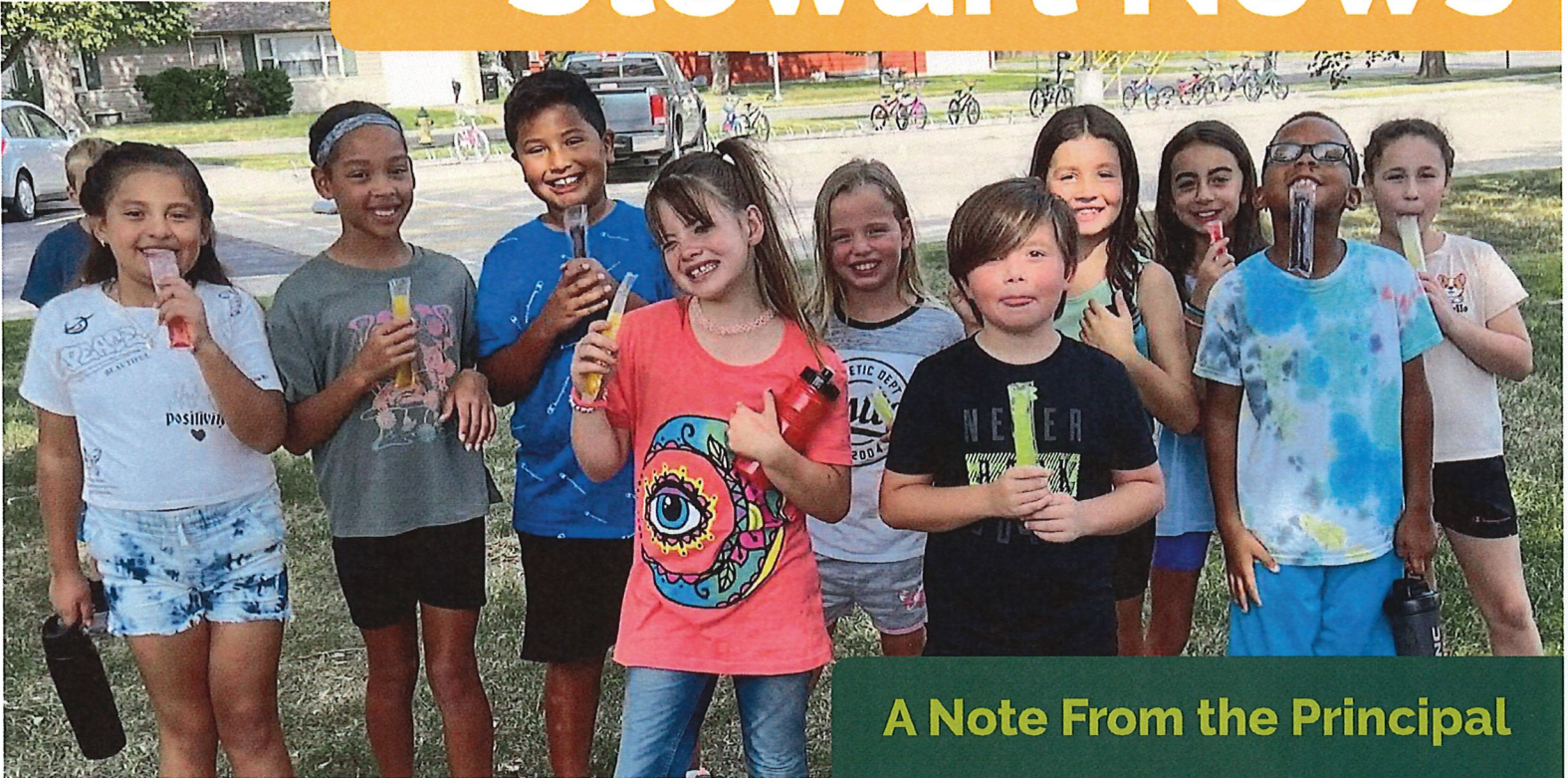




September 2023

*You Do Make a Difference*

# Stewart News



## **FYI...**

### **Our Marathon has started!**

**Join your child for a lap or two Monday through Friday from 7:50-8:20 a.m.**

### **Benchmark Assessments**

**At the beginning of the school year, we assess students in reading and math to ensure instruction is a best fit for each child. To find out more, please contact your classroom teacher about results.**

## **A Note From the Principal**

**Hi Stewart Families,**

**The school year is off to a great start. The kids are settling into the new routines, learning their schedules and moving through the building with ease.**

**Not counting PK and Kindergarten, we have 33 new students joining our school family. Welcome! Also interesting to note, collectively, we speak 12 different languages...I find that *esta bonito* (pretty cool).**

**Sincerely,**

**Deanna Carpenter, Principal**



## Band and Orchestra

This is a reminder that Band and Orchestra will start the morning of Thursday, September 7 at 8:00 a.m. Band will be in the music room and Orchestra will be in the Cougar Cave. Please make sure to bring the form that was passed out during our first class or to turn it into your classroom teacher. Mr. Brooks and Mr. Kuder are very excited to start making music this school year.



## PEACEFUL PLAYGROUND

Recess should be a lot more interesting and fun this year! As part of the Peaceful Playgrounds program, we will be painting the school playground with games such as hopscotch, pickle ball, around the world, four square, and number and letter grids.

Preparation for the PP program has involved a large group of school supporters, including administration, parents and the PTA. This PP is a result of the funds we raised in the 2021 JT Enterprise fundraiser.

The goal of Peaceful Playground is CREED – conflict resolution, rules, equipment, expectations, and design. It will minimize negative behavior, increase physical activity and also has an educational component.

Thank you to all who donated to the JT Enterprise fundraiser. A big thank you to all who have helped design our new Peaceful Playground!

Watch for more details coming soon.

Erin McCorkle Lead Teacher and  
April Augustine PTA



## Parent Teacher Conferences

**Wednesday, Sept. 13**  
school all day, evening  
conferences

**Thursday, Sept. 14**  
no school, conferences  
all day and evening

**Friday, Sept. 15**  
no school, no  
conferences

Please make sure you  
have signed up on  
Sign-Up Genius under  
the correct teacher tab.  
We strive for 100%  
participation.



## Marathon Information 2023

### Here's what you need to know:

1. The program will start August 28<sup>th</sup> and end October 12<sup>th</sup>.
2. All students are invited to participate.
3. All adult family members are welcome to jog/walk with their child each morning.
4. **This activity will be held each morning from 7:50am – 8:20am.**
5. NO ONE will be allowed to start their jogging/walking after 8:05am.
6. We will have adult supervision around the track to ensure the safety of your child.
7. Prizes will be awarded for each 5 miles completed.
8. A modified marathon will be available for students with health or disability issues.
9. Students who eat breakfast at school will walk/jog first and then get a grab-and-go breakfast to eat in the classroom.

### Parent Responsibilities:

1. Make sure your child understands that completing a marathon takes hard work and dedication.
2. If your child is going to participate, they must be dropped off by 8:05.
3. **All students must be dropped off at the front of the building. Students may NOT be dropped off at the side parking lot. We will let students in through the front doors at 7:50am to make sure they are properly supervised.**
4. Make sure your child is dressed appropriately - running attire and tennis shoes.



## Stewart Marathon

Come join in some exercise fun!!

When: August 28<sup>th</sup> – October 12<sup>th</sup>

Where: Stewart Track

When: Monday-Friday

Time: 7:50am-8:20am

You can walk/run the track with your friends and family. PARENTS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO WALK

If you walk/run 4 laps each day – by Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> you will have completed an entire 26.2 Mile Marathon WOW!!!!

Prizes will be awarded every 5 miles.

All Students that complete the marathon will receive a Free Marathon T-Shirt & Medal!!

Students and parents will also have the opportunity to join us for 2 family walk/run nights & an Anniversary Celebration.

We look forward to seeing you all walking!

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**Stewart Marathon  
Calendar**



<b>AUGUST/SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2023</b>				
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
28 <b>Marathon Starts</b> Mile 1	29 Mile 2	30 Mile 3	31 Mile 4	1 <b>Sunglasses Day</b> Wear your favorite pair of sunglasses Mile 5
4 NO SCHOOL Labor Day	5 <b>Family Walk Night</b> 5:00-7:00pm Mile 6	6 Mile 7	7 Mile 8	8 <b>Crazy Hat Day</b> Wear your crazy hat while you run/jog Mile 9
11 Mile 10	12 Mile 11	13 Mile 12	14 NO SCHOOL P/T Conferences	15 NO SCHOOL
18 Mile 13	19 Mile 14	20 <b>Family Walk Night</b> 5:00-7:00pm Mile 15	21 NO Marathon School Pictures	22 <b>Dress like your favorite Athlete Day</b> Mile 16
25 Mile 17	26 Mile 18	27 Mile 19	28 Mile 20	29 <b>Grandparent Day</b> Invite your grandparents to walk Mile 21
2 Mile 22	3 Mile 23	4 <b>School Marathon</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b> <b>Celebration Walk</b> <b>Night (Central High</b> <b>Football Stadium)</b> <b>5:00pm-7:00pm</b> Mile 24	5 Mile 25	6 <b>Crazy Sock Day</b> Wear your favorite crazy socks Mile 26
9 Make up week	10 Make up week	11 Make up week	12 Wear your Stewart Shirt/Green & Gold day  Marathon Celebration 2:50 3:15	



## Parents: Attendance Works!

Getting your child to school on-time, every day, unless they are sick, is something that you can do to ensure your child has a chance to succeed in school. While others can help, you are the bottom line. You can promote good attendance when you:

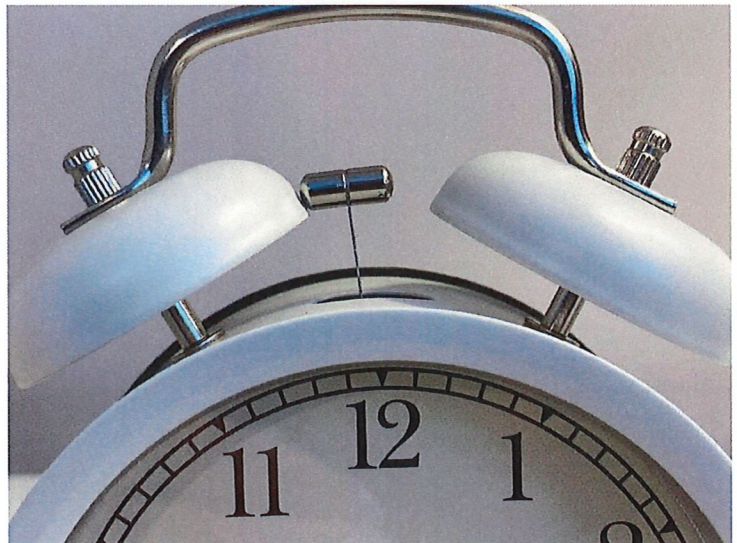
- **Establish and stick to the basic routines** (going to bed early, waking up on time, etc.) that will help your child develop the habit of on-time attendance.
- **Talk to your child about why going to school every day is critical** and important unless they are sick. If your child seems reluctant to go to school, find out why and work with the teacher, administrator or after school provider to get them excited about going to school.
- **Come up with back up plans** for who to turn to (another family member, a neighbor or fellow parents) to help you get your child to school if something comes up (e.g. another child gets sick, your car breaks down, etc.).
- **Reach out for help** if you are experiencing tough times (e.g. transportation, unstable housing, loss of a job, health problems) that make it difficult to get your child to school. Other parents, your child's teacher, principal, social worker, school nurse, after school providers or community agencies can help you problem solve or connect you to a needed resource.
- **If your child is absent**, work with the teacher to make sure she or he has an opportunity to learn and make up for the academics missed.

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Saturday, September 30th 4:00 - 6:00



Wristbands - \$10 - **ALL** games, bounce houses, & prizes

Raffle Tickets - \$1/1 \$5/6 \$20/25

Pre-Purchasing helps speed up the admission process,  
but everything available at the door.

Please detach below and return with payment IN A GALLON SIZE BAGGIE  
to Stewart office no later than Sept 25th

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First & Last Name of Student(s) \_\_\_\_\_

# of wristbands \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10/each)

anyone playing games; not needed for entry to carnival

# of raffle tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Raffle Tickets - \$1/1 \$5/6 \$20/25

Totals: Wristbands \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Raffle Tickets \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (cash or check payable to Stewart PTA)





## **DONATION REQUEST**

*The Stewart Carnival is coming!*

*Please send donations week of Sept 25th - 29th*

Thank you for helping our PTA make this fundraiser possible! Each grade level has been assigned an item to donate that will be used for prizes and games at the Carnival

### **Donated Items**

Pre K/Kindergarten - flavored water or bottles of sparkling ice

1st, 2nd, 3rd - cupcakes (6 pack) or packages of cookies  
\*must be store bought

4th - regular size candy bars (comes in package of 6)

5th - 12 pack can of pop

\*monetary donations accepted - checks to Stewart PTA





*The Adult-First Mindset Shift Training*

# Handling Upset

Scan Here To Register



Gain insight into why an adult-first approach to self-regulation is absolutely necessary for modeling and teaching the behaviors we want students to acquire with this **FREE E-Learning Course** from **Conscious Discipline**.

## Questions?

Contact Jody at [jody.craddockiselin@usd305.com](mailto:jody.craddockiselin@usd305.com)



## Make the Most of Your Parent-Teacher Conference!

Parent-teacher conferences provide an invaluable opportunity for adults at home and school to come together and discuss how to help students succeed. This open dialogue is an important support in students' school progress.

Scheduled for September 13 and 14, these meetings are an ideal avenue for parents to ask questions about their student's performance and behavior. Conferences provide space for communication with parents in a more personal manner, giving them insight into their student's strengths and weaknesses that they may not otherwise see from test scores or grades alone.

We look forward to visiting with you at parent-teacher conferences and working together to build a strong foundation that will help your student learn and grow. With continued communication between home and school, we can make sure our students get the support they need to succeed.



# Fire Safety Art Contest

Each year, the **Mobile Fire Safety House** from the **Salina Fire Department** travels to each Salina Public School (SPS) elementary school to educate 4th graders about fire safety. The Salina Fire Department needs help to design a poster to be displayed on the Mobile Fire Safety House and around town at the local fire stations!

**Any SPS elementary student is eligible to enter!**

To enter, please create your design in the space provided on the back. Designs **MUST** stay within the frame. The poster should represent this year's theme, "**Cooking Safety Starts with You!**" Have a parent or guardian sign and complete the entry form. Return your completed, signed entry to school by **Friday, September 8, 2023!**

One winner will be selected from each elementary school and featured on the Salina Fire Department's social media! The **Salina Fire Department** will select one grand prize winner to have their art printed by **Sign Pro** and displayed on the Fire Safety House and at the Salina Fire Stations!



**2022-2023**

*Fire Safety Art Contest Winner*

*Dean, 3rd grader at Sunset Elementary*



**SIGNPRO**



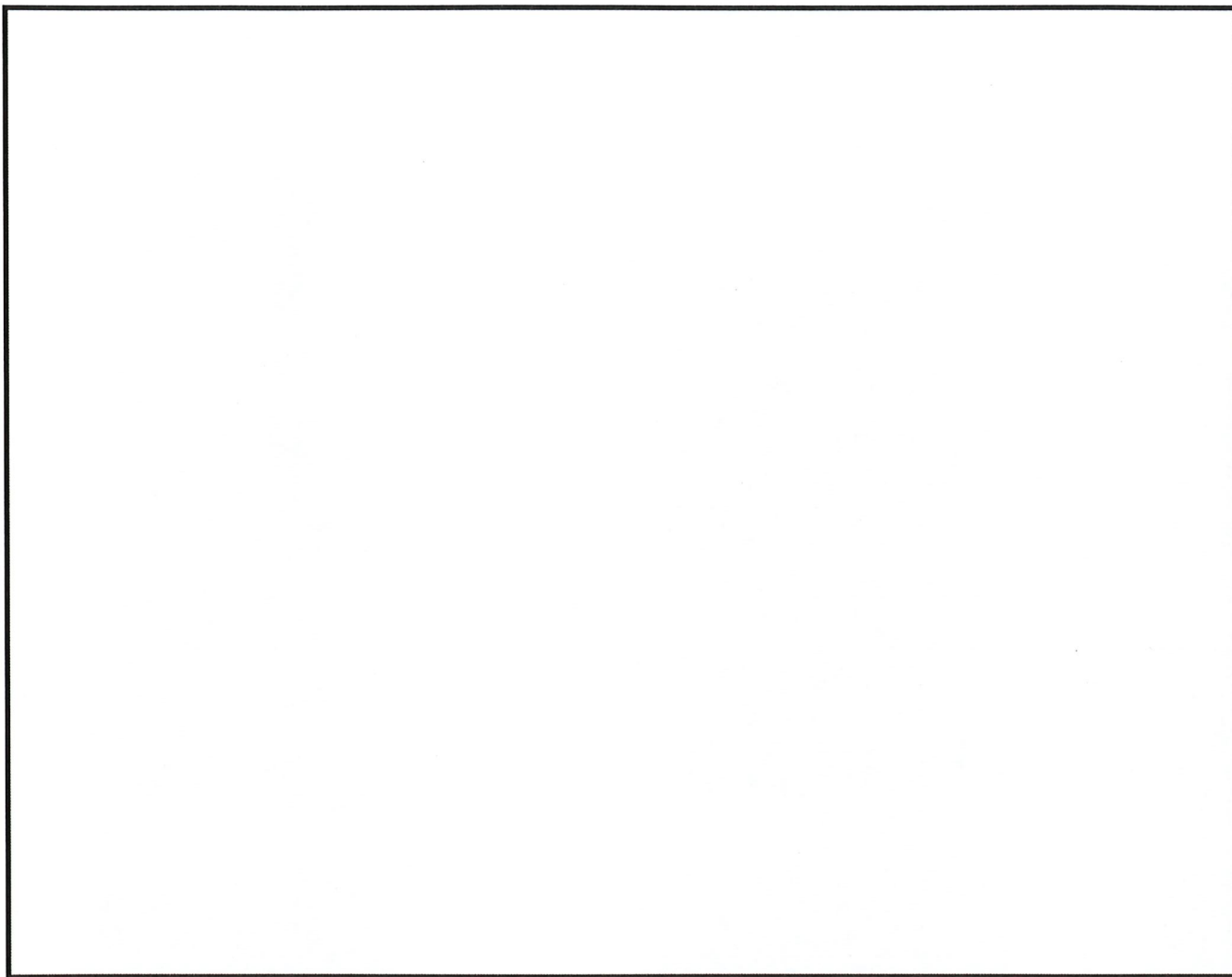
# Fire Safety Art Contest

## Entry Form

Please create your poster design below in the box below.

Your design should represent the theme:

***"Cooking Safety Starts with You!"***



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

*"I grant the right and permission to the Salina Fire Department (SFD) to use photographic and/or digital images of my child along with his/her first name and work submitted as a part of the Fire Safety Art Contest, or reproductions thereof, for any lawful purpose on/in official SFD media including social media, print publications, online publications, presentations and websites."*

\_\_\_\_\_  
(parent signature)



# September 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

1 - JT Enterprise Fundraiser Begins

4 - Labor Day/No School

7 - Band & Orchestra Begins 8:00 a.m.

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

13 - Parent Teacher Conferences  
4:00-7:30 p.m.



14 - Parent Teacher Conferences  
8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. - No School

15 - No School

18 - JT Enterprise Fundraiser Ends

21 - School Pictures

25 - 29 - You Do Make a Difference Week

30 - Stewart Carnival

## Contact Us

Deanna Carpenter - Principal

Erin McCorkle - Lead Teacher

Teresa Nelson - Secretary

Main Office Phone Number: 785-309-4450

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# #305GrowsGreatness



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