**Principal Message**

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~ Mrs. Brannan, principal

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**PTA**

Spring Book Fair
March 16-20, 2020
Please be on the lookout for volunteer opportunities for the Spring Book Fair.
If you can help, please email us at johnstocktonpta@gmail.com

****FOOD TRUCKS****BOOK FAIR OPEN LATE****
Thursday, March 19, 2020
--OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY--
Swing by for dinner or a treat and stop by the Book Fair for a new book!
Book Fair will be open until 6:00 p.m.
Food Trucks will be at Stockton from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

**FRIENDS OF STOCKTON**
Thank you all for participating in our annual High Five campaign. We had our most successful year ever! This year, Stockton students took the initiative and hosted "hand stands" around their neighborhoods selling lemonade, homemade bracelets and even copies of books they wrote. Their entrepreneurial spirit was rewarded! Stockton students sold 4,162 hands raising $20,810 for John Stockton Elementary. Sadie Hogan won the big prize of Principal for the Day, and Addie Barnett won second place as Assistant Principal for the Day. 100% of the proceeds raised will go directly back into the school to support art, music and PE programs as well as our robotics team, science consumables and new AV equipment for the cafeteria and outdoor courtyard. Special thanks to all our volunteers especially Eddie Litchfield from Water Oak Marketing Solutions for our marketing materials and Theresia Craft for making all the paper hands for us!

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COUNSELOR CORNER

Our character trait for the month of March is Trustworthiness.

Breaking apart the word trustworthy gives you a clue to its meaning. It combines the common word trust, which describes something you can rely on, and the word worthy, which describes something that deserves respect. So, something - or someone - that’s trustworthy deserves your trust. If you’re trustworthy, that means you’re reliable: you do what you say you’re going to do.

Here are a few more traits of a trustworthy person…

- tells the truth.
- keeps their promises.
- does the right thing even when no one is watching.
- is loyal to family and friends.
- follows the rules.
- takes care of things they borrow.
- returns things they find.

TESTING SCHEDULE

Please see the table below for the upcoming testing dates. Please note that all i-Ready (K-5th), Achieve 3000 (3rd-5th) and MAP diagnostics will be done between 4/23-5/10.

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BOOK FAIR IS BACK

“Elephants, Tigers, and Books. OH MY!”

March 16th – 20th

Students will get wild about books and enjoy a jungle themed fair. Preview days are Monday and Tuesday. Buy days are Wednesday - Friday mornings before school and Friday through noon. The book fair will be open late on Thursday, until 6pm and Food Trucks will be here from 4:30-7:30pm.

Our sales from the fair directly benefit Stockton’s students, as we were able to add over 200 new titles to our collection via last spring’s and this fall’s book fairs!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

~ Mrs. Ecklor

EARLY DISMISSAL DATES

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

March 25

April 29

May 20

ANCHORED 4 LIFE

Anchored 4 Life is sponsoring a Pennies for Patients fundraiser through the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to fund research and support local blood cancer patients. Students will receive a collection box and we are kindly asking for them to collect change and/or donations through an online account. There are individual incentives as well as class and school rewards, and if we raise $750 as a school, the highest earning class will receive a pasta, salad, and breadstick lunch from Olive Garden! The fundraiser will be held from March 16 - April 3, so be on the lookout for more information to come home with your child.

Last year we more than doubled our goal - let’s see if we can do it again! Thank you in advance for your support of this worthy cause!

MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9-13  Spring Break
16   Flag Raising
16-20 Book Fair Week
17   Chorus 3:15p
18   PMA ELA Session 1 - 4th & 5th
19   PMA ELA Session 2 - 4th & 5th
20   Book Fair Late Night & Food Trucks
23   PMA Math Session 1 - 3rd-5th
24   PMA Science Session 1 - 5th
25   PMA Science Session 2 - 3rd-5th
26   PMA Science Session 2 - 5th
27   3rd Nine Weeks Ends
28   Group Pictures
29   Chorus 3:15p
30   FOS Meeting 6p
31   Flag Raising
30   PTA Board Meeting 8:45a
27   PMA Makeup
26   Parent Engagement – Military 3p
25   Planning Day – No School
24   Flag Raising
23   Chorus 3:15p

Have a safe and happy Spring Break!