

## **STOCKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - "Together for Kids"**

Main Office: (262) 359-2143 Attendance: (262) 359-2006 Fax: (262) 359-2012

April Nelson, Principal [anelson@kUSD.edu](mailto:anelson@kUSD.edu) (262) 359-2003

Sara Strenger, Counselor [sstreng@kUSD.edu](mailto:sstreng@kUSD.edu) (262) 359-2019

<http://stocker.kUSD.edu/> or [www.kUSD.edu](http://www.kUSD.edu)

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.



<b>August 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Open House - Welcome! 5:00 - 6:30 pm</b>
<b>September 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>First Day of School! K-5<sup>th</sup> grade</b>
<b>September 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No school = Labor Day!</b>
<b>September 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Early Education/4K students start</b>
<b>September 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTKS Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. in the library.</b>
<b>All families, staff &amp; students are welcome &amp; encouraged to attend!</b>	
<b>September 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School Store</b>
<b>September 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Popcorn Day - It's free for all students!</b>
<b>September 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School Picture Day - Bring your SMILE!</b>
<b>September 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>PTKS Action Territory Night</b>

### **FROM MRS. NELSON, PRINCIPAL...**

I would like to welcome everyone to the 2016-17 school year. We are very excited to provide every child with academic and enriching opportunities. We work hard to personalize learning for each child by getting to know them as a person, where they are academically and how they learn best (visual, auditory, kinesthetic...). Working as a team to do what is best for all kids is our goal on a daily basis. I am looking forward to continuing my work with all of you, collaborating to help each student to achieve success each and every day.

School starts at 7:25. Please be here on time! Many things happen in the first ten minutes in each classroom (attendance, lunch count, etc.). We will have students come into the building at 7:20 to be ready to start learning by 7:25. Students will be dismissed at 2:25 every day except Friday which will be 11:21. Meal costs this school year include breakfast \$1.50, reduced \$.30 and lunch \$2.70, reduced \$.40 and are subject to change annually. Milk only is \$.35. Fees are \$44 per student. Free/reduced applications are available in the office.

I will be sending home a monthly newsletter which will foster communication and keep you informed of upcoming events. The teachers will also be sending home correspondence that will be classroom and student specific. I encourage all families to partake in meetings, events, fieldtrips and classroom activities. Stocker is a caring environment that encourages interactions from our entire educational community. We strive to do what is best for kids, and we welcome your efforts to promote learning, continuous development and achievement.

Parent involvement significantly improves student success. Your support in and out of school maintains consistency in a child's life. Establishing school routines early in the school year such as bedtime, homework time, morning schedules, etc. will help your child to adjust to returning to school although it will take time. Your assistance to teach the importance of an education is valued more than you know. Together we can achieve more.

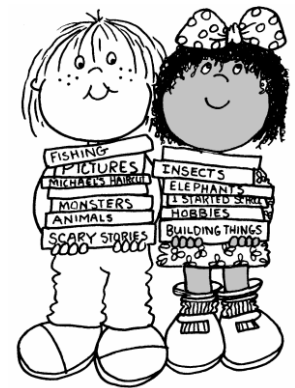
As in the past, notices that are distributed school wide will be sent home with the oldest or only child. Beginning later in September, you will usually receive only one copy of correspondence from school unless it is classroom or child specific. This should eliminate the duplication of information you receive as well as assist the school in decreasing the amount of paper we use. We are hoping that you will sign up for the listserv if you have access to e-mail via the Stocker website. We will use electronic communication whenever possible. Please let your child's teacher know if you would rather obtain information via e-mail when it is available. We will only be sending out handbooks to new families. If you would like a copy, please ask for one in the office or you can view it on-line on the Stocker website. Thank you for helping us to continue our transition to a more environmentally friendly way to communicate.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the school at (262) 359-2143. Your mutual respect, support and communications are appreciated. If you would like to contact me directly, you can e-mail me at [anelson@kUSD.edu](mailto:anelson@kUSD.edu) or call the office. Visit our website anytime at <http://stocker.kUSD.edu/> to see what's happening. I hope that we have a wonderful year.

Sincerely, Mrs. April Nelson

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE...

Stocker Elementary has an attendance goal of 98% attendance daily. We appreciate parent support in helping each Stocker student be as successful as possible by experiencing regular attendance! Please refer to the school calendar online and in the handbook when making travel plans. Your efforts to avoid school time for vacations are educationally sound and appreciated. It is our hope that by providing you with links to the calendar now, you will be able to avoid a conflict with school attendance days.



### BEGINNING OUR DAY IN A SAFE WAY!!!

Attention ALL parents! Students should NOT arrive at school before 7:15 a.m., as there is no playground/outdoors supervision until that time. PLEASE, FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL OUR STUDENTS, DO NOT DROP OFF OR ALLOW CHILDREN TO WALK TO STOCKER PRIOR TO 7:15 a.m. (Students in the YMCA School-Age Child Care Program will be supervised beginning at 6:40 a.m. from staff employed by the YMCA if they have enough students that enroll.) Safety is our #1 concern, and we need the cooperation of all parents/guardians. Thank you!

### MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION DURING SCHOOL HOURS...FROM OUR NURSE...

Absolutely no medication will be dispensed during school hours without the appropriate forms, signatures, and procedures. KUSD has a form to request medication administration during school hours. Please obtain the form in the office or on the website prior to needing medication distributed. See the handbook for more information and details. Thank you for your cooperation!

### SAFETY FOR ALL OUR STUDENTS...

The Kenosha Director of the Division of Health encourages all schools to not allow home-prepared foods for student parties and events. It is our feelings that these safe public health practices yield a safer school environment and support the educational system. All items brought to school to share should have ingredient labels on them to protect our students with allergies.

## **SCHOOL DRESS CODE - POLICY 5431**

The district has updated the dress code policy. Please go to [www.kusd.edu](http://www.kusd.edu) to see the entire document. Paper copies can be picked up in the office at any time. Highlights include: No tank tops, flip flops or see-through clothing. Students' pants/shorts/skirts must be at least mid-thigh length and undergarments must be covered at all times. Students can wear sandals with straps and tights/leggings can only be worn if their shirt is past the tips of their fingers or if they have a skirt or dress over them.

## **HEALTH SCREENING PROGRAMS...**

The Kenosha Unified School District, in cooperation with the Kenosha County Division of Health, has sponsored various screening programs for many years to ensure students the best opportunity to profit from our total education program. The Vision Screening will begin early this fall followed by the Hearing Screening Program next spring. Vision and Hearing Screening Programs are given to the following students:

- 1) Vision Screening Grades Kindergarten, 2, 5 and referrals (children wearing glasses are not screened)
- 2) Hearing Screening Grades Kindergarten (if not done at Kindergarten Screening) and referrals

Any parents wishing to have their child excluded from any or all of the screening programs may do so by sending a note to the principal of their child's school.

## **FAMILY LIFE INSTRUCTION...**

The K-12 Family Life lesson plans are approved by the Kenosha Unified School Board and taught later in the Spring to students in grades 4 and 5. Copies of these materials are available for your review in the Stocker library. Please feel free to stop in and peruse these materials. Please write us a letter stating specifically if you do not want your child involved when the Family Life Objectives are being taught.

## **VISITING PARENTS/FAMILY MEMBERS/GUESTS...**

Families are ALWAYS welcomed in our school. Your involvement and support of classroom activities make our school a successful one! However, we do have a few requests:

- 1) When you enter our building, please ring the door bell (buzzer) and come to the office IMMEDIATELY. It is important that we know you are in the building even if only for a short time or at arrival.
- 2) If you are dropping off lunches, band instruments, homework, etc., please drop them off in the office. The office will be happy to deliver the item(s) to the classroom at a time that will not interfere with instruction and learning.
- 3) Visitor badges...the safety of your children is of utmost importance to us.

For this reason, the Kenosha Unified School District will continue with visitor badges for all persons.

**Any person entering the building for any reason must report to the school office immediately.** At the office you may pick up a visitor badge that will identify you to the children and staff of Stocker Elementary as a welcomed visitor. **Please keep in mind that all doors are locked at all times.**

## **PARENTS & TEACHERS FOR KIDS AT STOCKER (PTKS)**

Did you know that you are already a member of the PTKS? Everyone who has a child or knows a child at Stocker is automatically a member of the PTKS. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the

meetings. You aren't required to stand up or speak. You don't have to volunteer if you don't want to, but you SHOULD be there. You should know what decisions are being made that will affect the school and your children! If you have an opinion, this is the place to have it heard! If you want to help with fun school events, this is the place to volunteer. You can do as much or as little as you want, but come and be informed! P.T.K.S. meets every second Monday of the month (except Dec.) in the library at 6:00.



## QUESTIONS

Contact a Stocker PTKS Board Member

Jamie Davis, President  
[jamie.davis@walgreens.com](mailto:jamie.davis@walgreens.com)  
262-515-3416

Jessica Medina, Vice President  
[jesmedina13@yahoo.com](mailto:jesmedina13@yahoo.com)  
262-331-0373

Ginger Gosselin, Treasurer  
[rgosselin3@hotmail.com](mailto:rgosselin3@hotmail.com)  
262-455-5546

Rhea Burks, Secretary  
[rheaburks@gmail.com](mailto:rheaburks@gmail.com)  
262-960-0655

Peggy Unger – Teacher Liaison  
[munger@kUSD.edu](mailto:munger@kUSD.edu)  
Home: 262-654-4449

April Nelson - Principal  
[anelson@kUSD.edu](mailto:anelson@kUSD.edu)  
Office: 262-359-2003

**Visit: <http://stocker.kUSD.edu/> and click on the Parent Involvement Tab**

### **STOCKER VOLUNTEERS AND PARENTS APPRECIATED!!!**

It is the hope of the Stocker staff that you understand how much we rely upon, need and appreciate our volunteers. Volunteers are directly responsible for much of the success students enjoy at Stocker Elementary. At Stocker we DO appreciate everything that families do for us...so once again, thank you!

**SIGN UP FOR OUR LIST SERV:** All you have to do is go to our website (<http://stocker.edu/>) and follow the instructions at the bottom. This will give you mass e-mails that are sent out to families regarding events, emergencies and/or reminders.

**New Learning Disabilities Law:** Wisconsin's rule for identifying students with specific learning disabilities (SLD) changed last year. From December 1, 2013 on, all initial SLD evaluations of public school students will use information from interventions to make eligibility decisions. Stocker Elementary is using information from a student's response to intensive, scientific research based or evidence based interventions when making special education eligibility decisions. If you have any questions or would like more information, please refer to <http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/ld.html>.

---

*The Kenosha Unified School District No. 1 is an Equal Opportunity Educator/Employer with established policies prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age, race, creed, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability or handicap, sexual orientation, or political affiliation in any educational program, activity, or employment in the District. The Superintendent of Schools/designee (359-6320) addresses questions regarding student discrimination, and the Executive Director of Human Resources (262-359-6333) answers questions concerning staff discrimination.*