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Principal's Message

Happy New Year, Stockton!

I trust you all had a great break and stayed safe! We have hit the ground running and will be taking off into our THIRD quarter of this school year. With that said, I would like to remind all parents, guardians, and students how crucial it is to make every effort to be in school, whether it's online or in person. This is the season we really start prepping for FSA testing and students need every bit of instruction time to help them be fully prepared. See below for the testing schedule.

DATE	SUBJECT	GRADE
April 6 TH	Writing	4 TH & 5 TH
April 7-8	ELA	3 RD
May 4-5	ELA	4 TH & 5 TH
May 10-11	Math	3 RD 4 TH 5 TH
May 12-13	Science	5 TH

REMINDER...

The School Choice Expo is Saturday, January 9th from 11am-3pm. Don't forget it's completely VIRTUAL!! Below is a link to a "Tips & Tricks" informational sheet I have created to help guide you through this Expo.

<https://dcps.duvalschools.org/cms/lib/FL01903657/Centricity/Domain/57/Magnet%20Expo%20and%20Tours%20Tips%20and%20Tricks.pdf>

Be safe and stay well!

~ Mrs. Brannan, principal



FRIENDS OF STOCKTON

Friends of Stockton will be hosting this year's annual hands campaign virtually. It will occur February 1-12th. More information to follow!

Thank you to those that participated in our luminaria event. Special thanks to Chris Gordon, Ellen Wilson, Lee Bowman, John Campbell, and Margaret Hall for their time.

PTA



Save the Date! There will be a virtual General PTA Meeting on Tuesday, January 26th at 12 noon.

All PTA members are invited to participate. During this meeting we will select a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will work together to create a slate of officers for 2021-2022. If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee or if you plan to attend the virtual meeting, please email the PTA: johnstocktonpta@gmail.com

ART NEWS

Stockton Artists are learning about using art to promote kindness. We recently partnered with **Ortega Gardens Alzheimer's Special Care Center** to create artwork to share with the residents. Students who finished projects early were given the opportunity to create artwork to donate. Kindergarten and First grade classes even made Christmas cards for the residents! Mrs. Johns met with Aubree Stack, their Program Director, to personally deliver the artwork. The residents were very appreciative of our students' thoughtful gifts of art!

Valentine's Day is approaching! Create amazing gifts featuring your student's artwork with Artsonia! Not signed up? Message Mrs. Johns for more information!

Check out our everyday art activities on our Instagram! @artwithmrs.johns

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COUNSELOR CORNER

The character trait for the month of January is **cooperation**. Cooperation is the act or process of working together to get something done. Learning to cooperate is an important step in a child's social and emotional development. The ability to work with others to reach a goal or overcome a challenge is essential for future success.

Here are some ways to encourage cooperation at home:

- **Model cooperation.** Demonstrate how to work together with others to reach a common purpose - even if that purpose is setting the table for dinner. Sharing age-appropriate responsibilities enables children to learn how we work together to reach a goal.
- **Play games to encourage teamwork.** Activities like playing games together in teams, cleaning up together to beat a timer, or simply building puzzles together enables children to learn how to work together.
- **Take time to teach how to problem solve.** Part of cooperation is learning how to overcome challenges together. Help children learn how to identify a problem, think about different ways to solve that problem, and then encourage them to try out solutions.
- **Allow for choices.** Providing choices about how or when to complete a task enables children to choose to be cooperative.
- **Use specific praise.** When you observe children cooperating, praise them for working together. Try to be as specific as possible as you explain how your child demonstrated cooperation, "You and your sister were cooperating nicely when you worked together to complete the puzzle."

DISMISSAL TIMES

Car Riders 2:50

Walkers & Bike riders 3:00

Buses 2:55

Extended Day 3:10

****Please remember it is the district's policy that students are not to be checked out 45 minutes prior to dismissal (2:15pm)**



5th GRADE FAMILIES

It's that time of year again, to get your 5th grade yearbook ads together! Find your favorite picture(s) of your 5th grader and be ready to send them in soon. Information will be going home with students but keep in mind that the deadline this year is **March 1st**.

CELEBRATING MLK, JR

Taken from the history.com website, here are 10 interesting facts you may not have known about the great Martin Luther King, Jr.

1. King's birth name was Michael, not Martin.
2. King entered college at the age of 15.
3. King received his doctorate in systematic theology.
4. King's 'I Have a Dream' speech was not his first at the Lincoln Memorial.
5. King was imprisoned nearly 30 times.
6. King narrowly escaped an assassination attempt a decade before his death.
7. King's last public speech foretold his death.
8. Members of King's family did not believe James Earl Ray acted alone.
9. King's mother was also slain by a bullet.
10. George Washington is the only other American to have had his birthday observed as a national holiday.

SUCCESSFUL COMMUNICATION

FOCUS is the student information system which allows parents to access grades, progress reports and attendance. **Parents/Guardians must register** for a new Focus account at www.duvalschools.org under the Parent Resources heading. If you already have a Focus account, log in information will be the same. Also, please be sure to accept your DOJO invite so that you can stay connected!

JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 9 School Choice Expo - VIRTUAL 11-3
- 11 Reports Cards Go Home
- 12 Magnet Tour - VIRTUAL 9am
- 18 MLK, Jr. Day - No School
- 19 Anchored4Life Meeting 3-4pm
- 26 Picture Retakes
- Magnet Tour - VIRTUAL 6pm

HAPPY
NEW YEAR