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Principal's Message

Greetings Campers!

It is hard to believe we are nearing the end of the first nine weeks already! I am so proud of our students and teachers for putting in the hard work amidst all the changes we have been faced with this year.

Parents and guardians, I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to work through new policies and procedures due to COVID-19. I know we can get through this if we continue to work together.

Please notice the PMA testing dates on the back of this newsletter and be sure your student is rested, fed, and ready to do their best on the day of their test. Breakfast is free to all so let's make sure their little brains are fueled and ready to go!

Speaking of school meals, most of you have heard or read that lunches are free through the end of December. This is true for all of Duval County. Free lunch includes a choice of entrée, choice of sides, and a choice of milk. All extra food items (ice cream, chips, cookies, etc.) are still available for a fee.

Lastly, since there are so many changes this year, I know some of you have questions arise often. Please know that myself and Ms. Doss are happy to answer you or speak with you. Please know that we will return all phone and email messages as timely as possible. Our main priority is our students, but rest assured we will get back to you! We appreciate your support more than you know!

Everyone stay safe and be well!

~ Mrs. Brannan, principal



FRIENDS OF STOCKTON

Do you have a local business, or do you know of a business that would like to become a Friends of Stockton Business Partner? FOS invites businesses to help ensure a quality education with exceptional resources at Stockton. For more information please visit

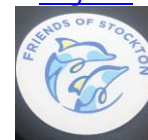
<http://friendsofstockton.org/business-partners/business-partner-program/> or send an email to

friendsofstockton@gmail.com While this opportunity is open year round, the banner will be going to print in October. Don't wait on this opportunity!

\$5 Car Magnets

Show your school spirit with a FOS car magnet! Proceeds go back to the school. You can order online and it will be sent home with your child. For more information please visit:

<http://friendsofstockton.org/product/fos-car-magnet/>



PTA

Save the Date!

Kona Ice will be at Stockton on **Friday, October 9th** from **3:00 - 6:00 p.m.** We hope you can stop by for a treat after school. Since Kona's last visit to campus was such a hit, we will have two machines and more staff to minimize wait times.

Fundraiser Alert!

Starting on September 30th, the PTA is launching a **fundraiser** for **Stockton gear** that will be useful to our students on a daily basis (i.e., facial coverings, lanyards, water bottles, etc.). This fundraiser will be open for a limited time! To see the available merchandise visit: STOCKTON.T5SPORTSWEAR.COM. All items will ship directly to the address you provide.

Please note: This fundraiser will close on Sunday, October 11th.

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 October is Kindness. Kindness is showing concern about the well-being and feelings of others. Kindness can mean different things to different people. The meaning is in how YOU choose to show it. Be it through empathy, acceptance, kind gestures, thoughtfulness, the possibilities are entirely up to you. Kindness might look like being helpful or showing empathy. It may mean doing nice things without expecting nice things in return.

Here are some ways you can show kindness.

- Hold the door open for someone.
- Do a chore for someone without them knowing.
- Return someone's cart at the store.
- Give candy to your bank teller.
- Leave a letter in a library book.
- Pick up litter.
- Let someone go ahead of you in line.
- Compliment a friend.
- Wash someone's car.
- Write a thank you note for your mail carrier.

MILITARY & FAMILY LIFE COUNSELING

If you are an active duty military family, John Stockton Elementary School offers your family access to support from a Licensed Child and Youth Behavioral Military and Family Life Counselor (CYB-MFLC). This program is available at no cost and services provided are private and confidential, apart from child abuse/neglect, domestic abuse and other duty-to-warn situations. CYB-MFLCs provide a wide range of support to military children and youth, family members, and staff who work with children in the school by

- Engaging in activities with students
- Providing behavioral interventions in the classrooms
- Modeling behavioral techniques and providing feedback to teachers
- Being available to parents and teachers to discuss concerns
- Facilitating psycho-educational groups with military students

Issues addressed by CYB-MFLCs

- School adjustment
- Deployment and separation
- Reunion adjustment
- Sibling and parent-child communication
- Behavioral concerns
- Fear, grief and loss

All services take place at the school and are designed to occur during times that do not interfere with core academic classes or resources such as art, music, an PE. If you would like for your child to participate in the Military and Family Life Counseling program or have question, please call 904-489-1687.

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)**

MUSIC NOTES

Parents, please make sure your student has a black folder with pockets and prongs for their music class. As we are unable to use instruments or sing in class now, these black folders will be how we document our Adventures in Music.

You can also follow our Music Adventures on Instagram:

@stocktonmusicroom

~ Mrs. Bricknell



ART NEWS

We've had a busy start to the year! We've been learning about lines and shapes in K-2nd, and symbols, symmetry, and sculpture in 3rd-5th. Be sure to follow Mrs. Johns and our Stockton Artists on

Instagram @artwithmrs.johns! Thank you to everyone who donated items for the art room through our Amazon Wishlist.

Please check back as the year goes on to check in on our needs.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/EGLCW9CEZ1MZ?ref_=wl_share

~ Mrs. Johns



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!

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2	PMA - 3 rd ELA
5	SOM Announced PMA - 3 rd Math
6	PMA - 4 th ELA Fall Pictures
7	PMA - 4 th Math
8	PMA - 5 th
9	PMA - 5 th Kona Ice 3-6pm
12	PMA - 5 th
15	1 st Nine Weeks Ends
16	Planning Day - No School
19	2 nd Nine Weeks Begins
20	Anchored4Life Meeting 3:10-4pm
23	SAC (Virtual) Mtg. - details to come
26	Report Cards Available

