Musical Chair Race and of course, the kids won. We enjoyed over 450 cupcakes for the biggest/best birthday ever.

Please read through the newsletter for information about what's going on at Stewart this month.

Sincerely,

Deanna Carpenter, Principal

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Monica Cruz-Arias, our bilingual assistant, who won the January **Growing Greatness Award** for the district. Monica helps our Spanish speaking students by guiding their journey to learning English and by helping them communicate with their peers and teachers. She also translates important communications for Spanish speaking families (like this newsletter). Thank you, Monica!

## Making a Difference

Because of the generosity of Stewart families and staff in the month of December, we were able to donate 385 pairs of socks to Salina Shares.

Many people in Salina have warmer feet this month because of us!

**Thank you Stewart School for making a difference!**



## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Due to parent/teacher conferences there will be **no school Thursday, Friday or Monday, February 8, 9 or 12**. We will plan to see you at your assigned conference time.



### Conference Schedule

Wednesday, February 7 - school all day, evening conferences

Thursday, February 8 - no school, conferences all day and evening

Friday, February 9 - no school, no conferences

Monday, February 12 - no school

## Black History

In February, students at Stewart Elementary will celebrate Black History Month by celebrating the achievements and history of African Americans. Our goal is to focus attention on the contributions of African Americans to the United States.

We will be honoring people from all periods of US history including, Dr Martin Luther King, Jr, Rosa Parks, Serena Williams, Michael Jordan, and Luis Armstrong. Students will also get to hear from Salina celebrities such as Trent Davis, City Commissioner and Scott Gardener, USD305 School Board Member.

# No School

No School on  
February 8, 9 and 12

# Valentine's Day

Please remember per USD 305 policy, there are to be no Valentine deliveries to USD 305 schools. Thank you for your understanding.

# Got Spirit?

Students and staff are encouraged to wear their Stewart shirts on Fridays to show their school spirit.

# Kdg Roundup

Kindergarten Roundup at Stewart School is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. Information on how to register your child on the district website will be shared soon.

# Kindergarten Music Program

When: Thursday, February 22, 2024

Where: Stewart Elementary (big gym)

What time: 6:45 p.m.

**\*Students need to arrive at 6:30 p.m. and go to the music room.**

Concert attire: Students need to wear nice clothing for the program, any color is fine. This is a time for them to show off all their hard work and we want students to look very nice doing so.



# Student Lunch Bunches

You may have heard about a Lunch Bunch from your student. So, what exactly are Lunch Bunches? Lunch Bunches are a gathering of students during their lunch period where they participate in fun and engaging activities and conversations with a member of our staff.

Spending this quality time with students in small groups help students enjoy a sense of belonging at Stewart. Lunch Bunches are enjoyed by both students and staff!





**APPETITE FOR  
SUCCESS**



# Carlos O' Kelly's

**\$40 TACO KIT FOR TAKE-OUT**

**Feb. 20**

**ALL  
DAY**

**10%  
back to  
Stewart**

2259 S 9TH ST/CENTRAL MALL

*ALL orders will give back 10% to Stewart*



# Read Across America

## February 26th-March 1st

Monday: Cat in the Hat - Wear a fun hat!

Tuesday: Fox in Socks - Wear crazy or fun socks!

Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday - Wear wacky clothes, such as backwards or mismatched!



Thursday: Oh the Places You'll Go - Wear a college jersey or t-shirt!

Friday: One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish - Wear a red shirt or blue shirt!



# Read Across America







# *Congratulations*

**Let's hear it for Monica Cruz-Arias! She was recognized by Superintendent Exline and Nex-Tech for going above and beyond to help our second language students learn and communicate in the classroom. She supports students, teachers and families on a daily basis and we wouldn't have as strong of a Stewart community without her!**

***We love our support staff!***

**Stewart Cubs show PRIDE, YES WE DO!  
Stewart Cubs show PRIDE, HOW ABOUT YOU!?**

**Perseverance. Respect. Integrity. Dependability. Encouragement.**

Twice a month Stewart staff nominate students that demonstrate PRIDE. Those nominated have their names shared out during morning announcements, receive a pencil and certificate, have an award with their picture posted on our PRIDE board and get invited to our quarterly PRIDE party. Such a fun way to encourage and recognize positive behaviors!

Throughout February, our character trait focus will be understanding respect and how to go about showing it. Students will hear how showing respect to someone, themselves included, means acting in a way that shows they care about a person's feelings and well-being.

"Respect" can be a BIG concept for kids to grasp! They are most likely to gain the ability to demonstrate it when having these conversations at both school and home. Take time this month to talk with your child(ren) about what it means to be respectful.

**Conversation starters at home:**

How can you show respect in the classroom?

- Following classroom rules, listening when someone is speaking, using kind words, paying attention to the personal space of others, cleaning up messes

How can you show respect on the playground?

- Sharing, taking turns, playing by the rules, including others, keeping hands to self

How can you show respect at home?

- Listening to others, following directions/rules, helping with chores, taking care of belongings and personal space, using words such as please and thank you

How can you show self-respect?

- Trying your best, standing up for yourself, avoiding things that could be harmful or dangerous, being prepared, being neat and clean

Stewart cubs do a GREAT JOB of showing respect! We are excited to see their growth in understanding and demonstration of this character trait.

-Casey Rittel  
Stewart Elementary School Counselor





Making the world better

# RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

**IN HONOR OF RAK DAY (FEBRUARY 17, 2024) WE WILL BE CELEBRATING KINDESS ALL WEEK LONG, FEBRUARY 13-16. THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, STUDENTS AND STAFF WILL BE SHOWERED WITH KINDNESS AND ENCOURAGED TO THROW IT LIKE CONFETTI! PLEASE JOIN US IN OUR CELEBRATION BY BRAINSTORMING AT HOME ALL THE WAYS YOUR FAMILY CAN SPREAD KINDNESS. HERE ARE A FEW IDEAS TO GET YOU STARTED....**

1. Compliment someone
2. Recycle bottles
3. Give a smiley face picture to someone
4. Visit a nursing home
5. Share toys with siblings
6. Make cards for someone
7. Tithe allowance
8. Help someone with yard work
9. Call a grandparent just to say hi
10. Read to a sibling
11. Do an extra chore
12. Bake cookies for someone
13. Write kind words on rocks and leave them in a park
14. Let someone go ahead of you in line
15. Smile
16. Create care packages
17. Write letters to the military/veterans
18. Eat with someone new at lunch
19. Put change in a vending machine
20. Encourage someone
21. Help clean up a mess
22. Tell your parents you love them
23. Clean your room without being asked
24. Donate food to a food drive
25. Write a letter to grandma
26. Give a hug
27. Sponsor a child
28. Bring a dessert to the neighbor
29. Make a birdfeeder
30. Ask other to continue kindness





**Receive school messages! Update your contact information in Skyward.**

To update your parent/guardian information and notification preferences, you must access Skyward using a web browser

**1** Find the the Skyward Access link on the usd305.com homepage and click on it.



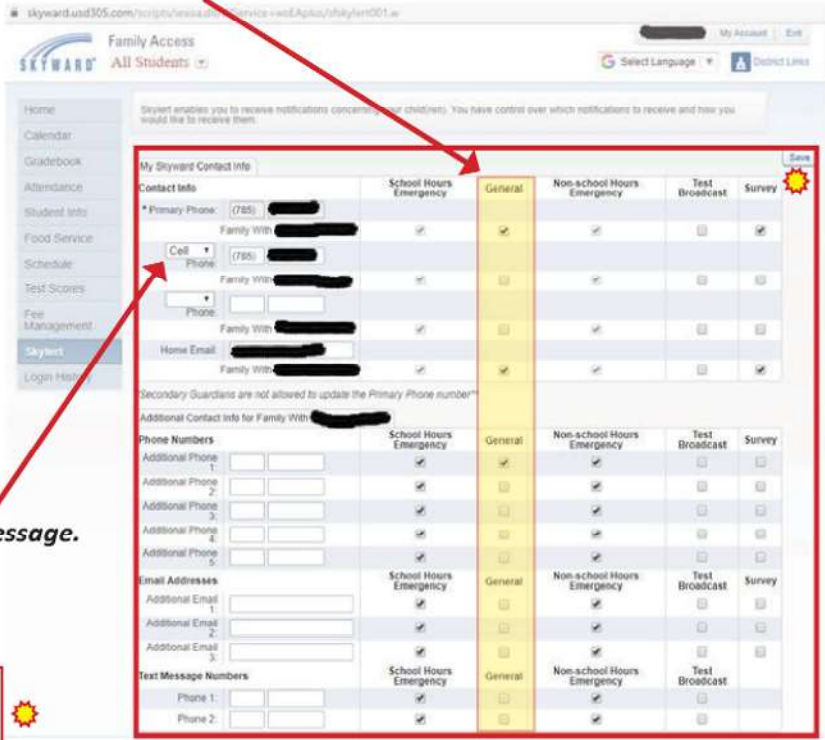
**2** Login with the ID and Password received at enrollment.



**3** Click on the Skylert link in the left hand vertical menu.



**4** Update phone numbers and email as necessary. Check the box to select which type of messages each will receive. **Please Note: The majority of messages are sent "General." We strongly recommend checking this box.**



*Update or add cell number(s) to receive text messaging. You will need to opt-in via text message.*

**5** Be sure to click the Save button once you have updated your contact information!

# GROWTH MINDSET

WOW! THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST CRUCIAL CHARACTERISTICS WE CAN BUILD IN OUR STUDENTS. THIS IS A MINDSET THAT BELIEVES THAT CHALLENGES AND STRUGGLES ARE HOW WE GROW AND LEARN. OUR ABILITIES AREN'T SET IN STONE, BUT WITH WORK OUR SKILLS CAN IMPROVE OVER TIME WITH DEDICATION AND HARD WORK.

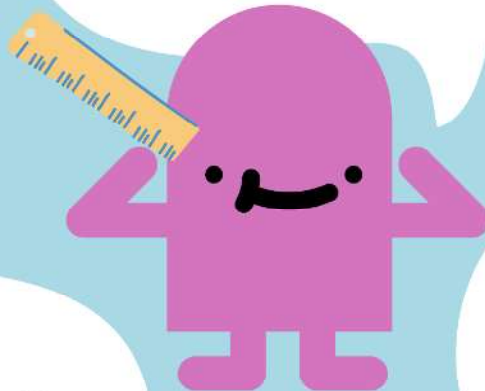
**EMBRACE  
CHALLENGES**



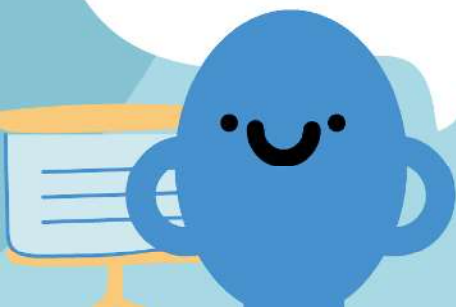
**LEARN FROM  
FEEDBACK; I WANT TO  
KEEP LEARNING**



**MORE EFFORT;  
THIS WILL TAKE  
TIME AND HARD  
WORK**



**NEVER GIVE UP;  
KEEP TRYING**



**I WILL LEARN  
FROM FAILURE**





# February Calendar

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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	28		

2 - Bingo Night 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
 7 - Parent/Teacher Conferences  
 4:00-7:00 p.m.  
 8 - Parent Teacher Conferences,  
 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. No School  
 9 - No School  
 12 - No School







13 - Site Council 6:15 p.m.  
 PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
 13 -16 Kindness Week #2  
 14 - Valentine Parties in Classrooms  
 20 - Appetite for Success at  
 Carlos O' Kelly's  
 22 - Kdg Music Program 6:45 p.m.

## Contact Us

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 Erin McCorkle - Lead Teacher  
 Teresa Nelson - Secretary  
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**#theStewartDifference**  
**#305GrowsGreatness**

-  **Stewart Elementary**
-  **School Website**
-  **@USD305**
-  **District Website**

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