

Stewart Scoop

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From the Principal

Welcome to the Stewart Scoop! This monthly communication tool will provide information regarding school events, building procedures and district policies. It will also serve as a means of sharing and celebrating the work of all our students and teachers.

Although I had the pleasure of meeting many of you last year as the part-time Assistant Principal, I'd like to formally introduce myself to those of you I have yet to meet. My name is Laura Garland and I am

thrilled to have the opportunity to support the John Stewart community as building Principal. In addition to serving as the Assistant Principal at John Stewart and Blackberry Creek, I have teaching experience in kindergarten, 1st and 6th grades. I have also worked as a Reading Specialist, supporting struggling readers in grades K-5. I am an avid reader and plan to share my enthusiasm for books with the students of John Stewart.

Like all of you, my hus-

band Greg and I are also Kaneland parents. Go Knights!! Our son Drew is in 8th grade at Harter Middle School and our daughter, Cassidy is in 6th grade. We also have a 4 year old son Gage, who will be attending John Shields next year.

As the school year gets underway, please do not hesitate to stop by and say hello. I look forward to working together to ensure a productive and positive year for all of our students!

Welcome Assistant Principal Brad Linko

The new Assistant Principal at John Stewart Elementary is Bradley Linko. Brad comes to us with 12 years of teaching experience in 4th and 5th grade, having taught in Homer Glenn and Naperville School

districts. He earned his undergraduate degree at University of Saint Francis and his Masters in Educational Leadership from Aurora University. Brad and his wife Heather are proud parents of 4 children,

Jacob (6), Jonah (5), Hannah (3) & Rebecca (3). Brad is excited to be a part of the Stewart School Family.

We will share Brad with Blackberry Creek.

SCHOOL HOURS

First - Fifth Grades:
8:50 - 3:30
Doors open at 8:40.

Morning Kindergarten:
8:50 -11:30
Afternoon Kindergarten:
12:45 -3:30

Dates to Remember

- August 25th— First day of school!
- September 3rd— Respect Day, Wear Yellow
- September 6th— No School Labor Day
- SEPTEMBER 7TH—CURRICULUM NIGHT 1ST-5TH GRADES 5:30PM-7:30PM
- SEPTEMBER 9TH—PICTURE DAY
- SEPTEMBER 24TH— KINDERGARTEN PARENT COFFEE AM: 9:30-10:30 PM 1:00-2:00
- SEPTEMBER 27TH & 28TH— NO SCHOOL

Please welcome the following new staff members:

Kindergarten

Mrs. Kristina Green—bringing kindergarten teaching experience with her from Huntley, IL and California.

Mrs. Julie O'Malley—joining the Stewart team on the heels of completing two long-term substitute positions at McDole.

RtI Challenge

Mrs. Mary Doranski—joining us in the morning from Blackberry Creek.

Paraprofessional

Mrs. Doris Boan- joining us from John Shields and working with 1st graders in Mrs. Purnell's classroom.

Mrs. Malissa Straughn—transferring from the LRC to support students from EC-5th grade.

REMINDERS

*Please notify the school by 8:30 am whenever your child is absent or tardy. Please call the school and leave a message on the absence line.

*A note must be sent with your child any time there is a change in his/her after school routine. Students without a note will be sent home via their usual mode of transportation.

*All parents are encouraged to sign up for the Kaneland Key Communicators Network (KCN). You can do so by selecting the link near the top right corner of the district webpage, located at www.kaneland.org. The purpose of the KCN is to enhance communications between the District and community. An e-mail message will be sent every Wednesday with District information to all participants.

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Arrival / Dismissal Procedures

To ensure the safe and orderly arrival and dismissal of students, we will continue to utilize all 3 doors at the front of the building. K/1st grade students should enter and exit through the east doors, 2nd/3rd grade students should enter and exit through the center doors and 4th/5th grade students should enter and exit through the west doors.

Attached you will find informa-

tion regarding our parent pick up and drop off lot. This information is consistent with the procedures that have been followed the last few years at John Stewart. We continue to evaluate the efficiency of these procedures, as well as how to ensure everyone's compliance in order to keep all students, parents, and staff safe. Please read this information carefully and contact the school if you have any questions.

Lunch / Recess Schedules

1ST GRADE
10:45-11:30

2ND GRADE
11:35-12:20

3RD GRADE
11:10-11:55

4TH GRADE
12:05-12:50

5TH GRADE
12:30-1:15

1st-5th Grade Curriculum Night

Based on feedback received through parent surveys, the structure of Elementary Curriculum Night is changing slightly. Rather than beginning the evening with a formal presentation, parents are invited to visit informational booths within the gymnasium. The booths will contain information related to community re-

sources, academic programs and extra-curricular activities. Booths will be available for visiting beginning at 5:30pm. The doors to the classrooms will open at 6:00pm. Each classroom teacher will present 3 sessions throughout the evening. The first will be held from 6:00-6:20, the second will be from 6:30-6:50 and the third from 7:00-7:20. The

evening will conclude at 7:30pm.

**If you are involved in a local sports league or community activity and would like to set up a booth at Curriculum Night, please contact Brad Linko at 630-365-8170, ext. 109.

