

## Stix Early Childhood Center

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# Nurturing Young Learners

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## Principal's Message

Happy New Year! As we begin 2020, the staff and I are happy you are part of our school community! We have lots of learning left in the school year. I hope that the winter months bring you lots of opportunities to work with your child on reading and writing. Cold winter days are ideal for curling up under blankets and reading, reading, reading!



Has your child lost a glove, hat, or coat? Our Lost and Found is over flowing again. Please stop by the area (across from the student entrance into the cafeteria) and look through the items for any clothing your child has not brought home.

As always, I hope this newsletter provides you with helpful information as we partner in your child's education!

~ Dr. Dymond



**Every Day is  
Uniform Day!**

## Library News – Ms. Ilena Albarron

Hello Stix Families!

As we closed up our most successful Scholastic Book Fair in November, the Library was put back into order and we resumed our normal activities. In December we explored what Winter means to us. We read "Winter Is" by Ann Dixon and used our non-linguistic skills to draw a picture of a vocabulary word that represented winter such as hot chocolate, icicles, frigid, blizzard, etc. In January we will be reading books by A.A. Milne, author of the "Winnie the Pooh" series and books by Alma Alda Flora, author of "Dear Peter Rabbit" Hope you had a fantastic winter break!

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## **Ready to Learn, St. Louis**

Ready to Learn was created to provide free books for children in the St. Louis area in order to help prepare them for success in the classroom. They believe that “A child who can read is a student who will learn.” This wonderful organization will be at Stix on January 21 (PK and K students) and on January 23 (Grades 1 & 2 students). Classrooms will follow a schedule for coming to the library and choosing a book they would like. Make sure your child is at school, and on time, so he/she doesn't miss this opportunity!



## **Candy Fundraiser**



Our 2<sup>nd</sup>, and final, fundraiser for this school year will begin January 27<sup>th</sup>. For this fundraiser we partner with Peco, a local candy company, that sells all items for \$5.00. The monies raised from this fundraiser are used to provide additional field trips and assemblies for students.

## **Notes from Nurse Barry**

Here are some reminders and updates from the School Nurse:

- Please send documentation of all medical visits. This will not only serve as an excused absence from school, but will allow staff to take better care of your child.
- Gateway to Oral Health will be here on February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, to screen children who have returned completed consent forms. Please let me know if you need a consent form for your child.
- Please note that children should not carry over the counter or prescription medication to school.
- Please keep your child home if they have a temperature of 100 or greater, are vomiting, have a bad cough, or have diarrhea.
- Please consult with your child's doctor for rashes and pink eye, before bringing your child to school.

Candace Barry, RN

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## **Robin House, School Counselor**

The Heart Work 3.0

By Robin House, School Counselor

New Year- New Beginnings

Hope everyone enjoyed the spirit of the holidays! Family time, sharing experiences and making fond memories. Here are three changes that you can make that will make a big difference for your child. 1. Establish new routines around getting ready for school, homework, chores, meal time and bedtime. Routine should be broken down into manageable steps. A routine creates a habit which makes life easier for everyone in the family. 2. Structure is another positive change you can make. Using time helps build structure into the day. Waking up, leaving for school, dinner time, and bedtime are all structures that give children predictability in their young worlds. Calendars can help with short term weekly plans and longer term plans like vacations and special occasions. 3. Consistency is the third change you could make and when combined with the first two changes will really be impactful. Be consistent with your parenting. Follow through and don't make threats or promises you cannot keep. School has many routines; structure and consistency that help children thrive. Implement these changes and enjoy parenting more fully. This will also model how your children will grow up to be organized and able to manage life's challenges. Keep up the great work if you are already doing this.

Annie's Hope Grief Group begins Wed., January 22 and continues for six weeks. If you are interested in your child participating, please let me know at [robin.house@slps.org](mailto:robin.house@slps.org).

## **FCS – Patricia Costello**

Happy New Year!

PAC (Parent Action Council) meetings have moved to Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. at the SLPS District office (801 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Str. 63101). Please mark these new meeting dates on your 2020 calendar.

- **January 23<sup>rd</sup>** - *Census Task Force Report and a Presentation by the Board of Elections.*
- **February 20<sup>th</sup>** - *Summer Learning and Support from the Crime Victim Center*
- **March 26<sup>th</sup>** - *Learning Differently*
- **April 16<sup>th</sup>** – *TBA*

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## **Important Upcoming Dates:**

### **January**

- Friday, January 17 – NO SCHOOL (Professional Development Day for staff)
- Monday, January 20 – NO SCHOOL – Dr. Martin Luther King Day
- Tuesday, January 21 & Thursday, January 23 – Ready to Learn will be distributing new books to all of our students
- Monday, January 27 – Candy Fundraiser begins

### **February**

- Parent/Teacher Learning Teams:
  - PK February 3
  - K, 1 & 2 February 4
  - More information on times will be shared in our Home Works! Flyer
- February 7 - Progress reports go home
- February 14 - PD day – NO SCHOOL
- February 17 – Holiday – NO SCHOOL
- February 24 & 25 – Dental visits at Stix

