

## STUKEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# Family Newsletter

September/October 2022

## Letter from the Principal

Dear Stukey Families,

### Dates To Remember

- Sept 1st - PTO Meeting 5:30 - 6:30
- Sept 5th - NO SCHOOL, Labor Day
- Sept 6th - Assessment day, come at assigned time
- Oct 3rd - Picture Day
- Oct 12th - Parent Teacher Conference
- Oct 13th - NO SCHOOL In Common Release Day
- Oct 14th - NO SCHOOL Fall Break
- Oct 20th - PTO Meeting 5:30 - 6:30
- Oct 28th - Trunk or Treat 5:30-7:30

**Stukey School Hours**  
M, T, TH, F  
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Wednesday**  
8:00 am - 1:45 pm

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A huge thank you to each of you for helping us kick off a great school year!! At Stukey our staff is committed to prepare each scholar for college and career. The staff is ready to go and we will continue our work this year by following our motto of "*Every Scholar, Every Day*" as well as carrying out our *Stukey Mission: At Stukey Elementary, we work with our community to create a caring environment that empowers scholars to persevere and succeed in life.*

Our Stukey scholars have been busy learning routines and procedures through the first months and have been highly engaged in learning with their new teachers! We will be having an Assessment Day on September 6th. We are very eager to meet with families during conferences in October to help strengthen the home/school connection and build a partnership between teachers and parents. Be sure to check your child's classroom website next month for links to sign up for Fall Conferences held on October 12th.

**Update on District Wellness Policy:** In support of the District's Policy on School Wellness, we strive to help our students make healthy lifestyle choices. Simple steps can help children continue making healthier choices as adults. In addition to healthier lunch choices and increased physical activity during our school day, we have implemented a "Non-food birthday treats" policy here in Adams 12. Classroom teachers will share their non-food birthday celebration information with parents. If the classroom is having a planned holiday party and you would like to bring a treat, it must be a healthy treat. Please see some examples below:

\*Veggie Sticks \* Goldfish \*Crackers \*Cheese Sticks \*Fruit Kabobs \*Granola  
\*Individually wrapped apple bags

We appreciate your support in this matter as this is District Policy.

**Free and Reduced Lunch:** Please complete this [form](#) for free and reduced lunch.

**READ PLAN DATA:** Below is the READ PLAN data from last year. These percentages express the amount of scholars who are **not reading at grade level**. It is crucial that your children are reading each night or are being read to. In the August newsletter, I expressed our school wide commitment to have nightly reading logs. Please be sure to have your scholar read each night or read with them!

**Stukey Read Plan Data Total number of scholars on READ PLANS: 1st/20, 2nd/18, 3rd/28, 4th/28 and 5th/18.**

Thank you for sending us your amazing children! We want you to feel confident about sending your child to Stukey, and encourage you to visit, volunteer, or give us a call or email any time. Please feel free to email me with any questions, concerns, celebrations or compliments at [deborah.m.voelker@adams12.org](mailto:deborah.m.voelker@adams12.org) or call 720-972-5423. We look forward to partnering with you to provide the best school experience for your child!

Warm Regards,  
Deborah Voelker  
Principal

**Soft Start** Students may not be on the school grounds before 8:00 a.m. At 8:00 a.m. students enter their outside classroom door. 8:05 the tardy bell rings and class begins. **All students who are not in the classroom by 8:05 a.m. are considered tardy and must enter the main school entrance.**

**Early Release Reminder** Each Wednesday, the school day will end at 1:45. If you pick up your child from school, it is important that you are on time. Staff will be involved in training and there will be no supervision for children whose parents have not come for them.

### **Picture Day is Coming**

Student picture day is  
**Monday, October 3rd  
2022.**



### **Messages for Students**

Due to the fact that it is extremely distracting to teachers and students, we will not be able to interrupt class time to give messages to students unless it is an emergency. Please make arrangements with your child before school.

### **Stukey PTO Meetings**

5:30-6:30 pm

September 1st	October 20th
November 3rd	December 1st
January 5th	February 2nd
March 2nd	April 6th
May 4th	

Please remember how important it is for students to be in school regularly and on time. It is important that our students learn good habits that will serve them well in the future.

**Title 1 Required Information:** As a parent of a student at Stukey Elementary, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teacher who instructs your child. This is a requirement for all districts that receive Title I funds. Federal law allows you to request certain information about your student's classroom teacher. The law also requires the district to give you this information in a timely manner upon request. Listed below is the information about which you have the right to ask for regarding each of your student's classroom teachers.

- Whether the Colorado Department of Education has licensed or endorsed your student's teacher for the grades and subjects taught.
- Whether CDE has decided that your student's teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any teachers' aides or similar para-educators provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

Please contact Robyn Werpy in the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Human Resources Office at 720-972-4058 or [robyn.m.werpy@adams12.org](mailto:robyn.m.werpy@adams12.org) if you would like to receive any of this information.

# **"Every Scholar, Every Day"**

## Classroom Corner

### Kindergarten:

We are off to a great start in kindergarten! After setting a foundation of classroom routines, expectations, and building our community of learners, we have been diving into our academics! Please remember to read with your kindergartener each night and complete their monthly reading log. Also, please continue to complete and return the monthly homework at the end of each month. A huge thank you for remembering to check and return Friday folders. From numbers to letters and high frequency words to parts of a story, we are so excited for all of the ways your child will grow in the next few months!

### 1st Grade:

August has flown by and we are now in full swing with our school year. Your scholars are doing great with our first grade rituals and routines. During the September and October months, our literacy focus will be on a nonfiction genre themed around how plants and animals grow and change. In writing we will be practicing personal narratives and working towards writing procedural reports or How To's. In math we will begin our work with addition and subtraction including number stories. Our guided reading rotations will be up and running and your scholars will be working hard in reading at their instructional level and independent level during these rotations. Social Studies will be centered around learning about the calendar and special holidays around the year.

### 2nd Grade:

We are so excited to start the new school year!! We are starting off strong with Personal Narrative writing where we can share a special time in our lives. In Math we are learning new games such as the Number Grid Game. Reading has been so much fun teaching us all about plants and animals in their habitats. We are also working on how to be a good friend and how to build a caring and inclusive classroom community!!

### 3rd Grade:

September- In Math, we are finishing our first unit that covers time, introduces multiplication, and revisits rounding, and we will begin our second unit about Number Stories and Array. In Reading, we have adopted a new curriculum, so once we finish the launch unit, we will work on our first informational unit about life science. Students will be bringing home a magazine type book with extra activities! In Writing, we will finish our Personal Narratives, and begin "Information Writing". Finally, in Science we will continue our life cycle unit, and toward the end of the month begin our first social studies unit titled "Our Democratic Community" October- We will finish all of the units we started in September, before moving on to new units. In Math, we will start Unit 3, where students will begin work with operations. In Reading, we will work on our second unit that is based in fiction, Ways Characters Shape Stories. In Writing, we will work on "Writing in Response to Reading Informational Texts", with a focus on comparing and contrasting topics. After finishing our Social Studies unit on "Our Democratic Community", we will jump to our second Science unit: "States of Matter." Here students will learn about the three major states: solid, liquid, and gas.

### 4th grade:

Math - In math, we are focusing on place value, number stories, and rounding.

Reading - We've started our new reading curriculum and are focusing on learning routines - active listening, constructive conversations, and identifying author's purpose

Science/SS - We are working on primary and secondary sources, famous Colorado people, learning about the structure and function of the government

Writing - We are working on personal narratives currently and our next unit will be compare and contrast.

### 5th Grade:

5th Grade is excited to start this year off at a run. We will be preparing for our trip to Young Ameritowne in October by studying economics and banking during Social Studies. In Mathematics we are learning how to determine the Area of a 2D figure and the Volume of a 3D figure. The school has a new reading curriculum this year and will be beginning our first unit in September. Students have begun writing their personal narratives and will be refining these over the course of the next month. When we complete our Social Studies unit, our first science classes will be about states of matter and forces. We look forward to an awesome year. 5th Grade, Best Grade!