

## STOCKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - "Together for Kids"

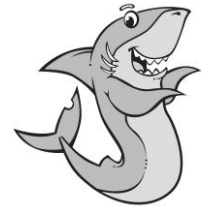
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The mission of Stocker Elementary School, a diverse learning community which values students, families and staff, is to academically challenge all students to be creative, critical thinkers, who discover and develop their unique interests through innovative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



### DATES TO BE AWARE OF...

December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stocker Spirit = Stocker Gear!
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	ACCESS window opens for ELL students (state mandated test)
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Culver's Night
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch with the Teacher for AR
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Stocker spirit = Wear slippers day (have shoes for recess)
December 12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	Mid-Quarter Progress Reports
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	PTKS Craft Night
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Popcorn Day
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade to Racine Theatre Guild & Words Their Way Night
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Stocker spirit = "Ugly sweater" Day or Stocker Spirit Gear Day
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day before "Winter Break" - Sing-a-long @ 1:00

HAPPY HOLIDAYS-School resumes on Tuesday, January 3rd. "See you in 2017!"

### Sharing information electronically:

We are continuing to work on going paperless as much as possible to save money, positively impact our environment and use the electronic communication that is available to us. If you haven't already done so, please share your e-mail address with your classroom teacher and the office. If you don't have an e-mail address, we can still print paper copies. Sign up on our list-serv on the Stocker website. We use the list-serv for school newsletters and other Stocker events. Working together through communication is a priority for us.

### Mittens on a Clothesline

December is a wonderful time of year, filled with joy and excitement for many families in our area. Unfortunately, for some families (even Stocker families), this time of year is filled with the stress of trying to figure out how to provide a special holiday experience for their children while still paying for household expenses. Here at Stocker we have some families that could use all of our help to make the season brighter. **Our annual "Mittens on a Clothesline" project will begin in December.** Families can select mittens from Dec. 1-11, and return wrapped gifts with mitten attached no later than Monday, December 14.

### State wide School Report Card Information:

Stocker is labeled as "Meets Expectations" as per the new state report cards which are calculated differently. To break it down, Stocker is ranked 9<sup>th</sup> for academic achievement

as compared to other KUSD schools including charters and 8<sup>th</sup> for On-Track and PostSecondary Readiness. We are closing gaps and students are growing in English Language Arts and we are working on these same areas for math.

Family Resource Room:

Stocker has created a family resource room with the assistance of some parent volunteers. Families may use the resource center to find resources to assist them and their children with academics, behavior, community resources, etc. We also have a computer with access to the internet. Just check in at the office upon arrival and we can show you where it is. Feel free to let us know if you are looking for something and can't find it. We would love to continue our work to make this resource as effective as possible for you to access and obtain information and resources to assist your family. Our Share and Shop is also available to families in need of food, clothes and household items. Please just come to the office and ask about it.

It's cold; Please dress accordingly.

Winter is coming and there are a few reminders for families and students regarding snow. During recess and lunch, students will be required to stay on the black top if they do not have snow pants and boots, so they don't get their clothes wet. **All snow needs to stay on the ground.** If a student is found throwing snow, they will be sent to the office. For inclement weather and school closing information, you can listen to local radio stations, check [www.kusd.edu](http://www.kusd.edu) or tune to Cable Channel 20.

**The Parent Initiated Transfer window is in January. More information regarding the process will be included in the January Newsletter, which you will receive prior to winter break. If you are not living in the Stocker boundary, but would like to stay at Stocker, please be sure to fill out the transfer request that will be attached.**

Parent drop off in the morning:

Please be sure to use the small parent circle drive to drop off your children in the morning. The students will be coming inside in the morning after Thanksgiving break and staying by their coat hooks during the winter months due to the early start and the lack of sunlight at this hour.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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