Principal’s Message

Greeting Stocktonians!

And just like that, September is here. We’ve had a great start to the new year and I share in the excitement felt throughout our campus…it’s going to be a fantastic year!

As we coast into the second month of school, routines for both students and families should start becoming more smooth. There are, however, just a few items I’d like to keep fresh in everyone’s minds.

- If your child is a car rider, please please please adhere to the proper carpool process by following the traffic pattern in place. If you’re unsure then call the front office at 381-3955 and we’ll be glad to explain.

- If you need to check your child out early, please be sure to do so before 2:15 (12:30pm on ERD days), per the district policy.

- If you need to change how your child is dismissed, please write a note to send in to the teacher. Verbal requests will NOT be accepted.

- If your child is not enrolled in morning Extended Day, please do not drop them off before 8am.

- Lastly, we welcome parents to sit in during breakfast but please do not pass the cafeteria for any reason other than a previously scheduled conference. If you have a conference scheduled, please check in with the front desk for a visitor’s badge.

Thank you for your continued support in making Stockton the greatest place to be!

Yours in Education,
Mrs. Brannan, principal

PTA

Are you interested in becoming a member of the PTA? We would love to have you join us! Please visit our website, create an account, and JOIN THE PTA!
https://johnstockton.memberhub.com/join/7zfmx4

Save the Date!
There is a General PTA Meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 8:45 a.m. in the cafeteria. All current PTA members are invited to attend.

FRIENDS OF STOCKTON

Many thanks to the following Friends of Stockton Business partners who recently renewed at the Partners of Distinction level:
- Carter and Leigh Rosenbloom of IDCards.com
- Brian Hershorin of Purcell, Flanagan, Hay and Green, P.A.
- Carolyn Tatum, Realtor
- Amber Osborne of SpOILed Life
Thank you also to Coach Polster’s Camps for recently joining the Friends Circle of business partners.

We greatly appreciate all of your support!

Next FOS meeting will be September 24th at 6pm at John Stockton.
MUSIC NOTES
Parents can now follow what’s happening in the Stockton Music Room on Instagram:
@stocktonmusicroom

Third grade students have until September 4th to bring in their recorder money for music class. Students may also bring in their own baroque soprano recorder to use for our lessons.

Chorus rehearsals are every Tuesday from 3:15-4pm in the music portable. Rehearsals being on September 17th. Thank you to all the students that have turned in permission forms. All chorus spots have been filled!

DISMISSAL
As you know, parent pick up is an extensive process at John Stockton. Please know it is our primary concern to ensure every child is kept safe and we expedite the process as quickly as possible. We ask that you please remain patient and understanding as we work to ensure a smooth process.

Dismissal Times are as follows:
- Car Riders 2:50 (1:00 on Early Dismissal (ERD days))
- Walkers & Bike riders 3:00 (1:10 on ERD days)
- Buses 3:05 (1:05 on ERD days)
- Extended Day 3:10 (1:15 on ERD days)

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

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

September 25
October 30  November 13
December 11  January 29
February 26  March 25
April 29  May 20

COUNSELOR CORNER
Our character trait for the month of September is Empathy.

Empathy is the ability to understand how someone else is feeling or to understand the situation they are in. It is the ability to “put yourself in someone else’s shoes” and to understand the way a situation might make them feel.

Five Tips for Cultivating Empathy
- Empathize with your child and model empathy for others.
- Make caring for others a priority and set high ethical expectations.
- Provide opportunities for children to practice empathy.
- Expand your child’s circle of concern to many kinds of people who are different from them and who may be facing challenges very different from their own.
- Help children develop self-control and manage feelings effectively.

SUCCESSFUL COMMUNICATION
Please remember to review and sign your child’s planner each night. 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.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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