



# CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

WEEKS OF SEPTEMBER 17 and 24, 2018

We are ... **MUSTANG STRONG!**

**AUGUST ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE = 95.8%**  
**SSA EVERY DAY!**

## ACTS OF KINDNESS FUNDRAISER COMING NEXT WEEK

Next week Stepping Stones Academy is joining with APEX Leadership Co. to promote a fun and service-oriented fundraiser. More information will be sent home next week, but for this week scholars are encouraged to visit with family and friends about this fundraiser where scholars will be completing Acts of Kindness to earn money for Stepping Stones Academy!

Stepping Stones Academy and APEX hosted a Color Run two years ago. This event is similar but instead of running scholars will complete Acts of Kindness on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. The Acts of Kindness will be organized by Stepping Stones Academy and APEX and completed at Stepping Stones Academy during designated times. The schedule for this event includes:



October 1 <sup>st</sup>	Pep Rally for Pre-K – 8 <sup>th</sup> grades – Introduce event	2:00 p.m.
October 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>	Scholars collect pledges	
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	Acts of Kindness Event	Time TBD



## **END OF 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER NEXT FRIDAY**



**Dismissal at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

# **PARENTS NIGHT OUT**

**THIS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> 5:00-9:00 P.M.**

**Cost = \$25.00 for first child \$20.00 for each additional child**

**Dinner Provided – Children may bring own snacks if they wish**

**Sign up forms available in the School Office**

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO AUGUST LITERACY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS**

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Congratulations to the following students:

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**4<sup>th</sup> 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, Talon Milton, Delilah Morales, Dylana Lee, Preston Thurman-Foote, Elizabeth Uebel, Adam Wagner, Madisyn Willson, Kasey Wood

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** Rory Bauer, Gavin Boisvert, Danielle Casto, Sofia Doe, Jaden Gustafson, Hannah Hathorne, Mikayla Holt, Makayla Johnson, Isabele Lombardi, Zoe MacFarland, Chase McCulley, Kaden Cannon, Augustine Murray, William Sanchez, Christine Silaghi, Dashell Walker

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade** Aaliyah Bessinger, Brayden Carpenter, William Klafter, Raegan Kusnell, Jared MacLiver, Logan Schenkel, Jada St. Jean-Stevens, Kaitlyn Womack

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**CONGRATULATIONS SUPER READERS!**





# END OF 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER NEXT FRIDAY



Last Day of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter = October 5<sup>th</sup>

Parent-Teacher Conferences = October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

Report Cards handed out at Parent-Teacher Conferences

## EARLY DISMISSAL NEXT FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.



### MUSTANG ZONE AVAILABLE



11:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Cost = \$20.00 per child

### REMINDER OF ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Stepping Stones Academy promotes a high quality educational program and scholars are expected to meet or exceed the school's academic standards in order to be promoted. Scholars earn letter grades in the classes of Reading, Math, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies. A percentage grading scale is used in these classes.

90% - 100% A

60% - 69% D

80% - 89% B

59% & lower F

70% - 79% C

To be promoted scholars must earn a minimum average of 70% (C) in each class by the end of the year. To calculate the year-end average, a 4.0 grading scale is used. Students need to earn eight points in each class by the end of the year. Letter grades are

A 4.0 points

D 1.0 point

B 3.0 points

F 0.0 points

C 2.0 points



## NO SCHOOL MONDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>



### MUSTANG ZONE AVAILABLE



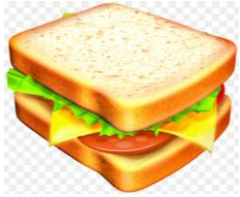
7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Cost = \$30.00 per child

3:00-5:00 p.m. - Additional \$10.00 per child

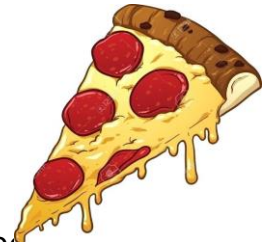
Please contact the School Office to sign-up.

## **NEW LUNCH PROGRAM RECEIVING RAVE REVIEWS!**

**MORE CHOICES! ... BETTER PRICES! ... GLUTEN-FREE LUNCH AVAILABLE! ...**



**SMOOTHIES ON FRIDAYS! ... ORDER AHEAD! ...  
SNACKS AVAILABLE FOR AFTER-SCHOOL!**



## **BLUE WILLO CATERING!**

Order by Saturday of each week for lunch the following week:

# thankyou

**for an ENCHANTING and MAGICAL BOOK FAIR!**

**Book Fair results coming next week!**

### **WORDS FROM THE SCHOLARS**

My favorite part of Rockin' Our School Day was being a waitress and reading the menu.  
I also liked counting money.

Tessa McLaughlin, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

My favorite part of Rockin' Our School Day was Science class and doing all of the science experiments.  
I learned how to use dry ice to complete experiments and make big bubbles.

Danielle Casto, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

My favorite part of Rockin' Our School Day was Glow Games and learning  
about similes, metaphors, and idioms with glow-in-the-dark games.

Noah Sorensen, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

My favorite part of Rockin' Our School Day was teacher karaoke at  
the end of the day. Math was fun too. We learned about reversing  
numbers and figuring out the missing number in the middle.

Riley Hanson, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

My favorite part of Rockin' Our School Day was seeing all of the teachers dressed up.

Walker Walton, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade



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





## **AUGUST ATTENDANCE REPORT**

Stepping Stones Academy thanks the SSA community for helping to increase attendance this year

as we promote **SSA EVERY DAY!**

Scholars who are ill with a fever are asked to stay home, but Stepping Stones Academy encourages scholars to attend school all other days!

**SSA lost over \$6,300 in August due to absences!**

# SSA EVERY DAY!



## **WORDS FROM THE SCHOLARS**

My favorite part of Rockin' Our School Day on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> was eating the football cookies and learning about counting.

Paisley Thurman, Kindergarten

My favorite part of Rockin' Our School Day was toasting marshmallows and making S'mores and learning more about subtraction.

Laney Davison, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

My favorite part of Rockin' Our School Day was seeing all of the classrooms decorated and sitting on pool noodles. I learned how to write a better story.

Grace Driscoll, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

My favorite part of Rockin' Our School Day was playing Crazy 8's at our carnival. I learned new words.

Natalie Silaghi, 1<sup>st</sup> grade

My favorite part of Rockin' Our School Day was the Candy Bar debate in English-Language Arts (ELA) class. The Hershey's candy bar won.

Zoe MacFarland, 5<sup>th</sup> grade



## **BOX TOPS CONTEST ENDS NEXT FRIDAY!**

**The first contest ends next Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Ice Cream Party = Class turning in the most Box Tops

Treat Bag = One student from each class\*

Principal for a Day – Student turning in the most Box Tops

\*Student randomly selected from students turning in Box Tops



## ***KINDERGARTEN CLASS CURRENTLY IN LEAD!***

## **AWARDS ASSEMBLY FOR SEPTEMBER AWARDS**

The awards assembly for September awards is on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:00 p.m. The assemblies will be held in the classrooms. Awards to be handed out include September Literacy Achievement, September Fast Facts, and September Perfect Attendance. Assembly times are

7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades – 2:00-2:10 p.m.

2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grades – 2:25-2:35 p.m.

5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades – 2:10-2:20 p.m.

K-1<sup>st</sup> grades – 2:40-2:50 p.m.



# SEPTEMBER

**LITERACY ACHIEVEMENT AND FAST FACTS CALENDARS  
DUE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>!**

## THANK YOU FOR READING WITH OUR SCHOLARS EVERY NIGHT!

### **K-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE QUARTER AWARDS ASSEMBLY ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

The end of the quarter also means time for awards assemblies recognizing scholars for first quarter achievements. The assemblies are on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:45-9:45 a.m. for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades and 10:00-11:15 a.m. for K-4<sup>th</sup> grades. Both assemblies will be in the Multi-Purpose building. Scholars will receive the first quarter awards of Academy Award, Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, and Mustang Award. Families are invited to join in this celebration!

**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Perfect Attendance Award** – Scholars attending school each day during the quarter and have no more than one unexcused tardy and one early departure earn this award. Excused tardies do not affect this award. Scholars receive a certificate, Mustang money, and a visit from the Celebration Cart by Mrs. Panagopoulos and Ms. Stewart-Alliger.



**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Honor Roll Award** – Scholars earning all A's and B's in graded academic classes receive this award. Scholars receive a certificate, Mustang money, and a Homework Pass.

**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Academy Award** – Scholars earning all A's in graded academic classes receive this award. Scholars receive a certificate, Mustang money, and a Homework Pass.

**Mustang Award** – Each homeroom teacher selects two scholars who have shown excellent character traits (trustworthiness, responsibility, respect, fairness, caring, citizenship) and improved or excellent academic progress during the quarter.

**COME JOIN THE CELEBRATION!**

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO AUGUST FAST FACTS AWARD WINNERS**

Scholars practicing math facts or math skills 300 or more minutes in August and turning in their Fast Facts calendars by the September 5<sup>th</sup> deadline earned the August Fast Facts Award. Awards were presented on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at the awards assemblies. Scholars received a certificate, \$20 Mustang dollars, and enjoyed Fast Facts Breakfast on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

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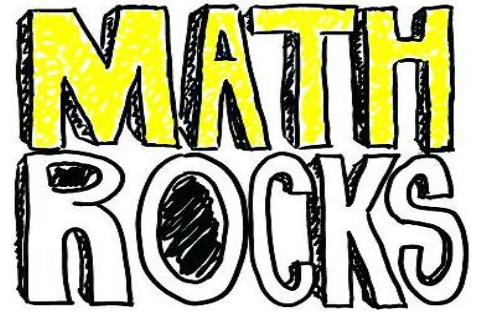
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**CONGRATULATIONS MATH ROCK STARS!**



**WELCOME TO SSA ...  
JACKSON, PRESTON, PAYTON PIERCE  
and Family**



Thank  
you!

SSA SAYS THANK YOU TO ...

Thank  
you!

**KYM JOLLEY and  
JAMIE NEWCOMB**

for helping with Vision and Hearing Screenings.

**WORDS FROM THE SCHOLARS**

My favorite part of Rockin' Our School Day was making the video in Math class and doing the Elephant's Toothpaste experiment in Science class.

Jennifer Bessinger, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

My favorite part of Rockin' Our School Day was Boot Camp and working math problems to move onto the next activity.

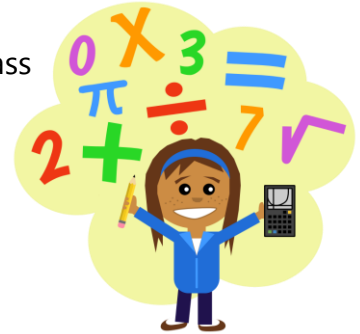
Natalee Johnson, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

My favorite part of Rockin' Our School Day was making forts and practicing subtraction in Math class.

Seth Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

My favorite part of Rockin' Our School Day was the Scavenger Hunt and following the clues. I also liked seeing all of the decorated classrooms.

Talon Milton, 4<sup>th</sup> grade



**K-1<sup>ST</sup> GRADES GENIUS HOUR CLASSES – ROTATION 2**

**ROTATION 2 CLASSES END THIS THURSDAY**

**SINGING and DANCING**

Mrs. Gray  
Charles Balls  
Davin Beeman  
Jaxson Carvalho  
Kainin Cruz  
Jonathan Dinieri  
Mira Haven  
Rush Hensley  
Aribella Jameson  
Keikilani Johnson  
Makenzie Johnson  
Mariah MacLiver  
Amelia Morgan  
Makena Newcomb

**BRAIN GAMES**

Mrs. Brown  
Mason Pribble  
Morgan Ranck  
Lilly Richardson  
Luis Saldana  
Katie Shepherd  
Bran Skaggs  
Deacon St. Jean-Stevens  
Paisley Thurman  
Emory Thurman-Essary  
Robert Tieken  
Treven Tryon  
Avidan Turner  
Dierdry Walker

**ZUMBA**

Miss Wilson  
Royce Adams  
Sophia Bedell  
Isabella Brothers  
Dominic Carnley  
Xzavier Corral  
Samuel Dawson  
Hallee Dempster  
Brian Hathorne  
Andrew Kukes  
Ellie LeClair  
Rayen Major  
Emily Milton  
Annabella Vazquez  
Wyatt Wiertzema

**GROUP FITNESS**

Miss Garrett  
Isabella Anderson  
CaseyJohn Blau  
Abraham DuBois II  
Jace Gustafson  
Scarlette Heinrich  
Cash Hensley  
Avin Martens  
Asher McLeod  
Brody Morgan  
Joseph Scovill  
Natalie Silaghi  
Liam Tuller  
Avalon Turner  
Addison Wendtland



## 2<sup>ND</sup>-4<sup>TH</sup> GRADES GENIUS HOUR CLASSES – ROTATION 2

### ROTATION 2 CLASSES END THIS THURSDAY

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TO OTHERS.

#### CHARACTER COUNTS

Mrs. Lee  
Aleah Armstong  
Rylee Balls  
Sawyer Bauer  
Dylan Beeman  
Lilly Bliss  
Dakota Bloyer  
Brayden Carlicci  
Camryn Carpenter  
Sophia Coffman  
Laney Davison  
Michael Doyle  
Aiden Evans  
Jace Gelinis  
Miles Haven  
Keirnan Hiner  
Seth Johnson  
Mason Menniti-Keen  
Jaeden Morales  
Karter Perkins  
Kaelyn Peruch  
John Sweeney  
Juliet Veit  
Walker Walton  
Noah Warner  
Cooper Willson

#### SIGN LANGUAGE

Mrs. Rom  
Robert Donaldson  
Connor Doyle  
Aiden Gray  
Tyler Hamilton  
Hunter Henshaw  
Kahlan Holt  
Lydia Klinger  
Kalise Larson  
Andrew MacFarland  
Tessa McLaughlin  
Evelyn McLeod  
Bradley Miner  
Gunner Mullins  
Joshua Perry  
Preston Pierce  
Logan Ranck  
Khristopher Sanchez  
Dylan Schalk  
Aubrey St. Jean-Stevens  
Hunter Watzek  
Gregory Wheeler  
Reese Yoder

#### ARTS-N-CRAFTS

Miss Nostdahl  
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  
Kyler Lethem  
Jacob Lunsford  
Joshua Lunsford  
Lydia MacLiver  
Talon Milton  
Delilah Morales  
Dylana Lee  
Jennifer Owens  
Preston Thurman-Foote  
Daniel Trevizo  
Elizabeth Uebel  
Adam Wagner  
Madisyn Willson  
Kasey Wood

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# KINDNESS IS CONTAGIOUS!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO**  
**MISS OLIVIA**



**B.A. Degree in Fashion Marketing and Management**  
**from the Art Institute!**

## 5<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADES GENIUS HOUR CLASSES – ROTATION 2

### ANIMAL CARE

Ms. Branham  
 Christopher DeLira  
 Kara Wheeler  
 Iden Prescott  
 William Wilkinson  
 Ryle Lunsford  
 Jada St. Jean-Stevens  
 Raegan Kusnell  
 Rory Bauer  
 Katee Wheeler  
 Danielle Casto  
 Makayla Johnson  
 Augustine Murray  
 Jaden Gustafson  
 Jonathon Wood  
 Brooke Jolley

### BOOK AND MOVIE

Mrs. Geiser  
 Yekaterina Trapp  
 Joseph Boldt  
 Santiago Calleros  
 Ethan Boisvert  
 Logan Koechig  
 Johnnie Parry  
 Allison Turgeon  
 Sydney Doe  
 Mason Lunsford  
 Kenzie Stewart  
 Colten Jordan  
 Kaden Cannon  
 Destiny Lloyd  
 Shawn Peyton  
 Dashell Walker  
 Kelcie Klinger

### ARTS-N-CRAFTS

Mrs. Johnson  
 Gavin Skaggs  
 Mya Odello  
 Ashtyn Macias  
 Brayden Carpenter  
 Tanner Thompson  
 Jacob Arteaga  
 Jared MacLiver  
 Judah Flores  
 William Klafter  
 Jackson Niemerg  
 Conner Thompson  
 Christine Silaghi  
 Chase McCulley

### MOVIE-MAKING

Mr. Shainker  
 Aquinnah Goveia  
 Blaine Plathe  
 Aiden Macias  
 Kaden Lethem  
 Rylee Sexton  
 Jayla Yoder  
 Halie Gotch  
 Kaiah Janeway  
 Jennifer Bessinger  
 Madison Hoelzer  
 Ralph Calleros  
 William Sanchez  
 Mikayla Holt  
 Zoe MacFarland

### COOKING

Mrs. Clements  
 Hailey Cole  
 Gracelyn Bliss  
 Haylie Hoelzer  
 Salma Trevizo  
 Noah Sorensen  
 Mason Joslin  
 Joseph Lethem  
 Jennifer Wood  
 Avery Mullins  
 Dillon Connelley  
 Natalee Johnson  
 Laci Tolli  
 Mason Koechig  
 Tristan Judd  
 Aaliyah Bessinger  
 Kaitlyn Womack  
 Allaira Larson  
 Wyatt Shepherd  
 Gavin Boisvert

### CARD GAMES

Mrs. Carpenter  
 Ryan Nies  
 Cierra Witham  
 Samantha Barnett  
 Emily Bragg  
 Allie Beltran  
 Sophia Hoffman  
 Landon Nelson  
 Julia Ricker  
 Eddie Calleros  
 Jessie Owens  
 Stephanie Vega  
 Logan Schenkel  
 Isabele Lombardi  
 Kansas Janeway  
 Ashtyn Macias  
 Sofia Doe  
 Jackson Pierce



# SSA = LEARNING EVERY DAY!



# WELCOME TO OUR HOUSE

## NEW HOUSE MEMBERS

**ISIBINDI = Jackson Pierce**

**MATUMAINI = Miss Erinn Gurr**



# GO TEAM!

# GO TEAM!

## HOUSE LEADERBOARD

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE ISIBINDI**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE ALTRUISMO**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE**

**4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE**

**MAOXIAN**

**MATUMAINI**

## HOUSE SHIRTS MAY BE WORN TUESDAYS AND/OR FRIDAYS



Last week the House shirts arrived and scholars enjoyed wearing their shirts on Thursday and Friday. **Starting this week and each week throughout the school year, House shirts may be worn on Tuesdays and/or Fridays.** (Note - SSA purple t-shirts may also be worn on Fridays.) House shirt colors are:

**ALTRUISMO = BLACK**

**MATUMAINI = BLUE**

**MAOXIAN = RED**

**ISIBINDI = GREEN**

## WORDS FROM THE SCHOLARS

My favorite part of Rockin' Our School Day was Science class and the experiments. I learned dry ice and water make smoke.

Kaitlyn Womack, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

My favorite part of Rockin' Our School Day was kicking the football and making a field goal.

Treven Tryon, Kindergarten

My favorite part of Rockin' Our School Day was eating lunch in the SSA Rainforest Café. I also liked counting money and making change.

Logan Ranck, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

My favorite part of Rockin' Our School Day was Glow Games and learning about alliteration, personification, similes, and idioms.

Sophia Hoffman, 7<sup>th</sup> grade



# SEPTEMBER PERFECT ATTENDANCE = NO SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY OCT. 12<sup>TH</sup>





## CONGRATULATIONS TO TOP READERS...

5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

GAVIN BOISVERT

6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

LOGAN SCHENKEL

7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

SOPHIA HOFFMAN

8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

SANTIAGO CALLEROS



Winners receive Barnes and Noble gift cards donated by Forrester's Group.

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS! TODAY - MAY 24, 2019

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

## So why is school attendance important?

**1. Educational and Academic** – More than any other year at Stepping Stones Academy, attending class is important! More lessons are being completed in the classroom, which decreases homework but makes class attendance more important! Much of the grading is related to mastery of the academic standards and scholars need to be in school to achieve this mastery. **SSA EVERY DAY!**

**2. Legal** - State law requires children to attend school 162 days which means if scholars miss more than 18 days of school they may be reported to the AZ Dept. of Education (ADE) and Arizona Department of Children's Safety (DCS).

**3. Social** – Children like to see their friends and interacting with others is an important part of learning. Since missed assignments are not being sent home ahead of time, scholars must use time during lunch, recess, exploratory classes, and Genius Hour/Micro classes to receive instruction and complete work.

**4. Financial** - SSA earns money when children are in attendance for the full day and loses money when children do not attend school for the full day. Scholar attendance is counted for the first 100 days of school, which is why families are encouraged to plan vacations during



break times or after the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school.

*Funds received from attendance is the simplest and easiest way for SSA to earn money; however, it is also the simplest and easiest way to lose money.*

**Stepping Stones Academy's business is learning**, meaning it is important for scholars to attend school to participate in the learning! There is never a day that "nothing" is done in class or learning is not completed. Even on field trip days, extra activity days, or what appear as simply "fun" days, learning is occurring.

**Thank you for choosing Stepping Stones Academy!**



## OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER CAMPUS EVENTS

### OCTOBER, 2018

October 1 <sup>st</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Acts of Kindness Fundraiser – Collect Pledges
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter – Dismissal at 11:30 a.m. September Literacy Achievement and Fast Facts Calendars Due Box Tops Contest Ends
October 8 <sup>th</sup>	No School – Columbus Day
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	Acts of Kindness Fundraiser Event
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	No School Uniform for September Perfect Attendance Awards Assemblies – September Awards – 2:00-2:45 p.m. - Classrooms
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	½ Day of School – Dismissal at 11:30 a.m. 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grades Awards Assembly – 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Awards – 8:45-9:30 a.m. K-4 <sup>th</sup> Grades Awards Assembly – 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Awards – 10:00-11:15 a.m. <b>PARENT – TEACHER CONFERENCES – 1:00-8:00 p.m.</b>
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	½ Day of School – Dismissal at 11:30 a.m. <b>PARENT – TEACHER CONFERENCES – 1:00-3:00 p.m.</b>
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Love My School Clean-Up Day – Time TBD
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Fast Facts Breakfast for September Award Winners – 7:30-7:50 a.m.
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Picture Re-Take Day Blue Jean Friday – Cost = \$1.00 <b>MUSTANG COUNTY FAIR – 4:00-7:00 p.m.</b>
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>TRUNK – OR - TREAT – 6:00-7:00 p.m.</b>
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Halloween/Fall Festival Parties – 1:45-3:00 p.m.



### NOVEMBER, 2018

November 5 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FOOD DRIVE</b>
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	October Literacy Achievement and Fast Facts Calendars Due
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	No School Uniform for October Perfect Attendance Awards Assemblies – October Awards – 2:00-2:45 p.m. - Classrooms
November 12 <sup>th</sup>	No School
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Fast Facts Breakfast for October Award Winners – 7:30-7:50 a.m.
November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Blue Jean Friday – Cost = \$1.00 Turkey Trot – 2:00-2:45 p.m.
November 19 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thanksgiving Break



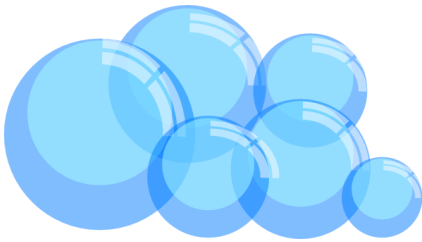
## DECEMBER CAMPUS EVENTS

### DECEMBER, 2018

December 4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Micro Job Interviews – 12:30-3:00 p.m.
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	November Literacy Achievement and Fast Facts Calendars Due
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	No School Uniform for November Perfect Attendance Mustang Theater Performance of <i>The Phantom Tollbooth</i>
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Awards Assemblies – November Awards – 2:00-2:45 p.m. - Classrooms
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Blue Jean Friday – Cost = \$1.00
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Fast Facts Breakfast for November Award Winners – 7:30-7:50 a.m. <b>WINTER FESTIVAL – 6:00 p.m.</b>
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter - Dismissal at 11:30 a.m. Jingle Bell Jog – 8:30-9:30 a.m.
December 17 <sup>th</sup> – Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Break



## WORDS FROM THE SCHOLARS



My favorite part of Rockin' Our School Day was Science class and all of the experiments. I liked the Bubble Volcano the best.

Laci Tolli, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

My favorite part of Rockin' Our School Day was playing Battleship. I had so much fun.

Royce Adams, 1<sup>st</sup> grade

My favorite part of Rockin' Our School Day was Math class and making the video.

Augustine Murray, 5<sup>th</sup> grade



## SSA SWEATSHIRT ORDER FORMS COMING HOME NEXT WEEK

Starting next week Stepping Stones Academy will be accepting orders for SSA sweatshirts. There are two styles of sweatshirts available, both of which students may wear in the classrooms. SSA is pre-ordering sweatshirts and will not be keeping sweatshirts in stock.

**1. "Hoodie" style** – This sweatshirt is a pullover the head with a hood attached and is available in purple or black. The school logo is in the upper right hand corner on the front (like the SSA polo shirt) and the school name and Mustang logo are in a larger size on the back of the sweatshirt. Cost is \$40.00 per sweatshirt.

**2. "Zip Up" style** – This sweatshirt has a zipper on the front and is available in black. The school logo is in the upper right hand corner on the front (like the SSA polo shirt) and the school name and Mustang logo are in a larger size on the back. Cost is \$40.00 per sweatshirt.



## HOW TO ORDER SCHOOL LUNCHES

### NEW FAMILIES - To get enrolled -

1. Go to [www.BlueWilloCatering.com](http://www.BlueWilloCatering.com) and click on the **School Lunch Order** tab located at the top right hand corner of the screen.
2. Click on **Create an Account** and use the password (case-sensitive) of **SSA29**
3. Enter the needed information and click **Submit**.
4. Enter information and **Add Profile**.
5. Complete step #4 for additional children who will be ordering.
6. Click **I'm Done** and **Sign In**.



### TO ORDER LUNCHES

1. Follow the instructions on the web site to order food and drink.
2. Be sure to click **Add to Cart** and then check-out or lunches will not be ordered.
3. Families are encouraged to spend time browsing through the site and checking out the numerous food choices.
4. A few helpful hints –



\*There are many items available each day at different prices.

\*To determine what is included with an item move the cursor to the name of the food and a description appears.

\*Beverages are included with most items. Smoothies are available on Fridays but need to be ordered.

Be sure to contact Mrs. Schenkel ([schenkel@ssa.school](mailto:schenkel@ssa.school) or 623-465-4910) with questions!

## WORDS FROM THE SCHOLARS

My favorite part of Rockin' Our School Day was when we first walked in the classroom and saw all of the changes. I learned more about how to write a story.

Jennifer Owens, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

My favorite part of Rockin' Our School Day was visiting all of the classrooms and seeing the decorations. I learned about "-at" word families.

Keikilani Johnson, Kindergarten

My favorite part of Rockin' Our School Day was seeing the teachers dressed up and Science class. My favorite experiment was the Bubble Volcano.

Dillon Connelley, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

My favorite part of Rockin' Our School Day was being a waiter and taking orders. I learned about counting money and giving back change.

Aiden Gray, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade



## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Field Trip to Saving Grace and Connelley Ranch	9:00-11:00 a.m.
September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Recognize September Birthday Scholars	8:00 a.m.
October 1 <sup>st</sup>	Pep Rally for Acts of Kindness Fundraiser	2:00 p.m.
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Mustang Zone Available September Literacy Achievement and Fast Facts Calendars Due Box Tops Contest Ends	11:30 a.m. Dismissal 11:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
October 8 <sup>th</sup>	No School – Columbus Day Mustang Zone Available	7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	Acts of Kindness Fundraiser Event	Time TBD
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	No School Uniform for September Perfect Attendance Classroom Awards Assemblies – September Awards	2:00-2:45 p.m.
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	½ Day of School 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grades 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Awards Assembly K-4 <sup>th</sup> Grades 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Awards Assembly Parent-Teacher Conferences	11:30 a.m. Dismissal 8:45-9:30 a.m. 10:00-11:15 a.m. 1:00-8:00 p.m.
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	½ Day of School Parent-Teacher Conferences	11:30 a.m. Dismissal 1:00-8:00 p.m.
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Love My School Clean-Up Day	Time TBD
October 22 <sup>nd</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>	Red Ribbon Week – NJHS Plans Activities	
October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Celebration Cart for 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Perfect Attendance	
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Lit. Achievement Lunch for Sept. Award Winners	Lunchtime
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Fast Facts Breakfast for September Award Winners	7:30-7:50 a.m.
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Picture Re-Take Day Blue Jean Friday – Cost = \$1.00 Mustang County Fair	4:00-7:00 p.m.
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