## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

 WEEKS OF OCTOBER 15 AND 22, 2018We are ... MUSTANG STRONG!

| THIS FRIDAY ... <br> MUSTANG COUNTY FAIR <br> Friday, October $\mathbf{2 6}^{\text {th }}$ 4:00-7:00 p.m. <br> Chili Cook-Off ... Cake Walk ... Raffle Prizes .. <br> Basket Auction ... Children's Games ... and more! <br> Family ... Friends ... Food ... Fun! |
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| $\begin{aligned} & \text { JOIN SSA FOR THIS } \\ & \text { FAMILY NIGHT OF FUN! } \end{aligned}$ |
| ENTRIES NEEDED ... CHILI COOK-OFF <br> and <br> Please have all entries in Multi-Purpose building by 2:30 p.m. <br> Chili dinner begins at 4:00 p.m. - Chili dinner free to everyone! |

## DONATIONS NEEDED FOR <br> CAKE WALK

Please deliver items to SSA Office by noon on Friday.

# THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES! YOU ARE APPRECIATED! 

## MUSTANG COUNTY FAIR

FRIDAY, OCT. 26TH 4:00-7:00 P.M.

## CLASS ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES

|  | August | September |  |
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| Kdgn. | $94.0 \%$ | $93.9 \%$ |  |
| $1^{\text {st }}$ Grade | $95.9 \%$ | $94.9 \%$ |  |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ Grade | $94.2 \%$ | $95.1 \%$ |  |
| $3^{\text {rd }}$ Grade | $96.4 \%$ | $96.2 \%$ |  |
| $4^{\text {th }}$ Grade | $97.4 \%$ | $97.0 \%$ |  |
| $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade | $94.4 \%$ | $95.7 \%$ |  |
| $6^{\text {th }}$ Grade | $96.5 \%$ | $96.8 \%$ |  |
| $7^{\text {th }}$ Grade | $95.0 \%$ | $94.9 \%$ | ...every |
| $8^{\text {th }}$ Grade | $96.8 \%$ | $96.4 \%$ |  |

## FAST FACTS BREAKFAST

 FOR STUDENTS EARNING SEPTEMBER FAST FACTS AWARD
## Thursday, September $25^{\text {th }}$ <br> 7:30-7:55 a.m.

Come join Mrs. Panagopoulos and Ms. Stewart-Alliger for donuts!

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE APEX ACTS OF KINDNESS FUNDRAISER!

Final tallies being completed and will be reported upon completion! <br> \title{
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CLASS BASKET AUCTION AT MUSTANG COUNTY FAIR <br> Under the Family Movie Christmas Tree <br> Night <br> Man Cave <br> Take Me Out Family Fun to the Ballgame <br> Indulge Mom <br> Chill Out <br> Good Morning, SSA <br> <br> LOOKING FOR FUN FAMILY EVENT FOR FRIDAY? <br> <br> LOOKING FOR FUN FAMILY EVENT FOR FRIDAY? COME TO MUSTANG COUNTY FARI
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## DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CHILI DINNER

Please deliver donations by Thursday

Kdgn. - Bowls for Chili
$1^{\text {st }}$ grade -1 Box of Crackers
$2^{\text {nd }}$ grade - 1 Box of Plastic Spoons
$3^{\text {rd }}$ grade - 1 Box of Crackers
$4^{\text {th }}$ grade -1 Box of Plastic Spoons
$5^{\text {th }}$ grade -1 Box of Plastic Spoons
$6^{\text {th }}$ grade - 1 Box of Plastic Spoons
$7^{\text {th }}$ grade - Bowls for Chili
$8^{\text {th }}$ grade -1 Package of Napkins

Families asked to donate items based on youngest child All donations optional


## RED RIBBON WEEK CELEBRATED THIS WEEK

Stepping Stones Academy joins schools and businesses across the United States in celebrating Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week emphasizes the importance of saying, "NO!" to misusing drugs, alcohol, and tobacco and saying, "YES!" to living healthy and drug-free lives! Stepping Stones Academy invites parents to visit with their children this week about the importance of leading a healthy life free from drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.

Monday
10/22/2018

Tuesday
10/23/2017
Wednesday
10/24/2018
Thursday
10/24/2017
Friday
10/26/2018

SOCK-IT TO DRUGS, ALCOHOL, AND TOBACCO AND LIVE DRUG-FREE! Crazy Sock Day - Wear crazy socks
Introduce Red Ribbon Week at Morning Assembly
PEACE OUT TO DRUGS!
Tie-Dyed Shirt Day - Wear tie-dyed shirt
BE ON A DRUG FREE TEAM!
Jersey Day - Wear team jersey or team t-shirt
STOMP OUT DRUGS!
Boots Day - Wear cowboy boots, rain boots, or any kind of boot

## I'M A JEAN-IUS! I'M DRUG FREE!

Blue Jeans Day - Wear blue jeans - No cost to wear blue jeans.

## THE STORY OF RED RIBBON WEEK

The first nationwide Red Ribbon Week started in 1988 in honor of Officer Enrique "Kiki" Camerena, who lost his life trying to stop illegal drugs. Officer Camerena wanted to make a difference in this world; even though, he was only one person. After college, he served in the Marines, became a police officer, and eventually joined the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration to work undercover investigating illegal drugs. On February 7, 1985, Officer Camerena was killed by drug dealers. Officer Camarena's friends and neighbors then started wearing red ribbons to show support for him. Three years later the red ribbon became the official symbol of Red Ribbon Week.

## THANK YOU TO

 TYLER and CORRAL KRAFT for building and installing the new shade structure for Lucy, Sadie, Penelope, Lulu, Scooby, and Shaggy.

## MUSTANG COUNTY FAIR THIS FRIDAY

CHILI COOK - OFF - Time to try out the secret family chili recipe just in time for Mustang County Fair! Enter a favorite chili in the annual Chili Cook-Off. Individuals of all ages may enter, and families may enter more than one chili. Entries need to be in the Multi-Purpose building by 2:30 p.m. on Friday, so judging may begin. After judging is completed, the chili will be served for dinner at no cost.


BREAD BAKING CONTEST - Come one, come all and enter the Bread Baking Contest. Individuals of all ages may enter, and families may enter more than one entry. Entries need to be in the Multi-Purpose building on Friday by 2:30 p.m. for judging. Butter is provided by Stepping Stones Academy.
DINNER MENU - Chili and homemade bread are the featured dinner items and will be served free to everyone. Drinks and other items will be available at the Snack Shack for a minimal cost. Dinner will begin at 4:00 p.m., and the buffet line will remain open until the food is gone.
SNACK SHACK - The $8^{\text {th }}$ grade class is opening the Snack Shack, which will sell items including hot dogs and drinks. Money earned from the Snack Shack will be used by the $8^{\text {th }}$ grade class for its end-of-the-year class trip to California.
CLASS PUMPKIN DECORATING - Once again classes are decorating pumpkins for the annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Pumpkins will be on display all night.


GAMES .... GAMES ... GAMES - All kinds of children's games will be available including the popular Cake Walk. All children's games, except the Cake Walk, are free, and children may play the games as many times as they wish. Prizes will be provided at every game.

LIVE CLASS BASKET AUCTION - Win gift baskets filled with all kinds of wonderful items at the Live Class Basket Auction. Each class is making a basket for the Live Basket Auction, which will begin at 6:00 p.m.
ATTIRE - Students may wear school uniform, blue jeans, SSA t-shirt, or House shirt.

## MUSTANG SINGERS PERFORMING THIS FRIDAY

Stepping Stones Academy is excited to introduce the Mustang Singers who will be performing for at the Mustang County Fair. The group will perform at 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.

Aquinnah Goveia Hailey Hoelzer Aaliyah Bessinger Madison Hoelzer Kaitlyn Womack Cierra Witham

> Christopher DeLira Natalee Johnson Zoe MacFarland Kenzie Stewart Katee Wheeler

The group is directed by Mrs. Gray.

Laci Tolli Jennifer Bes. Mya Odello
Rylee Sexton
Kelcie Klinger
Kara Wheeler

# THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING TEACHER DINNER AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES! 

Teri Womack Jessica Stromstad
Mary Bliss Mallory Thompson
Tera Hensley Sandy Klafter
Martha Bragg Kaisha Doyle


# ATTENDANCE MATTERS! TODAY - MAY 24, 2019 

Stepping Stones Academy wants all scholars at school, ON TIME, EVERY DAY!


# CONGRATULATIONS TO SAMUEL DAWSON 


for turning in the most Box Tops!
Samuel will serve as school principal on Thursday, October $25^{\text {th }}$ !

## WE WANT THE WORLD TO KNOW!

 FOLLOW STEPPING STONES ACADEMY ON FACEBOOK The Stepping Stones Academy Facebook page continues to share exciting Facebook events and updated information! Families are encouraged to follow SSA on Facebook as well as inviting family and friends to follow SSA. Check it out!
## SOCCER BEGINS THIS WEEK

Practice on Mondays from 3:15-4:45 p.m.

## PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY NOVEMBER $7^{\text {TH }}$

# PRE-K - $4^{\text {TH }}$ GRADE HALLOWEEN AND FALL FESTIVAL PARTIES NEXT WEEK ON OCTOBER 31 ${ }^{\text {ST }}$ 

Classes will be hosting Halloween and Fall Festival parties during the afternoon on Wednesday, October $31^{\text {st }}$. At 1:45 p.m. scholars will parade through campus for the $5^{\text {th }}-8^{\text {th }}$ grade scholars to see the many costumes and then walk by the Office and receive a non-candy treat. Party time is after the parade.
Scholars may wear costumes for parties, but are to come to school in school uniform. Time will be given before the party for scholars to change into costumes. Costumes must be school-appropriate and may not include any type of weapon.


## THANK YOU FOR READING AT HOME! IT'S MAKING A DIFFERENCE!




TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30 ${ }^{\text {TH }}$ TRUNK OR TREAT 6:00-7:00 p.m.
(Car decoration begins at 5:00 p.m.)
Bring the family and come join the fun!

THANK YOU FOR SELECTING SSA!

## PLEASE NO GLASS BOTTLES OR COFFEE DRINKS AT LUNCHTIME

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SSA OCTOBER SCHOLARS

At the end of each month scholars with birthdays during that month are recognized at Morning Assembly. Stepping Stones Academy wishes its October birthday scholars a very happy birthday!

| Hayden Adams | Santiago Calleros |
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| Danielle Casto | Augustine Murray |
| Willow Hiner | Stephanie Vega |
| Katie Shepherd | Jared MacLiver |
| Tyler Hamilton | Mason Pribble |

## BASKET AUCTION AT MUSTANG COUNTY FAIR

Under the Christmas Tree
Take Me Out to the Ballgame Family Movie Night $2^{\text {nd }}$ grade Good Morning, SSA
$3^{\text {rd }}$ grade Chocolate Fever Families wishing to donate items are asked to deliver items to school by Wednesday.

## TRUNK OR TREAT ON OCTOBER 30 ${ }^{\text {TH }}$

Stepping Stones Academy is hosting a fun family event ... Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October $30^{\text {th }}$ from 6:00-7:00 p.m. There is not a cost to participate or attend. Families may decorate a vehicle or not decorate a vehicle, hand out treats, or simply come Trunk-or-Treating for fun. The hope is enough families bring treats for all of the children, so families are encouraged to participate in handing out treats along with going Trunk-or-Treating. The expected number of children is approximately 200.
Schedule for Trunk or Treat - Tuesday, October 30 ${ }^{\text {th }}$
5:00-6:00 p.m. Parking Lot Open for Vehicles Handing Out Treats
6:00-7:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat Time - Please keep someone at the vehicle during this time.
6:45 p.m.
7:00 p.m. Vehicles Handing Out Treats Leave

## Guidelines for Vehicle Decoration

1. Families handing out treats may decorate their vehicles or not. Trophies will be awarded for top decorated vehicles at the end of the event. Voting will be conducted by participants.
2. Families may decorate their vehicle however they wish - There is not a theme.
3. Please keep decorations student-friendly. Weapons, real or toy, of any kind are not allowed.
4. Open flames, flammable materials, fireworks, etc ... are not permitted.
5. Cars must be turned off during the event.
6. Electricity and water for decorations are not available.
7. Vehicles are to have enough treats to hand out to all children; however, children are to visit each vehicle only once.
8. Pets are not permitted. This is for the safety of everyone.
9. Families are encouraged to be creative and have fun!

## Guidelines for Trunk-or-Treating

1. Vehicles not handing out treats are to park in the back parking lot.

2. Children are to visit each vehicle only once.
3. Parents are responsible for their own children.
4. Please leave pets at home. This is for the safety of everyone.
5. There is not an age limit on who may participate; however, children are encouraged to be in a school-appropriate costume.
SSA APPRECIATES YOUI


## UNSURE WHAT TO DO WITH LEFT-OVER HALLOWEEN CANDY? Send to Stepping Stones Academy!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO SEPTEMBER LITERACY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

Scholars reading 300 or more minutes in September and turning in their Literacy Achievement calendars by the October $5^{\text {th }}$ deadline earned the September Literacy Achievement Award.
Congratulations to the following students:
Kdgn. Charles Balls, Davin Beeman, Mira Haven, Rush Hensley, Aribella Jameson, Keikilani Johnson, Moriah MacLiver, Makena Newcomb, Lilly Richardson, Paisley Thurman, Dierdry Walker

$\mathbf{4}^{\text {th }}$ Grade Zane Bliss, August Bloyer, Jaxon Carnley, Melania Cruz, Madison Doyle, Grace Driscoll, Purslane Flores, David Gjonaj, Gavin Hall, Riley Hanson, Sierra Hewitt, Charlotte Kusnell, Emma LeClair, Jacob Lunsford, Joshua Lunsford, Lydia MacLiver, Delilah Morales, Dylana Lee, Jennifer Owens, Preston Thurman-Foote, Elizabeth Uebel, Adam Wagner, Madisyn Willson, Kasey Wood

| $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade | Rory Bauer, Danielle Casto, Sofia Doe, Jaden Gustafson, Hannah Hathorne, Mikayla Holt, <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br> Kansas Janeway, Makayla Johnson, Isabele Lombardi, Zoe MacFarland, Kaden Cannon, |
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$\mathbf{6}^{\text {th }}$ Grade Aaliyah Bessinger, Ralph Calleros, Brayden Carpenter, Halie Gotch, Kaiah Janeway, William Klafter, Raegan Kusnell, Allaira Larson, Jared MacLiver, Logan Schenkel, Jada St. Jean-Stevens, Kaitlyn Womack
$7^{\text {th }}$ Grade Eddie Calleros, Sophia Hoffman, Natalee Johnson, Mason Lunsford, Kenzie Stewart, Stephanie Vega
$\mathbf{8}^{\text {th }}$ Grade Emily Bragg, Santiago Calleros, Hailey Cole, Mason Joslin, Ryan Nies, Cierra Witham

## SEPTEMBER FORRESTER'S AWARD TO TOP READERS OF $5^{\text {TH }}-8^{\text {TH }}$ GRADES

## TOO MANY UNEXCUSED LATE ARRIVALS AND/OR EARLY DEPARTURES IN $1^{\text {ST }}$ QUARTER?

Families are reminded about the importance of children attending school on time and for the full day. Children arriving late or leaving early beyond the allotted number of times are required to make-up missed time as per Stepping Stones Academy school policy. Families with questions about these policies are invited to contact Ms. Stewart-Alliger at 623-465-4910 (SSA phone) or via email at ddsa@steppingstonesacademy.org or ddsa@ssa.school.

As per Stepping Stones Academy policy in reference to late arrivals:
Children arriving within $13 / 4$ hours (105 minutes) after 8:00 a.m. are considered late arrivals. Children arriving later than $13 / 4$ hours are considered as absent. Doctors'/Dentists' appointments are considered as excused late arrivals. All other reasons for arriving late are considered unexcused. Children are allowed two unexcused late arrivals per quarter. Children acquiring three or more unexcused late arrivals are required to make-up the time as determined by the principal.

As per Stepping Stones Academy policy in reference to early departures: Children leaving within 1 3/4 hours (105 minutes) from dismissal times are considered early departures. Children leaving earlier than $13 / 4$ hours before dismissal time are considered as absent. Doctors' and dentists' appointments are considered as excused early departures. All other reasons for early departures are considered unexcused. Children are allowed two unexcused early departures per quarter. Children acquiring three or more unexcused early departures are
 required to make-up the time as determined by the principal.

In October and November children with three or more unexcused late arrivals and/or early departures in first quarter (August $7^{\text {th }}-$ October $5^{\text {th }}$ ) are making-up 30 minutes for each late arrival and/or early departure beyond the allotted number. Children spend time with Ms. Stewart-Alliger in the School Office before school, during the school day, after school, and/or on Saturday.

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& \text { ON TIME! }
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## CONGRATULATIONS TO <br> SEPTEMBER FAST FACTS AWARD WINNERS

Scholars practing math facts for 300 or more minutes in September and turning in their Fast Facts calendars by the October $5^{\text {th }}$ deadline earned the Fast Facts Award.
Congratulations to the following students:
Kdgn. Charles Balls, Davin Beeman, Mira Haven, Aribella Jameson, Keikilani Johnson, Makena Newcomb, Paisley Thurman, Dierdry Walker
$\mathbf{1}^{\text {st }}$ Grade Royce Adams Isabella Anderson, CaseyJohn Blau, Dominic Carnley, Xzavier Corral, Samuel Dawson, Hallee Dempster, Jace Gustafson, Brian Hathorne, Cash Hensley, Andrew Kukes, Ellie LeClair, Avin Martens, Emily Milton, Natalie Silaghi
$\mathbf{2}^{\text {nd }}$ Grade Aleah Armstrong, Rylee Balls, Sawyer Bauer, Dylan Beeman, Lilly Bliss, Dakota Bloyer, Camryn Carpenter, Sophia Coffman, Laney Davison, Michael Doyle, Aiden Evans, Jace Gelinas, Miles Haven, Keirnan Hiner, Seth Johnson, Mason Menniti-Keen, Jaeden Morales, Karter Perkins, Kaelyn Peruch, John Sweeney, Juliet Veit, Walker Walton, Cooper Willson
$\mathbf{3}^{\text {rd }}$ Grade Robert Donaldson, Connor Doyle, Tyler Hamilton, Hunter Henshaw, Kahlan Holt, Kalise Larson, Andrew MacFarland, Tessa McLaughlin, Evelyn McLeod, Bradley Miner, Gunner Mullins, Joshua Perry, Logan Ranck, Dylan Schalk, Aubrey St. Jean-Stevens, Hunter Watzek, Reese Yoder

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|  | Christine Silaghi, Dashell Walker |

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## CONGRATULATIONS MATH ROCK STARS!



## MAKE PLANS TO BE AT SSA THIS FRIDAY NIGHT!

## MUSTANG COUNTY FAIR

Friday, October 26 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Chili Cook-Off ... Bread Bake-Off ... Games ...


Cake Walk ... Basket Auction ...

## Mustang Singers!

Family ... Friends ... Food ... Fun!

## Remember to order lunch! <br> BLUE WILLO CATERING!

Urder by Saturday of each week for lunch the following week!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO KINDERGARTEN


for turning in the most Box Tops as a class. Ice Cream Party on Tuesday, October $30^{\text {th }}$ at 2:00 p.m.

## STEPPING STONES ACADEMY'S MISSION STATEMENT

We envision an environment that provides academic, social and personal skills children need to become confident and responsible citizens. We believe learning should be based on individualized, relevant activities and frequent assessment to monitor student progress and achievement. We promote high student expectations with consideration and respect for all individuals; thereby, developing life-long learners and productive members of society.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

October $22^{\text {nd }}$
October $23^{\text {rd }}$
October $24^{\text {th }}$

October $25^{\text {th }}$

October $26^{\text {th }}$

October $29^{\text {th }}$
October $30^{\text {th }}$

October $31^{\text {st }}$

November $5^{\text {th }}$

November $7^{\text {th }}$
November $9^{\text {th }}$

November $12^{\text {th }}$

November $14^{\text {th }}$
November $15^{\text {th }}$
November $16^{\text {th }}$

Red Ribbon Week - Crazy Socks Day
Red Ribbon Week - Tie-Dyed Shirt Day
Red Ribbon Week - Team Jersey or Team T-Shirt Day Lit. Achievement Lunch for Sept. Award Winners Lunchtime

Red Ribbon Week - Boots Day
Fast Facts Breakfast for September Award Winners 7:30-7:50 a.m.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MS. ANGEL
Red Ribbon Week - Blue Jeans Day
MUSTANG COUNTY FAIR
4:00-7:00 p.m.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MRS. BURCZYK
Improv Performance
2:30-2:50 p.m.
TRUNK - OR - TREAT
6:00-7:00 p.m.
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Halloween and Fall Parties }- \text { Pre-K }-4^{\text {th }} \text { Grades } & \text { 1:45-3:00 p.m. } \\ \text { Dance }-5^{\text {th }}-8^{\text {th }} \text { Grades } & \text { 1:00-3:00 p.m. }\end{array}$

## FOOD DRIVE BEGINS

October Literacy Achievement and Fast Facts Calendars Due
Picture Re-Takes
No School Uniform for October Perfect Attendance Awards Assemblies - October Awards - 2:00-2:45 p.m. - Classrooms

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MISS GARRETT

No School
Literacy Achievement Lunch for October Award Winners
Fast Facts Breakfast for October Award Winners 7:30-7:50 a.m.

## LAST DAY OF FOOD DRIVE

Blue Jean Friday - Cost $=\$ 1.00$
Turkey Trot - 2:00-2:45 p.m.
November $19^{\text {th }}-23^{\text {rd }}$
Thanksgiving Break

