



TIGER TALK

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PBIS

Stevenson
Tiger Traits
Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be Responsible

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

A BIG thank you to all our parents who were able to attend your child's parent teacher conference. You are the single most important influence in your child's life. Attending your child's parent teacher conference reinforces to your child that school is an important aspect of their life.

As the cool weather approaches us, please remember to send a jacket with your child on those cool days. If the temperature is 20 degrees or above including wind chill, our students will be outside for recess and possibly P.E.

We will bring our United Way Campaign to an end this week. Many thanks to all our students and families who contributed to a great cause.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. This is a holiday to reflect on all our blessings. In the midst of all the football games and turkey dinners, we should all take time to reflect on the blessings of life. How thankful we should be to live in a safe community with our friends, neighbors and relatives.

Thank you for all that you do for your children and our staff. I am thankful to be part of such a wonderful school family!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Fogal



ENCOURAGING APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR "TIGER TIME!"

A component of the Stevenson Elementary PBIS Program

What is Tiger Time?

Tiger Time is a random act of recognition for students with no office referrals during a designated period of time. This 10 minute activity is used as positive reinforcement for students who are being safe, respectful and responsible.

What does Tiger Time look like?

Students know that it is a Tiger Time because all staff members are wearing black and white t-shirts with the expectations on the back. At a random time during the school day, Mrs. Fogal will announce over the intercom that it is Tiger Time. Students who have earned Tiger Time will then participate in the selected activity for that day. Some example activities are going outside to draw with chalk or playing quiet ball in the classroom. Students will not know what the activity is until Tiger Time begins.

Students who did not earn Tiger Time will reflect on how to be safe, respectful and responsible with a classroom teacher.

MUSIC NEWS

A Pirate Christmas



Presented by Stevenson Fifth Grades
 Thursday, December 15th
 7:00pm

Dear Parents,

On Thursday December 15th at 7:00pm, all Stevenson Fifth Graders will perform a musical play as part of the Holiday Tea. **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!** We need all of our performers to be there. We all have busy schedules, but this once a year event should take precedence over routine lessons and games. The students are already working hard to prepare.

All performers will need to wear black pants and a plain white shirt. We will have headwear here at school, but students may add jewelry and facial hair if they wish. ☺

Thank you for your support.
 It is going to be great fun. ☺

Sincerely,
 Mrs. Schmelzer



Winter Weather

Please dress your children appropriately for cold weather. Remember we are outside at lunch if the wind chill is 20 degrees or above.

In the event of severe winter weather, WJBC is the official radio station that will announce school closings. Parents should listen to WJBC 1230 AM starting at 6:00am to find out if school is closed.

You should also receive a call from the District 87 School Reach System informing you of any school closures. Please make sure the office has your correct phone numbers. Thank you!

News from the Learning Center



What's a Lexile

During your conference with teachers last month you may have heard the term Lexile used to describe your child's reading level. So just what is a Lexile score? Students in grades 2-5 take a reading test in the computer lab at least four times a year to determine their reading level or Lexile. When 3-5th grade students take the ISAT tests in the spring their reading progress will be reported in Lexiles. Many of our books in the Learning Center are also labeled with a Lexile. In this way students can select books that are in their Lexile range to assure they will be successful in reading that book. To find out more about how a book Lexile is determined and to search for books in your child's Lexile go to www.lexile.com.

Overdue Books

Thank you for all you do to make sure books are returned on time. Hopefully you now know which day your child comes to the Learning Center. Books are checked out for one week. Students may not check out books if they have a book overdue.

Book Fair

Thank you to all who helped with our recent Book Fair. We raised more than \$2500! The Learning Center was able to add many new books to our collection. 100% of the profits from the book fair go to purchasing new books for our Learning Center. I'd like to personally thank the following people for volunteering to help: Tonya Fant, Cindy Kuntzleman, Amy Jo Flaig, Beckie Olmstead, Tammy Blanco, Bradley Benson, Angela & Bill Davis, Carrie & Mallory Stevenson, Keisha Whiteside, Melissa Sorenson, Rachel Robinson, Cheree Johnson, Brittany Montoya and a very big thanks to Dayna Hebenstreit. We couldn't have done it without you!

United Way Campaign—2011

Once again our Stevenson students have shown how generous they are.

\$1150.14 was collected and will be used to help many in our community that are in need. Our economy right now is creating families with more needs than ever and you have been a major help with the money you brought in! Thank you for going above and beyond this year and sharing whatever you could!

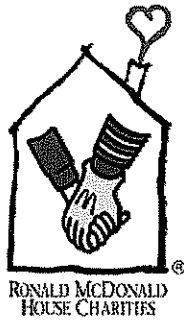
STUDENT COUNCIL 2011/2012

The purpose of Student Council is to promote school spirit, to perform community service and to demonstrate leadership qualities. Student Council meets the first Wednesday of every month except January.

Spirit Days are every Friday of the month and students should wear red and white.

The yearlong project for Student Council is collecting tabs from the tops of beverage cans to donate to the Ronald McDonald House.

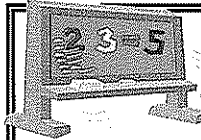
Tabs are collected in the classrooms and it would be great if the tabs were brought to school in a zip lock bag.



STUDENT COUNCIL CANNED FOOD DRIVE

This month the Student Council will be collecting non-perishable food items for the canned food drive. The Student Council will decorate bags to keep in the classrooms and to be put up around the building to remind children to make food donations. During the week of November 7th-15th members of the Student Council will be taking the Caring Food Cart and Wagon around to classrooms to pick up the food donations.

Last year we donated over a 1,000 non-perishable food items to needy families in the community.



Mrs. Wolfe's math informational meeting will be held in her room on Tuesday, November 15 at 6:30p.

PBIS Minutes



Have you noticed the V.I.P parking space in Stevenson's parking lot? This spot is reserved for the weekly winner of T.R.T (Teachers Recognizing Teachers) ticket drawing. Much like students' Tiger Tickets, teachers are recognized by one another for being safe, respectful, and responsible. In our building, all staff are considered teachers and have the opportunity to recognize one another. Throughout the week, teachers recognize one another by filling out a T.R.T ticket and placing it into a drawing. From there, Mrs. Fogal randomly selects the winner of the V.I.P parking spot. This is another great way that teachers model what it means to be a Stevenson Tiger.

NOW STOP!!!! It's Tiger Time! Tiger Time dates are randomly selected by Mrs. Fogal and are meant to reward students with no office referrals for a given time period. On a Tiger Time day, all Stevenson staff wear a black shirt that displays the Tiger Traits. These shirts let students know it is a Tiger Time day. So far this year Tiger Time has involved drawing with sidewalk chalk and blowing bubbles. These activities have been a hit and students are anxiously awaiting the next Tiger Time.

September/October Flying Horse Winners

Sept. 4
Brook L-3D

Sept. 11
Max R -3W

Oct. 9
Ben K-2D
Jacy Y-2W

Oct. 16
Cael R-3W
Marin M-2W
Umar A-3W

Oct. 23
Kiara B-3W
Priya J -2W



Nurse's Notes

* **Flu Season:** It's that time of year again to start preparing for the upcoming flu season. A great way to limit the chances of getting the flu include washing hands,



covering the mouth in your elbow when coughing and staying home if you have a temperature.

* **Medications at school:** If your child needs to take medication at school, the District 87 medication form needs to be completed by the physician and the parent. The medication should be sent to school in the original pharmacy labeled container. See the District 87 handbook for more information.

Stevenson School Multicultural Fair

Friday, November 18

5:30p—7:00p

All Stevenson students, families and friends are welcome!



TeacherWishList.com

This is a cool website that lets teachers upload their classroom supply wish list and communicate their needs directly to parents. If you would like to contribute to your child's teacher's wish list please check this website out. Thanks for all you do!



Stevenson Lost and Found

Stevenson's lost and found is once again starting to fill up with lost articles of clothing. Please feel free to stop by the cafeteria to check for any items your child may be missing. Labeling your child's name in their coats and on lunch boxes can be helpful in finding lost items. If your child brings home an unfamiliar coat by mistake, please have him/her return it to the lost and found so its owner can claim it.



November Bookmobile Schedule for Stevenson

Stevenson School Parking Lot

Tuesday, November 15

7:30p—8:30p

Phillip Place

Monday, November 14

7:15p—8:30p

Old Farm Lakes

Monday, November 21

7:15p—8:30p

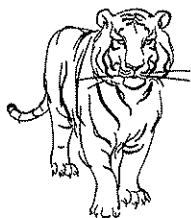
Waterford Estates

Monday, November 7 & Monday, November 28

3:30p—4:30p

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec	5-9	Dibal's Benchmarking / All Grades
	1-15	Discovery Testing / 2 -5
	7	Student Council Mtg.
	15	Holiday Tea / Santa's Gift Shop
	21	End of 2nd Grading Period
	21	Holiday Parties
	21	KW- Reindeer Day
	22- Jan. 4	Winter Break / Enjoy!



STEVENSON PTO NEWS



STEVENSON PTO (2011/2012)

President	Beckie Olmstead
President Elect	Jenni Clarke Morrison
Vice Presidents	Karen Hightower
	Diane Dempsey
Recorder	Julie Mercy
Treasurer	Marissa Moss

You may contact the PTO at stevensontigersPTO@gmail.com

November Events

- 11/1 PTO meeting (6:30 Learning Center)
- Market Day Pickup (Cafeteria 4:30-5:30)
- Scrip Card Pickup (Cafeteria 4:30-5:30)
- 11/18 Family Fun Night 5:30-7:00
- 11/29 Market Day Pickup (Cafeteria 4:30-5:30)

Check it out....

McDonald's "Artwork" on Empire

FEATURING
3rd Grade Artists

Dine-Out Spirit Night Raises Money

McDonald's - \$285.17

UPCOMING Dine-Out Events:

November: TBD

THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING!!!

'Like' us on Facebook!!

Stevenson PTO is on Facebook. Search on Stevenson PTO to find us. Another great source for info on what's going on in your child's school!!

The Carnival is coming to town!

The Bi-Annual Stevenson Carnival will be back on April 14th, 2012. It's an event that kids and parents all enjoy and look forward to. In order for us to provide a fun and exciting time we need a lot of volunteers to help plan and coordinate. Planning has begun so please consider volunteering your time to help prepare for this upcoming Carnival.

Committee Chairs are still needed for: Games, Silent Auction and Volunteer Coordination. Volunteers are also needed to serve on all committees as well. You do not need to attend the Carnival in order to help plan.

If interested, please sign up at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/carnival201>

or send an email to

stevensontigersPTO@gmail.com.



Market Day

A fundraiser like no other...

October Dollars Earned... **\$270.55**

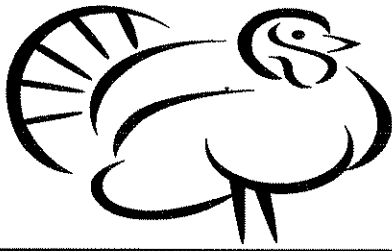
Year-to-Date Dollars Earned...
\$561.55

December Specials: Cookie Bonus Days. Orders are due 11/22.

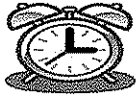


Volunteers are needed to help with distribution. If you have any time between 3:45 and 5:30, on distribution days, come out and help us pack orders.

Please contact Amy Jo Flag at 664-6784
amyjo.flag@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to volunteer.





NOVEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:15a-FitnessClub 4:30p-Market Day Gift Cd/Pick-up 6p-ELL Parent Mtg at Bent Elementary 8:30p-PTO Mtg	2 8:20a-Student Council Mtg	3 8:15a-Last Fitness Club	4 10:20a-KK / 9-1-1 Simulator	5
8 Central Standard Time Begins Fall Back 1 Hour 	7	8	8 6:30p-District 87 Board Mtg	10 1p-KK & KC Stranger Danger 1:45p-KH & KW Stranger Danger	11 Vataran'a Day 1:45p-00LG / Field Trip	12
13	14	15 8:30p-KW- Math Info Mtg	16	17 1:00p-KW/9-1-1 Simulator 1:45p-KG / 9-1-1 Simulator	18 10:20a-KC/9-1-1 Simulator 5:30p-Family Fun Night / Multicultural 	19
		<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> American Education Week </div>				
20	21	22	23	24 No School 	25 No School	26
27	28	29 4:30p-Market Day Scrip Cd Pick-up	30			
<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> Discovery Testing 2 -5 </div>						