

STOCKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - "Together for Kids"

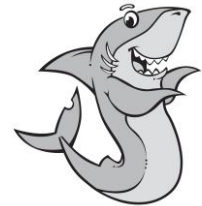
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The mission of Stocker Elementary School, a diverse learning community which values students, families and staff, is to academically challenge all students to be creative, critical thinkers, who discover and develop their unique interests through innovative opportunities provided by the collaborative efforts of our community.



DATES TO BE AWARE OF...

October 5 th	Culver's Night
October 6 th	Lunch with the Teacher for Accelerated Reader
October 7 th	Stocker Spirit = Crazy Hair Day
October 10 th	PTKS meeting in the library at 6:00
October 11 th	Juan Torres and Willie Days are hosting a parent conversation from 9-10 a.m., 5 th grade to Camp Timberlee and Fire Safety House
October 12 th	Juan Torres and Willie Days are hosting a parent conversation from 12-1 and popcorn day
October 13 th	Juan Torres and Willie Days are hosting a parent conversation from 5-6 p.m., White Cane Day and 4 th grade to Old World Wisconsin
October 14 th	STOCKER SPIRIT DAY!
October 21 st	Fall Festival and Stocker Spirit = Football Gear
October 21 st	Book Fair starts and Popcorn Day
October 26 th -28 th	Parent-Teacher Conferences and Book Fair
October 27 th	Half day for students = dismissal at 11:21
October 28 th	No school for students due to conferences
November 3 rd	End of 1 st quarter
November 4 th	No school for students...Teacher workday

Come join us at the FALL FESTIVAL!

The Fall Festival is a family event that will occur at Stocker on Oct.21st. The PTKS does a wonderful job organizing a fun-filled night of games, food, raffles, and much more. I hope that you can join us for this great event. It's from 6-8 pm. No costumes please!

Important Note: All student medication, including cough drops and inhalers, need to be processed through the office. We need to know of these things for student safety. Students must have a medical note on file to take any medication. Adults should bring the medication into the office. Students cannot bring it in alone.

Safety Drills: We are practicing all of our safety drills within the first month of school. Ask your student what they do during a fire drill, safety drill and a tornado drill. Be sure

to continue the conversation regarding what you would like them to do at home if an emergency occurs.

Baseline Assessments:

Students 4K-5th grade will be participating in a variety of baseline assessments within the first month of school. This helps teachers to see what each child knows and can do already. The assessments will also help the teachers to personalize instruction for each child as they move them forward with their learning. The staff uses flexible grouping to bring students together that are in need of instruction on the same skill. The groups of students change with each skill that is addressed based on the students' prior knowledge and skill level demonstrated. Celebrate each new skill your child grasps to encourage them to continue their learning each and every day.

PALS Testing:

All 2nd, 1st, kindergarten and pre- K (4 year olds) will be taking a statewide PALS test. PALS stands for Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening. This test helps us to learn what each child knows so we can work with them to grow and monitor progress around literacy. Some of the things the students will be assessed on include letters, letter sounds, sight words, spelling, rhyming and blending sounds.

Parent Teacher Conferences: We are very excited to announce that our parent-teacher conferences are coming up Oct. 26, 27 and 28. Consulting with our teachers is a great way to learn what is going on in school and how your child is progressing. **We are striving for 100% attendance.** Please put some thought into questions and topics to be discussed with your student's teacher. The conference is approximately 15 minutes, so please be prepared. Thank you in advance for collaborating with us to help improve the successes of Stocker children. Mrs. Nalker and the library will be sponsoring a book fair during conferences. Please stop by the library to check it out!

On-line programs that you can use at home:

Stocker students and families have access to many on-line programs to continue your child's learning at home. Feel free to go to the Stocker webpage at <http://stocker.kusd.edu/>. All websites will be under student bookmarks.

Read It Forward Books:

We hope that you enjoyed reading the donated books that were given out at the end of last school year. This initiative is to encourage reading throughout the summer. Please return the books to the "Read it Forward" bins around the school, so we can continue the program next summer. Thank you for your assistance.

Birthday Treats:

Everyone is welcome to send in birthday treats that are store bought for their child's classroom. It is optional, but everyone in the classroom should get one. We will not be allowing students to walk around the building to distribute extra birthday treats outside their classroom due to supervision concerns and loss of instructional time. Thank you for support and understanding.

KUSD DISTRICT HEARING SCREENING

The initial phase of the annual district hearing screening process for children in grades preK, K and 1 will take place during first quarter. Children with unsatisfactory results will be rescreened in 4 to 6 weeks. At that time, parents will be notified by mail with recommendations if further assessment is warranted. If your child has a history of chronic middle ear infections, hearing loss, or tympanostomy tubes, please notify your child's teacher or the school speech therapist. Parents who do not want their child's hearing screened should notify the school in writing. Students in other grades can be referred for a hearing screening by a parent, teacher, or the principal.

NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK: October 17th – 21st

Teach your child about school bus safety by using the following rules of bus safety.

- Line up quietly at the bus stop, without pushing or yelling.
- Stay away from the curb or road until the bus driver stops and signals it is safe.
- Stay out of the School Bus Danger Zone – that's the area 10 feet around the bus.
- Use the handrails to get on and off the bus.
- Obey the bus driver and stay quietly in your seat; no fighting or shouting.
- Keep the aisle clear. Put your belongings under your seat or on your lap.
- Never throw anything inside the bus or out the windows.
- Don't stick your head, hands or legs out the windows.

*If students are not being safe on the bus, they will not be able to ride the bus.

Red Ribbon Week: October 17th-21st

For the last twenty-four years, schools across the United States have used Red Ribbon Week as an opportunity to teach students about the dangers of drugs and to encourage healthy life choices. Each year, the goal of protecting our nation's children from life-threatening danger seems more important than ever before. To teach children about the harmful effects of drugs and encourage them to aim for success and resist peer pressure, everyone must work together. At Stocker Elementary we will focus on preventing illegal drug use, and take a stand for a drug-free Kenosha, Wisconsin and America.

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Cut off here and share your comments, questions or concerns. Drop this in the comment box inside of the office, send it with your child or call the office at 359-2143. Thank you for your input!

Name (optional): _____ *"TOGETHER FOR KIDS"*

Comments: _____
