



December 2018 Family Newsletter

From the Principal

I hope this monthly newsletter provides you with information on our upcoming events at Stix! Thank you to all of the parents who attended parent conferences in October. It is extremely important that we work together to ensure your child's success this school year. Please know that you can always make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher throughout the school year if you have concerns or questions about your child's academic growth.

Pennies for Patients

So far our fundraiser brought in \$884.00 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society! (Monies are still being counted). Thank you for your generosity in helping support the work of this organization.

Jump Rope for Hearts

Our current fundraiser is Jump Rope for Hearts that runs until December 20. If you need information on this fundraiser, please see Ms. Haynes-Smith or Ms. Huddleston in the gym.



Parking Lot Clothing Bin

Have you seen the clothing bin on the parking lot? We recycle clothes with the US Again Clothes Collection System. You will see their green bin on the south end of our parking lot. Stix can receive quarterly checks based on the weight of clothing and shoes we collect. Please help fill up the bin with 'non-uniform' clothes! All uniform clothes can be donated to the school through Mrs. Person, our Family and Community Specialist!

Thank You!

We are quickly approaching the end of our first semester. We have had many successful events already this year, thanks to the dedication of our staff and parents. To all the families who have participated in PTO meetings, Curriculum Night, KISS days, and our other events, we extend our sincere THANK YOU! We know that we must work together to ensure each child's growth and that parents who show an interest in their child's education have the greatest impact on their child's development.

Happy Holidays!

We extend our holiday wishes to all of our families during this season of celebrations. Please note the upcoming holiday schedule on the reverse side of this newsletter.

Safety of Our Students

We have procedures in place to help ensure the safety of all of our students. It is extremely important that parents, and anyone who picks up your child for you, is aware of these dismissal procedures.

1. Adults may be asked for ID when picking up children. Sometimes we have staff members covering in the office or the pickup room who do not know the parents and they are instructed to ask for ID and verify approved pickups per the forms you completed when you registered your child. Please help us with this step and always have your picture ID with you.
2. Parents are not to take children from a line. Once children leave their classrooms and begin moving into their dismissal location, they have to be signed out from that location. For example, children who go to the pickup room (Music Room) must be signed out in that area.

If you have questions about these procedures, please see Dr. Archer or Dr. Dymond



Do not be late!

School begins at 9:10 in all classrooms! Children should arrive to school no later than 9:05 to ensure they are in their rooms by 9:10. Any child who arrives after 9:15 must be escorted into the building (parents should not drop off at the front doors) and the parent needs to complete the information for the tardy binder. Excessive late arrivals have an impact on your child's academic growth and negatively affects their attendance. Please help us by ensuring your child is brought to school on time, or rides the bus to ensure his/her arrival time.

Important Dates in December 2018 and January 2019

- **Thursday, December 13th**- Winter Concert (Grades 1 & 2 Perform) 7pm
- **Friday, December 21st** - Winter Break begins for students!

Children return to school on Monday, January 7, 2019!

- **Friday, January 18th** – NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day for staff members
- **Monday, January 21** - NO SCHOOL – Dr. Martin Luther King Day