Principals Messages

Greetings Stocktonians!

January was a great month but boy did it fly right on by! February seems to be following in the same direction. As always, please keep this newsletter close as it has so much important information.

As you know, the last two weeks we've been excited about the Friends of Stockton Hands Campaign. The cafeteria is beginning to look so festive with all the colorful hands floating from the ceiling! I can't wait to see it once all the hands are hung. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who've given their time and efforts to make this campaign so successful! Stockton truly wouldn't be the same without you.

~ Mrs. Brannan, principal

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COUNSELOR CORNER

Our character trait for the month of February is Courage. Courage is the ability to do something that you know is difficult or dangerous. Someone with courage is bold and brave, unafraid to face tough challenges.

Ways to Cultivate Courage in Kids

Model courage. Kids who watch their parents stick their necks out to do the right thing are more likely to do the same.

Talk about values and courage. Research finds that kids are more likely to be courageous if they believe that their parents expect them to support those in need.

Don’t over-help. Always “fixing” children’s problems only make them more dependent and reduces their ability to bravely seek their own solutions.

Ask your kids to share their acts of bravery. Learning to be brave takes practice, so encourage your children to do something courageous every day, such as introducing themselves to someone new, inviting a new classmate to play or standing up for a peer.

Dispel the “Superman myth.” Many kids assume they need to look like a superhero to be courageous. Share stories of those who changed the world with their quiet, nonphysical brave acts.

Read about courageous kids. Share inspiring news and stories about children who stick their necks out for others.

SAVE THE DATE!

Stockton’s Inaugural Celebration of the Arts will be on Tuesday, March 3rd at 6pm. Join us in celebrating our students in the fields of visual and performing arts!

~ Mrs. Johns & Mrs. Bricknell

ART NEWS

We have just over 80% of students using Artsonia! It’s a great way to see your student’s art! Our goal is 100% by the end of the year. Let’s make it happen!

Check out all the awesome things we’re working on in the art room on Instagram! @ArtWithMrs.Johns

ROBOTICS

The Robotics team will practice Monday–Thursday (2/10-2/13) next week from 3:10-5:10pm. Competition is on Saturday, Feb. 15th. There will be no more practice following the competition.

EARLY DISMISSAL DATES

Please make sure to note the following Early Dismissal dates for the year.

February 26
March 25
April 29
May 20

MUSIC NOTES

In February, students will be learning about the Harlem Renaissance, Jazz music and improvisation. Third grade students do not need to bring their recorders to class until after Spring Break.

Congratulations to all the students that came out and auditioned for our spring musical, The Music Man KIDS! Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, February 5th from 3:15-4:15pm. We look forward to performing this show on the evening of Thursday, May 14th. Please add the performance date to your calendar!

~ Mrs. Bricknell

Help STEM in MEDIA Grow

The holidays are over and you may be looking to donate old items. Our JOHN STOCKTON library is looking for old but working smart devices (smartphones, tablets), legos, and magnetic tiles.

The smart devices will be used for coding with my Coji robots, creating book talks, doing research, and making stop motion stories. The legos and magnetic tiles will be used for STEM centers on PLC days.

~ Many thanks from Mrs. Ecklor

5TH GRADE PARENTS

Now is the time! Send in your yearbook ad order form and money today! Send design requests and pictures to stocktonyearbookads@yahoo.com

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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