

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

THIS FRIDAY ... MUSTANG COUNTY FAIR

Friday, October 26th 4:00-7:00 p.m.



Chili Cook-Off ... Cake Walk ... Raffle Prizes ... Basket Auction ... Children's Games ... and more!

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

JOIN SSA FOR THIS FAMILY NIGHT OF FUN!



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR

CAKE WALK



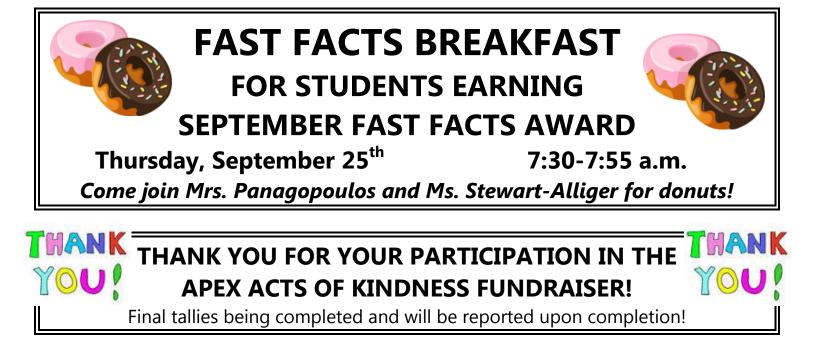
Please deliver items to SSA Office by noon on Friday.



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						
	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>				
Kdgn.	94.0%	93.9%				
1 st Grade	95.9%	94.9%				
2 nd Grade	94.2%	95.1%				
3 rd Grade	96.4%	96.2 %				
4 th Grade	97.4%	97.0%				
5 th Grade	94.4%	95.7%	matters			
6 th Grade	96.5%	96.8 %	every school day counts!			
7 th Grade	95.0%	94.9%				
8 th Grade	96.8%	96.4%				





LOOKING FOR FUN FAMILY EVENT FOR FRIDAY? COME TO MUSTANG COUNTY FAIR!

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CHILI DINNER

Please deliver donations by Thursday

Kdgn. – Bowls for Chili

 1^{st} grade – 1 Box of Crackers

2nd grade – 1 Box of Plastic Spoons

3rd grade – 1 Box of Crackers

4th grade – 1 Box of Plastic Spoons

- 5th grade 1 Box of Plastic Spoons
- 6th grade 1 Box of Plastic Spoons

7th grade – Bowls for Chili

8th grade – 1 Package of Napkins

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



	ng Stones Academy joins schools and businesses across the United in celebrating Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week emphasizes the				
•	g, "NO!" to misusing drugs, alcohol, and tobacco and saying, "YES!" to living				
	ee lives! Stepping Stones Academy invites parents to visit with their children this				
week about the imp	ortance of leading a healthy life free from drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.				
Monday	SOCK-IT TO DRUGS, ALCOHOL, AND TOBACCO AND LIVE DRUG-FREE!				
10/22/2018	Crazy Sock Day – Wear crazy socks $(\mathcal{A} O P V T O)$				
	Introduce Red Ribbon Week at Morning Assembly				
Tuesday	PEACE OUT TO DRUGS!				
10/23/2017	Tie-Dyed Shirt Day - Wear tie-dyed shirt				
Wednesday	BE ON A DRUG FREE TEAM!				
10/24/2018	Jersey Day – Wear team jersey or team t-shirt				
Thursday	STOMP OUT DRUGS! DRUG FREE				
•	Boots Day - Wear cowboy boots, rain boots, or any kind of boot				
Friday	I'M A JEAN-IUS! I'M DRUG FREE!				
10/26/2018	Blue Jeans Day – Wear blue jeans - No cost to wear blue jeans.				

RED RIBBON WEEK CELEBRATED THIS WEEK

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

<u>CHILI COOK – OFF</u> – 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.

<u>**DINNER MENU</u></u> – 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.</u>

SNACK SHACK – The 8th 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 8th grade class for its end-of-the-year class trip to California.

<u>CLASS PUMPKIN DECORATING</u> – Once again classes are decorating pumpkins for the annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Pumpkins will be on display all night.



<u>GAMES</u> <u>GAMES</u> – 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.

<u>ATTIRE</u> – 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 Mary Bliss Tera Hensley Martha Bragg Jessica Stromstad Mallory Thompson Sandy Klafter 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 25th!

WE WANT THE WORLD TO KNOW! FOLLOW STEPPING STONES ACADEMY ON FACEBOOK

The Stepping Stones Academy Facebook page continues to share exciting 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 7TH



PRE-K – 4TH GRADE HALLOWEEN AND FALL FESTIVAL PARTIES NEXT WEEK ON OCTOBER 31ST

Classes will be hosting Halloween and Fall Festival parties during the afternoon on Wednesday, October 31st. At 1:45 p.m. scholars will parade through campus for the 5th-8th 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!



Coming October 31st ... 5TH-8TH GRADE DANCE

Cost = \$5.00

Tickets available NOW at lunchtime Students may wear costume or school uniform All costumes must be school-appropriate - No weapons and no masks

Snack Shack open during dance

Sponsored by NJHS

Ethan Boisvert Cierra Witham Jennifer Wood

Samantha Barnett Yekterina Trapp Natalee Johnson Sophia Hoffman Stephanie Vega

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Mason Joslin Gracelyn Bliss Kenzie Stewart Aiden Macias

Emily Bragg Jessie Owens Sydney Doe

Directed by Mrs. Geiser



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH 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!



PRESENTING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH TO K-8TH GRADES ...

SSA IMPROV GROUP

2:30-2:50 p.m. in Multi-Purpose building

William Wilkinson Charlotte Kusnell **Preston Thurman-Foote**

Judah Flores **Dylana** Lee

William Klafter **Purslane Flores** Elizabeth Uebel

Directed by Mr. Shainker

THANK YOU FOR SELECTING SSA!



IMPROV!

PLEASE NO GLASS BOTTLES **OR COFFEE DRINKS AT LUNCHTIME**



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 Danielle Casto Willow Hiner Katie Shepherd **Tyler Hamilton**

Santiago Calleros **Augustine Murray** Stephanie Vega Jared MacLiver Mason Pribble



TRUNK OR TREAT ON OCTOBER 30TH

Stepping Stones Academy is hosting a fun family event ... Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October 30th 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 30th

5:00-6:00 p.m.Parking Lot Open for Vehicles Handing Out Treats6:00-7:00 p.m.Trunk or Treat Time – Please keep someone at the vehicle during this time.6:45 p.m.Trophies Awarded7:00 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.





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 5th 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
- 1st Grade Royce Adams, Isabella Anderson, CaseyJohn Blau, Dominic Carnley, Xzavier Corral, Samuel Dawson, Hallee Dempster, Jace Gustafson, Brian Hathorne, Cash Hensley, Ellie LeClair, Avin Martens, Asher McLeod, Emily Milton, Natalie Silaghi, Addison Wendtland
- 2nd 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
- **3rd 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, Khristopher Sanchez, Dylan Schalk, Aubrey St. Jean-Stevens, Hunter Watzek, Reese Yoder



- 4th 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
- 5th Grade Rory Bauer, Danielle Casto, Sofia Doe, Jaden Gustafson, Hannah Hathorne, Mikayla Holt, Kansas Janeway, Makayla Johnson, Isabele Lombardi, Zoe MacFarland, Kaden Cannon, William Sanchez, Christine Silaghi, Dashell Walker

6th 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

7th Grade Eddie Calleros, Sophia Hoffman, Natalee Johnson, Mason Lunsford, Kenzie Stewart, Stephanie Vega

8th Grade Emily Bragg, Santiago Calleros, Hailey Cole, Mason Joslin, Ryan Nies, Cierra Witham CONGRATULATIONS SUPER READERS!

SEPTEMBER FORRESTER'S AWARD TO TOP READERS OF 5TH-8TH GRADES

5th grade – Kaden Cannon 7th grade – Eddie Calleros



6th grade – Aaliyah Bessinger 8th grade – Emily Bragg

TOO MANY UNEXCUSED LATE ARRIVALS AND/OR EARLY DEPARTURES IN 1ST 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 1 ³/₄ hours (105 minutes) after 8:00 a.m. are considered late arrivals. Children arriving later than 1 ³/₄ 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 1 ³/₄ 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 7th – October 5th) 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.

SSA EVERY DAY

ON TIME!

CONGRATULATIONS TO 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 5th deadline earned the Fast Facts Award.

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CONGRATULATIONS MATH ROCK STARS!





Remember to order lunch! BLUE WILLO CATERING!



Order 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 30th 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 nd	Red Ribbon Week – Crazy Socks Day		
October 23 rd	Red Ribbon Week – Tie-Dyed Shirt Day		
October 24 th	Red Ribbon Week – Team Jersey or Team T-Shirt Day Lit. Achievement Lunch for Sept. Award Winners Lunchtime		
October 25 th	Red Ribbon Week – Boots Day Fast Facts Breakfast for September Award Winners	7:30-7:50 a.m.	
October 26 th	HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MS. ANGELRed Ribbon Week – Blue Jeans DayMUSTANG COUNTY FAIR4:00-7:00 p.m		
October 29 th	HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MRS. BURCZYK		
October 30 th	Improv Performance TRUNK – OR - TREAT	2:30-2:50 p.m. 6:00-7:00 p.m.	
October 31 st	Halloween and Fall Parties – Pre-K – 4 th Grades Dance – 5 th -8 th Grades	1:45-3:00 p.m. 1:00-3:00 p.m.	
November 5 th	FOOD DRIVE BEGINS October Literacy Achievement and Fast Facts Calendars Due		
November 7 th	Picture Re-Takes		
November 9 th	No School Uniform for October Perfect Attendance Awards Assemblies – October Awards – 2:00-2:45 p.m Classrooms		
November 12 th	HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MISS GARRETT No School		
November 14 th	Literacy Achievement Lunch for October Award Winners		
November 15 th	Fast Facts Breakfast for October Award Winners	7:30-7:50 a.m.	
November 16 th	LAST DAY OF FOOD DRIVE Blue Jean Friday – Cost = \$1.00 Turkey Trot – 2:00-2:45 p.m.		
November 19 th -23 rd	Thanksgiving Break		