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Dolphin Dive



Principal's Message

Happy November!

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, I'd like to propose that we all pause and just reflect and recognize what we are grateful for. Being grateful is a character trait we should all strive to display, not only during the holiday season, but all the time. The definition of gratefulness is "warmly or deeply appreciative of kindness or benefits received." At Stockton we have so much to be thankful and grateful for. Besides our amazing teachers, we have groups like PTA and FOS, whose sole purpose is to enhance the educational experience for all students that pass through. We have remarkable parents that go above and beyond to show their support for the programs already in place, as well as form and bring to life new ideas that benefit our students in various ways.

I'd like to thank all that have made any kind of contribution, tangible and intangible, to Stockton over the years and presently. Please know that your generosity and thoughtfulness is so appreciated.

I want to give a couple of shout outs to current Stockton parents...

- Mrs. Leah Barnett for volunteering to update our marquee every 2 weeks and, also for agreeing to fill the Media Specialist position temporarily. You rock!
- The Thakkar family, for the work they did on the little lending library outside near the sidewalk. It's awesome!

We could not do what we do or be what we are without the support of all the above-mentioned parties so please accept my gratitude as a small token of thanks.

~ Mrs. Brannan, principal



FRIENDS OF STOCKTON

Big thanks to our 2020-2021 Business Partners. Please check out the new carpool banner and support the businesses that support our school.

Save the Date:

- November 10th 6pm - General FOS meeting via Zoom. Zoom link to follow
- December 1st 6pm-8pm - Learn more about FOS at our annual Dolphin Circle party. The Dolphin Circle is a group of dedicated Stockton supporters whose volunteer time or financial contributions help every student gain and access more from their education. This year, our adult-only event will feature complimentary food and beverage in "grab and go" or "stay and socially distance" style.
- December 20th 5pm - Luminaria and Bike Parade

Follow us on Facebook for more FOS updates!

www.facebook.com/Friends.of.Stockton

PTA

Stay tuned for exciting news regarding STEM day in December. Of course, it will be a little different than in years past, but it will be just as much fun...and educational!

Join us!

It's not too late to **join the PTA** for 2020 - 2021.

If you are interested in joining, please visit:

<https://johnstockton.new.memberhub.store>

Questions? johnstocktonpta@gmail.com



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COUNSELOR CORNER

Our character trait for the month of **November** is **Patriotism**. Patriotism means love and devotion for one's country. It can be shown in a variety of ways, including thoughts, words, and actions. Here are some activities and conversations to help kids learn about patriotism and the different ways people can demonstrate it:

- Discuss the meaning of the stars, stripes, and colors of the flag.
- Show children the correct way to display and fold a flag. Guidance may be available from local scout troop, military installation, or veteran's organization.
- Talk to kids about ways to honor veterans.
- Take children with you if you vote in person or explain voting by mail. Talk about why the voting process is essential.
- Make a family tree. Talk about relatives who served in the armed forces, past and present. Talk about ancestors and why they chose to immigrate to the United States. Personalizing history makes it more relevant.
- Learn the Pledge of Allegiance. Talk about the meaning of the words.
- On patriotic holidays, like Independence Day, discuss the reasons for the celebrations or observances. Learn the differences between Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

ANCHORED4LIFE

Thank you to all students, families, faculty, and staff that participated in the Salvation Army canned food drive. We collected items from October 21st-November 6th. Members of our own community will benefit from this special campaign and that is what this season is about. In return for donating the most items, the classes with the most from each grade level will receive a popcorn party!

Thank you, again!

DISMISSAL TIMES

Car Riders 2:50

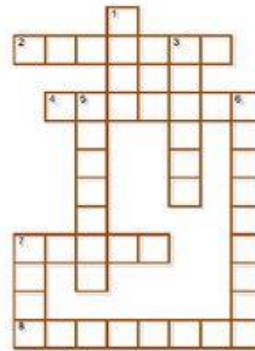
Walkers & Bike riders 3:00

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)**

Thanksgiving Crossword



WORD LIST
CANOE
CORN
FALL
INDIANS
MAYFLOWER
NOVEMBER
PILGRIM
SQUANTO
TURKEY



ACROSS
2. Indian who helped the Pilgrims
4. Mayflower passenger
7. Indian boat
8. Thanksgiving month

DOWN
1. Thanksgiving season
3. Bird for Thanksgiving dinner
5. The Pilgrims' friends
6. The Pilgrims' boat
7. Food the Indians grew

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!

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 10 504 Meetings
- FOS Meeting 6pm - Virtual
- 11 Veterans Day - No School
- 13 SAC Meeting - Virtual
- 16 Achieve Testing begins for 3rd-5th
- 17 Anchored4Life Meeting 3pm
- 19 Progress Reports Go Home
- 25-27 Thanksgiving Break

