



You Do Make a Difference

Stewart News



A Note From the Principal

Welcome back from break and into 2024. We are delighted to start second semester and the New Year. Once again, we are so grateful for all our students, parents and staff. We truly hope that everyone had a safe and relaxing winter vacation.

It's our birthday here at Stewart! Our school will celebrate our 64th birthday on January 18. We'll enjoy birthday cupcakes provided by our PTA volunteers and celebrate another year of educating kids.

Sincerely,

Deanna Carpenter, Principal

Time to Restock Supplies

It is a perfect time of year to check your child's school supplies.

Donations of items such as pencils, glue sticks, dry erase markers, crayons and tissues are always greatly appreciated.

As part of our school supply list, we also ask for sturdy headphones clearly labeled with your child's name. Thank you for helping our students get off to a good start with new supplies.

Stewart Math



Monday January 22nd 4:30 - 6:30

Let's learn math games involving dice & cards

There also will be STEM games to play

*Door Prizes will be raffled *



Magicians!

Calling all Stewart Math Magicians!

Join us for a night of learning and playing math games. We will be focusing on games involving dice and decks of cards. All families attending will receive their own manipulatives to play the games with and get to take all games home! We also will have various STEM math games to play AND raffle off. Added fun – make your own trail mix!

STEWART ELEMENTARY

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BINGO

Friday, February 2, 2024

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

\$5 per card

OR

\$20 for 5 cards

PIZZA, DRINKS, AND SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE!

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Raffle includes:

Bikes!

Scooters!

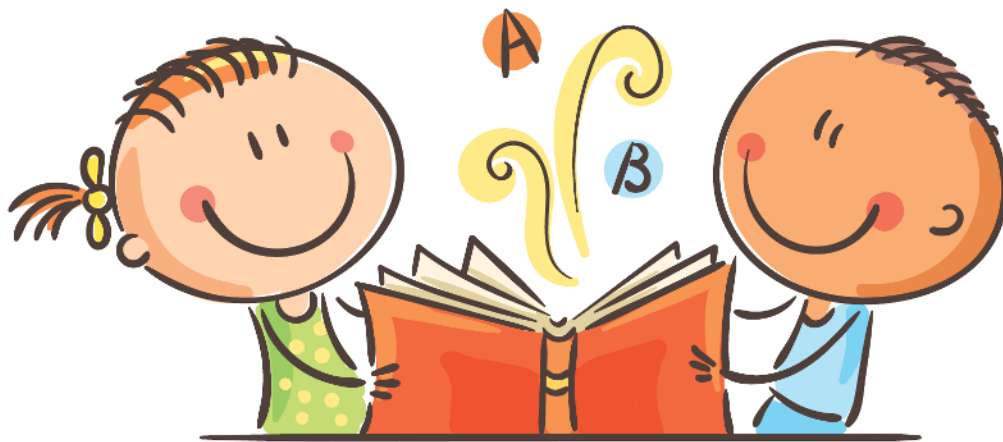
Family Fun Pack!

Nintendo Switch!

And much more!

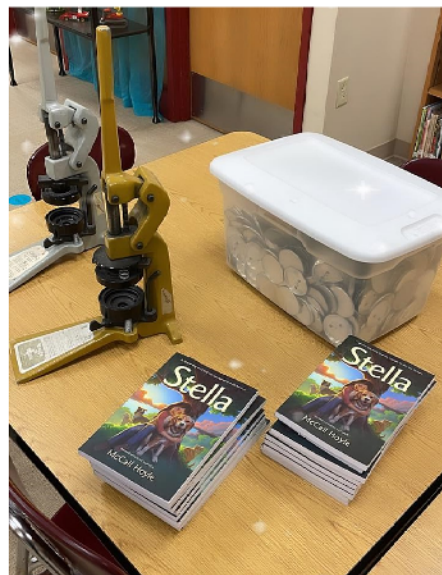
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Raffle tickets are \$1 each
or 25 for \$20



BOOK Club

Ms Mehl, Stewart librarian organized a book club for 5th grade students. They started by reading *Stella* by McCall Hoyle. Students have used the program, CANVA to create and share presentations for the chapters they have read. This club allows students to be creative as well as work on comprehension skills. The members also create buttons. All 5th graders are invited to join this club on Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. in the library!



WORK IT OUT WEDNESDAY!

USD305's Strategic Plan includes a goal of increasing students' critical thinking skills.

Each Wednesday here at Stewart, we have "WORK IT OUT WEDNESDAY." This includes working out our bodies and our minds.

Classes are given challenge math packets that help students think outside the box, develop creativity, and build problem solving skills. During this time, we also focus on perseverance and grit!



Let's Do Lunch!

As always, adults are encouraged to join their students for lunch. If you plan to join, please call the Stewart office before 9:00 a.m. Lunch for adults is \$4.75. Please try to bring exact change or a check. Reminder, no fast food in the lunchroom. You may order a school lunch, bring a sack lunch from home or simply sit with your child.

Breakfast and lunch menus can be found on the Stewart website under Menus or the Meal Viewer App on your phone.

Breakfast runs from
7:55 - 8:30 a.m.

Student breakfast
costs \$2.00 or \$.30
(reduced)

Student lunch costs
\$3.20 or \$.40 (reduced)

Extra Milk \$.50 (cash
only)



A Word a Week

Vocabulary refers to "all of the words" of our language. One must know words to communicate effectively. Vocabulary is important to reading comprehension because readers cannot understand what they are reading without knowing what most of the words mean.

At Stewart, we are focusing on one vocabulary word a week. This word is posted on Facebook and throughout the building. We encourage you to talk about these specific vocabulary words as well as other vocabulary words in your child's daily life and throughout the books they read.

Words we have focused on so far this year.

- Feedback
- Crafty
- Intertwine
- Squirm
- Nutrition
- Decompose
- Reap
- Quantities
- Reputation
- Ominously
- Suspicious
- Garland

STEM GAMES



Mrs. Geis loves doing STEM games with her 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. STEM-focused games often require players to analyze, strategize and make decisions in real-time. STEM games encourage curiosity and inspire creativity. With these games we foster collaboration and communication.

STEM = Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics



SALINA
Public Schools



Stewart's Birthday

Happy Birthday, Stewart School!

On Thursday, January 18, students and staff will celebrate Stewart School's 64th birthday. We will all enjoy cupcakes provided by parent volunteers.

Students and staff will wear Stewart shirts to show STEWART PRIDE!

"Let joyful voices of victory and achievements always sound at Stewart School!"

Dress for Weather!

Please make sure students are dressed for the weather! Often teachers take classes outside for recess for a few minutes even if it is cold weather. Please make sure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately (winter coats, hats, mittens, scarves).

Students **must** have boots if their teacher allows them in the snow. Please send **tennis shoes** to change into for P.E.



VISIBLE learning



The term "visible learning" was coined by John Hattie. With this concept, learning must be seen and as apparent as possible. Teachers educate students about what they are supposed to learn, how to learn and how to assess their progress.

The ideal visible learner can set goals, express what they are learning, describe next steps, know what to do when they are stuck, see mistakes as opportunities and take feedback.

Good Student	Good Learner
-no running	-wants to find out MORE or how-to do it.
-no fighting	-perseverance!
-good behavior	-wants to learn without having to be told.
-raise your hand	-self-motivated
-dont interrupt	-can explain answers
-listen to directions	-learn from mistakes!
-no pushing	
-quiet in the hall	
-no cheating on work	
-no kicking	

Good Student	Vs	Good Learner
Quiet when teacher is talking		Learns from and reflects on mistakes
Pays Attention		Collaborates
Good Listener		Shares ideas
On task		Tries hard
		Selects tools for learning
		Seeks feedback
		Monitors own progress

Good Student	Good Learner
· Cares about others	· work together
· Raise their hand	· learn from each other
· Being kind to their classmates and teacher	· keep trying
· Do their work	· ask questions
· Listen to the teacher	· set goals
· Follow the rules	· reflect

FREE DENTAL SERVICES!!



January
12th-13th

Clinic Doors Open At 5:30 am

Tony's Pizza Events Center
800 The Midway • Salina, Kansas

No Appointments • First Come, First Served
Children and Adults

PATIENT INFORMATION

- Continue taking any prescription medications as directed and bring them along so a dose is not missed.
- Bring a list of current medications, allergies, and health conditions.
- No eligibility, income, or residency requirements needed.
- Services include cleanings, fillings and extractions....NO dentures. **Children can be scheduled at <https://KMOMKIDS.as.me/>**
- Hundreds of patients will be treated each day so be prepared to wait several hours.
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided at no charge, but bring snacks and water.

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For KMOM clinic updates during the event, go to the KMOM Facebook page.

Building Resilient Schools and Homes

Learn how to create safe, connected and problem-solving environments that allow adults and kids to function in their best brain state!

Who Should Attend?
Free and open to all adults

Through this social-emotional program, we will learn to discipline ourselves to help our children learn. Conscious Discipline provides an array of behavior management strategies that anyone can use to **turn everyday situations into learning opportunities.**

Building Resilient Schools and Homes is a 10-week E-Learning course from Conscious Discipline. Attendees will be provided with:

- **One graduate credit** from MidAmerica Nazarene University is available to certified staff. Information will be given at the first class.
- **FREE KDHE Hours** are also available for sessions attended in person.
- Material resources
- Individual registration for E-Learning course
- Free childcare for ages 2+, limited slots available
- Snacks

Questions?

Contact Jody at jody.craddockiselin@usd305.com



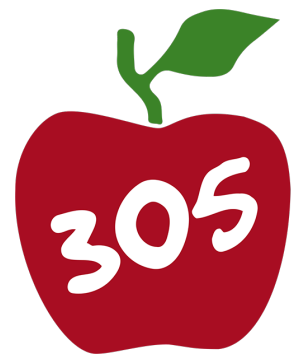
Register by scanning the QR code. Registration will close one week before the first day of class.

School Board Appreciation Month

January marks the start of a brand new, exciting year. It is also when we celebrate School Board Appreciation Month, a time to express our gratitude to the dedicated individuals who serve on our Board of Education (BOE).

In addition to welcoming our newest board member, January is also a time to look forward and set goals for the coming year. Follow us on social media as we feature what our board members are looking forward to in 2024. Their excitement for our district demonstrates their ongoing commitment to provide the best possible education for our students and helps us get to know them a little better.

As we move into the new year, let us remember to celebrate the achievements of our district and to support our BOE in their ongoing efforts to provide a high-quality educational experience for our students. Together, we can finish out the school year strong!



January 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			

1-2 - Winter Recess, No School

15 - No School

3 - Teacher Inservice, No School

18 - Happy 64th Birthday, Grace E. Stewart Elementary School

4 - Classes Resume, Start of 3rd Quarter

22 - Math Night

9 - Site Council 6:15 p.m.
PTA 7:00 p.m.



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 Stewart Elementary

 School Website

 @USD305

 District Website

#theStewartDifference
#305GrowsGreatness