



CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

WEEK OF MAY 8, 2017

We are ... MUSTANG STRONG!



SSA ROADRUNNER NIGHT THIS WEDNESDAY

Come join the SSA staff for a night of fun!

Dance-Off

Sheep Dressing

Teacher Bowling

Water Balloon Toss

Wednesday, May 10th

5:00-7:00 p.m.



MOTHER'S DAY PARTIES COMING THIS FRIDAY

Pre-K through 4th grades will be honoring their mothers with Mother's Day parties on Friday, May 12th. More information will be coming home in the next couple of weeks, but Stepping Stones Academy wants to ensure mothers mark this special day on their calendars.

Party times include

Pre-K 8:30-9:00 a.m.

2nd grade 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Kdgn. 9:00-9:30 a.m.

3rd grade 9:30-10:00 a.m.

1st grade 9:00-9:30 a.m.

4th grade 10:00-10:30 a.m.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



THANK YOU PARENTS!

YOU ARE APPRECIATED!



BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE BOOK FAIR COMING TO SSA THIS FRIDAY

This year for the first time Stepping Stones Academy is hosting a Summer Special Book Fair for one day, Friday, May 12th, and books are buy one, get one free (of equal or lesser value). The Book Fair will be open all day on Friday, May 12th, including before and after the Mother's Day parties. Parents may stop in during the day and visit the Book Fair or may send money to school with their children so students may purchase books.

The purpose of this Book Fair is to provide students with an opportunity to prepare for summer reading by purchasing books at a great value. Profits from the Book Fair will be used by Stepping Stones Academy to purchase new books and classroom equipment for the upcoming school year.

COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE ONE DAY BOOK FAIR!

**BUY ONE, GET ONE
FREE
BOOK FAIR**

IMPROV SHOW COMING TO SSA THIS FRIDAY

Coming to Stepping Stones Academy this Friday, May 12th at 2:15 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose building is SSA's first all-school Improv Show. Performers include

Ethan Boisvert

George Panagopoulos

Skyler Bennett

Joseph Boldt

Cierra Witham

Kristopher Bennett

These students performed last week for parents and guests and will now perform for K-8th grades. Parents are welcome to attend this show and watch these students in action. Stepping Stones Academy thanks Mr. Shinker for bringing this program to school.



**PLEASE LOOK THROUGH LOST AND FOUND.
ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO GOODWILL
AT THE END OF THE YEAR.**



BOX TOPS CONGRATULATIONS

Thank you to everyone at Stepping Stones Academy for turning in Box Tops for Education throughout the year and helping Stepping Stones Academy earn money for playground equipment! Stepping Stones earned \$612.70 in Box Tops money and will spend this money during the summer when ordering new PE and playground equipment.

The class turning in the most Box Tops October through April was first grade with 649 Box Tops followed by fourth grade with 545 Box Tops and third grade with 538 Box Tops. ***The first graders will have a pizza party on Tuesday, May 23rd as a congratulations for turning in the most Box Tops.***

Special congratulations to students turning in 200 or more Box Tops:

Colten Solem 669

Jace Kirby 259

Madison Bigwood 650

Joshua Perry 258

Julia Ricker 343

Madison Joslin 220

Tristan Judd 314

Mason Joslin 210



These students will enjoy lunch with Mrs. Panagopoulos and Mrs. Alliger on Thursday, May 11th.

Special thanks to Karen Joslin for her time and dedication in managing the Box Tops program!

MUSTANG VOLLEBALL TEAM PLAYS AGAINST TEACHERS THIS THURSDAY

The Spring Volleyball team will play against a team of teachers Thursday, May 11th beginning at 2:00 p.m. All K-8th grade students will attend this event to cheer on both teams, which will be held on the basketball/volleyball court at Stepping Stones Academy. Members of Team Mustang include Malachi Guerrero, Madison Joslin, Christa Williams, Ashley Bragg, Ashley McCulloch, Jenna Pritchett, Alicia Evans, Sierra Giebner, and Sydney Doe, and is coached by Ms. Branham. Everyone is invited to attend this event and cheer on Team Mustang and Team Teachers!



STEPPING STONES ACADEMY SAYS,



for a **WONDERFUL Teacher Appreciation Week!**



THANK YOU PARENTS!

YOU ARE APPRECIATED!



SUMMER READING AND MATH CALENDARS COMING HOME MAY 15TH

For families wanting to continue practicing reading and math facts this summer, June and July calendars will be sent home on Monday, May 15th in green folders and emailed to parents. Students wishing to participate in the summer reading and math practice program are asked to read and/or practice math facts a combined total of 500 minutes for June and July. Calendars are due in August and students will receive a certificate and surprise for turning in calendars.



*Do you have clothes that follow the uniform policy your children are no longer wearing?
Are the clothes clean and in good condition?*



If so, please consider donating these items to the

MUSTANG CLOTHING EXCHANGE.

Please send all donations to the School Office!



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The School Office stays open all summer. School Office hours are Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Office is also open on Friday, but there are not set hours. Families are invited to call or email questions.

Mrs. Jones – jones@steppingstonesacademy.org or jones@ssa.school

Mrs. Schenkel – schenkel@ssa.school

Mrs. Panagopoulos – tina@ssa.school

Mrs. Alliger – ddsa@steppingstonesacademy.org or ddsa@ssa.school

MAY WE GO FORTH AND HAVE A SUCCESSFUL SUMMER!





8TH GRADE CLASS OF 2017

Ashley Bragg

Kaden Byrket

Jose De Lira

Alicia Evans

Ellie Foondle

Sierra Giebner

Elijah Hoffman

Madison Joslin

Jamilyn Lethem

Kai Marusteri

Ashley McCulloch

Morgan Niemerg

Erica Pritchett

Jenna Pritchett

Isabella Sanchez

Alexei Satornino

Ellie Schorer

Colt Stephens

Yelizavetta Trapp

Christa Williams

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

CLASS OF 2017 GRADUATES FRIDAY, MAY 19TH

It's countdown time for the 8th grade Class of 2017, as they prepare to become alumni of Stepping Stones Academy! The schedule for the last week of school for these graduating eighth graders includes:



Monday, May 15th

8th Grade Awards Assembly
Promotion Practice
Homeroom Activities
Early Dismissal for 8th Grade

9:00-10:30 a.m.
10:30-11:00 a.m.
11:00-11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. Dismissal

Tuesday, May 16th

Class Trip to Magic Mountain in California

Wednesday, May 17th

Return from Class Trip – No School for 8th graders

Thursday, May 18th

Wet-n-Wild Field Trip

Friday, May 19th

No School for 8th Grade
Promotion Ceremony

6:00 p.m.



**THANK YOU FOR HELPING MAKE
FIELD DAY SO SUCCESSFUL!**

**Your donations, helping with games, serving lunch,
and cheering on the participants was all appreciated!**



AWARDS ASSEMBLIES IN MAY

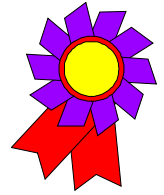
****8th Grade Awards Assembly***

Monday, May 15th

9:00 a.m.

This assembly will honor the members of the Class of 2017 with April awards of Literacy Achievement, Fast Facts, and Perfect Attendance; 4th Quarter awards of Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll, and Academy Award; and All-Year awards of Fast Facts, Literacy Achievement, Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll, and Academy Award.

All K-7th graders will attend this assembly.



****5th-7th Grade April and 4th Quarter Awards Assembly***

Wednesday, May 24th

12:45 p.m.

The assembly for students in 5th-7th grades will be at 12:45 p.m. Awards will be given for April (Literacy Achievement, Fast Facts, Perfect Attendance) and 4th quarter awards (Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll, Academy Award, Mustang Award).

****K-4th Grade April and 4th Quarter Awards Assembly***

Wednesday, May 24th

1:30 p.m.



The assembly for students in K-4th grades will be at 1:30 p.m. Awards will be given for April (Literacy Achievement, Fast Facts, Perfect Attendance) and 4th quarter awards (Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll, Academy Award, Mustang Award).

****K-7th Grade End-of-Year Awards Assembly***

Thursday, May 25th

1:30 p.m.

Students in K-7th grades will attend this assembly and be honored for the All-Year awards of Fast Facts, Literacy Achievement, Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll, and Academy Award.

CONGRATULATIONS! CONGRATULATIONS! CONGRATULATIONS!



THANK YOU PARENTS!
YOU ARE APPRECIATED!



**REMEMBER TO KEEP SAVING
BOX TOPS THIS SUMMER!**



Thank you for helping SSA earn \$612.70 in Box Tops money!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO SSA
IMPROV PERFORMERS!**



***Cierra Witham, Joseph Boldt, Skyler Bennett,
George Panagopoulos, Jackson Niemerg,
Kristopher Bennett, Ethan Boisvert***

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

TUESDAY, MAY 23RD

6:00 P.M.

COME CELEBRATE!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

Aleah Armstrong

Sawyer Bauer

Dylan Beeman

Lilly Bliss

Lily Bloom

Brayden Carlicci

Camryn Carpenter

Sophia Coffman

Michael Doyle

Aiden Evans

Jace Gelinas

Miles Haven

Seth Johnson

Mason Menniti-Keen

Kaelyn Peruch

Jackson Sexton

Colton Solem

John Sweeney

Adyson Underwood

Brasen Underwood

Annabella Vazquez

Juliet Veit

Walker Walton

Noah Warner

Cooper Willson



TIME TO TURN-IN LIBRARY BOOKS AND TEXTBOOKS

Next weeks students will be returning library books and within the following two weeks students will be returning textbooks and other school materials. The books will be checked for damages and replacement fees will be assessed as needed. Fees are determined by the cost of the books. Families will be notified about book fees. Fees need to be paid by Tuesday, May 23rd. Stepping Stones Academy thanks everyone for the care they have given to the books.



THANK YOU PARENTS!
YOU ARE APPRECIATED!



SSA SUMMER CAMP!

When May 30th – July 28th - Students may attend all days or selected days.

Time 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Extended Care Hours = 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Cost \$25/day per child – or \$100 for the full week

Extended Care available 3:00-5:00 p.m. \$10/day per child

One time, non-refundable \$25 Registration Fee per child



ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT ...SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS ...
INDOOR & OUTDOOR GAMES!

PRE-K GRADUATION ON MAY 24TH

Wednesday, May 24th is the big day for Stepping Stones Academy's Pre-K students, because it is Graduation Day! Graduation begins at 9:00 a.m. and all family members and friends are invited to attend. Before receiving their diplomas the graduates will present a short program. Cake and punch will be served after the ceremony. Congratulations to Mrs. Burczyk, Miss Bailey, and the Pre-K graduates for a successful year!



Isabella Anderson

Davin Beeman

Dominic Carnley

Hallee Dempster

Andrew Gade

Keikilani Johnson

Andrew Kukes

Arianne Lawson

Avin Martens

Emily Milton

Morgan Ranck

Joseph Scovill

Katelyn Sexton

Natalie Silaghi

Robert Tieken

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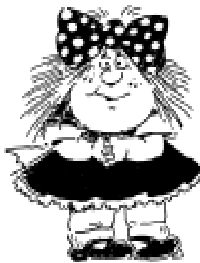
Haley Zane



***PLEASE LET SSA KNOW ABOUT EMAIL CHANGES TO
ENSURE SUMMER INFORMATION IS RECEIVED!***



STUDENTS VISITING NEXT GRADE CLASSROOM



Do students use cubbies? What time is lunch? Where are papers turned-in? These questions are just some of the questions students face as they prepare for next year. To answer these questions, students are visiting their classrooms for next year on Thursday, May 25th from 12:45-1:15 p.m. They will visit with teachers, learn about what to expect, and have opportunities to ask questions. Though this year is not quite completed, the hope is these visits will answer questions and calm some nerves for next year.

WATER DAY NEXT THURSDAY FOR K-2ND GRADES

On Thursday, May 18th, water balloons, water slides, and water games will fill the playground, as the K-2nd graders participate in the annual Water Day event. (Note - The 3rd-8th graders will be off-campus at Wet-n-Wild Water Park.) A tentative schedule for the day includes:

8:00-9:00 a.m.	Morning Assembly and Attendance
9:00-11:00 a.m.	Play Water Games
11:00-11:30 a.m.	Get Ready for Lunch
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Lunch and Movie
1:30-2:30 p.m.	Play Water Games
2:30-3:00 p.m.	Clean-Up



Students need to come to school in their purple t-shirts and khaki or blue jean shorts, but may wear their swimming suits under their clothes or bring along their swimming suits and change before the activities begin. Students also need to bring a towel and sunscreen, plus a water bottle and cap/visor. For lunch students will be served a grilled hot dog lunch, which will be free to everyone.

WET-N-WILD FIELD TRIP NEXT THURSDAY FOR 3RD-8TH GRADERS

On Thursday May 18th, the 3rd-8th graders will spend the day having fun at Wet-n-Wild Water Park located at 43rd Avenue and Pinnacle Peak Road. The park opens early in the year just for school groups. All parents are invited to join the 3rd-8th grade students and teachers for this day of fun in the sun! (Note – Younger and older siblings may not attend.)

Students need to wear school uniform, but may wear their swimming suits under their clothing.

Students may also wear flip flops to school instead of shoes adhering to the uniform policy.

Parents are asked to review the following rules with their children to ensure everyone understands the expected guidelines:

1. Wristbands will be handed out the morning of the field trip and must be worn all day.
2. Individuals may not take food or beverage into the park except unopened, factory-sealed water bottles. Backpacks, purses, and all other bags will be searched before entering the park.
3. Students need to bring a towel and sunscreen. Students will apply sunscreen throughout the day unless they bring a note from home. Students may bring a cap/visor and/or shirt to wear later in the day.
4. Students may wish to bring money to purchase items from the Snack Shop or rent tubes for the slides, but this is optional.
5. All other personal items, including cell phones, i-Pods, and handheld video games, are to be left in the School Office or at home.
6. Students are to check-in at the SSA camp area three times during the day: (1) upon arriving and applying sunscreen, (2) before going to lunch and reapplying sunscreen, and (3) departure time.
7. Students are to have a buddy throughout the day. The buddy may be a classmate, friend from another class, or SSA adult. Buddies may change during the day.
8. Lunch will be eaten as an SSA group at the designated time. The menu is hamburger, chips, and drink.
9. All items, such as backpacks and towels, may remain at the SSA camp area, but SSA and Wet-n-Wild are not responsible for lost or missing items.



WATCH OUT WET-N-WILD! HERE COMES SSA!

ALL YEAR PERFECT ATTENDANCE = NO SCHOOL UNIFORM ON MAY 24TH-26TH

Congratulations to students earning All Year Perfect Attendance! As a congratulations for a job well done, students achieving such a great accomplishment have No School Uniform the last three days of school, May 24th-26th. Stepping Stones Academy thanks these students for attending school **every day** this year! **SSA EVERY DAY!**



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2017.



**Need books for summer reading? Looking for a great bargain?
Feel like supporting literacy and SSA?**



***VISIT BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE
BOOK FAIR***



Friday, May 12th 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Book Fair open for one day only!



MUSTANG BASKETBALL WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to the Mustang Basketball team on its championship at the basketball tournament last Saturday, May 6th. The team played against Dobson Academy and Hearn Academy, winning both games. The Mustangs then played against Hearn Academy in the championship game. Team members were awarded gold medals for their 2-0 record followed by individual trophies for the championship win. Congratulations also to the excellent sportsmanship shown by these players throughout the day.



Congratulations to team members:

**JOSHUA PERRY
IDEN PRESCOTT
ADAM WAGNER**

**AUGUSTINES MURRAY
DAVID GJONAJ
WALKER WALTON**

**GEORGE PANAGOPOULOS
JONATHAN WAGNER**



15 SCHOOL DAYS REMAINING!
THANKS for a FABULOUS year!



**THANK YOU TO ...
KAREN JOSLIN**



FOR HELPING WITH THE BOX TOPS PROGRAM!

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FIELD DAY SUCCESSFUL

Congratulations to all 15 teams on a successful Field Day! Despite the warm weather, teams remained enthusiastic and displayed team spirit throughout the day! Special thanks to the SSA families for the donations and the many volunteers that helped with the games and serving lunch. **YOU ARE APPRECIATED!** Special thanks also to the SSA staff and students for making Field Day so much fun!

Mrs. Petrucci	Lime Blue Daisies	Miss Courtney	Chester's Cheetos
Ms. Branham	Lion's Pride	Mrs. Geiser	Teal Titans
Mrs. Rom	Turbo Turtles	Miss Garrett	Ninja Turtles
Miss Wilson	Mighty Unicorns	Mrs. Venafrro	B90 Blues
Miss Driscoll	The Mauraders	Mrs. Gardner	Victorious Vipers
Mrs. Lee	Purple Peeps	Miss Morici	Pink Panther
Mrs. Schenkel	Kung Fu Kittens	Mrs. Clements	French Toast Dominators
Mr. Shinker	Arms of Fire		

FIELD DAY RESULTS

Congratulations to Arms of Fire for winning this year's Field Day Spirit Award!

Event	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Hula Hoops	Lion's Pride	Victorious Vipers	B90 Blues
Sponge Blob	Lion's Pride	Chester's Cheetos	Victorious Vipers
Javelin Throw	French Toast Dominators	Arms of Fire	Mighty Unicorns
Football Toss	Lion's Pride	Lime Blue Daisies	Mighty Unicorns
50 Yard Dash	Lion's Pride	Ninja Turtles	The Mauraders
Basketball Shoot	Ninja Turtles	Arms of Fire	Turbo Turtles
Obstacle Course	Lion's Pride	Victorious Vipers	Lime Blue Daisies
Long Jump	Victorious Vipers	Ninja Turtles	Arms of Fire
Leaky Pipes	Lion's Pride	Chester's Cheetos	Lime Blue Daisies
Tug-of-War	Chester's Cheetos	Lime Blue Daisies	French Toast Dominators



**THEME FOR NEXT YEAR =
SSA EVERY DAY!**



UPCOMING EVENTS

(Items in italics added this week)

May 10 th	<i>Literacy Achievement Lunch</i> <i>4th Grade Performance from Theater Immersion Program</i> SSA Roadrunner Night – SSA Staff Night	<i>Lunchtime</i> 1:30 p.m. 5:00-7:00 p.m.
May 11 th	<i>Fast Facts Breakfast</i> <i>Box Tops Lunch – Students with 200 or More Box Tops</i> Mustang Volleyball Team vs. Teachers	7:30-7:55 a.m. 11:20 a.m. 2:00 p.m.
May 12 th	One Day Book Fair No School Uniform for April Perfect Attendance Mother's Day Parties – Pre-K – 4 th grades <i>Improv Show</i>	7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. 2:15 p.m.
May 15 th	8 th Grade Awards Assembly – All classes attend <i>8th Grade Dismissed Early</i> <i>Summer Reading and Math Calendars Sent Home</i>	9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
May 16 th	8 th Grade Class Trip to Magic Mountain	
May 17 th	<i>No School for 8th Grade</i>	
May 18 th	Water Day – Pre-K-2 nd Grades Wet-n-Wild Field Trip – 3 rd -8 th Grades	
May 19 th	<i>No School for 8th Grade</i> <i>Blue Jean Day – Cost = \$1.00</i> 8 th Grade Promotion	 6:00 p.m.
May 23 rd	<i>Box Tops Pizza Party for 1st Grade</i> No School Uniform for May Perfect Attendance <i>End-of-Year Micro Raffle</i> Kindergarten Graduation	11:20 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
May 24 th	No School Uniform for All Year Perfect Attendance Pre-K Graduation 5 th -7 th Grades Awards Assembly – April and 4 th Quarter K-4 th Grades Awards Assembly – April and 4 th Quarter	9:00 a.m. 12:45 p.m. 1:30 p.m.
May 25 th	No School Uniform for All Year Perfect Attendance Visit Classroom for Next Year K-7 th Grades All Year Awards Assembly	12:45-1:15 p.m. 1:30 p.m.
May 26 th	No School Uniform for All Year Perfect Attendance Last Day of School – End of 4 th Quarter <i>Report Cards Sent Home</i>	11:30 a.m. Dismissal