

Message from the Principal

Like, Totally Stober was a night to remember! I want to thank all of you for the tremendous success of this year's event! We surpassed our goal-- \$35,001. I am so grateful to our Stars for Stober and Like, Totally Stober committees, led by Lane Walsh and Lauren Cagle for this amazing success! Thank you again to the Rednors and the Brockmeyers for sharing their time and talent with all of us over the years. Thank you all for your continued support in ensuring the educational opportunities for our students here at Stober are unparalleled! I continue to be filled with tremendous gratitude and pride for our amazing community!

School Safety

I want to again extend my gratitude for all of your continued support in keeping our students safe. I know that this month has presented some challenging and emotional times for us all, and I want you to know that as a system, there is nothing we place more care and concern for, than the safety of our children.

Stober and all Jeffco Public Schools are deeply committed to keeping students and staff safe:

- We take **proactive measures** to build community and create a safe environment, setting expectations of respect and inclusion, providing mental health supports, reaching out to families when students display a need for intervention, defining clearly how we expect students to behave while in school, and addressing inappropriate behavior promptly.
- **Preparation for emergencies** includes detailed school and district plans for a variety of crisis situations, staff training, and regular emergency drills that include students.
- **Safety measures** consist of controlled entrances, visitor check-ins, video cameras, security staff support, School Resource Officers (SROs) assigned by our local law enforcement agencies, and more.

The school district, with input from local law enforcement and other experts, continuously examines aspects of school security and how we might enhance our already robust policies and practices.

Family and community support is critical to student safety. All information may be accessed on this webpage <https://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/services/security>.

I know talking with your children about school safety is challenging. The article below as tips for talking with kids about violence and may help you find the words when talking with your kids.

<https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources/school-safety-and-crisis/talking-to-children-about-violence-tips-for-parents-and-teachers?fbclid=IwAR2UWNsSxvNv4u3Dr7DlpTRbz259zLPBZp9gUuLkl4m2JvtiLk9RXEizhwo>

Next Year...

As always, with each school-year comes about change. While I anticipate that I will have more to share in the upcoming weeks, I wanted to take this opportunity to share a few current changes. First, Mrs. Stone will be moving to 1st grade next year, joining Ms. Barker to complete the team! Also, as you may have heard, Mrs. Berglund has decided to take next year off to spend time with Baby Berglund who is due in July! Ms. Fairchild will be joining Mrs. Gordon next year to complete the 4th grade team. Due to our enrollment, our plan for next year is to have two sections of 4th grade and 2 sections of 5th grade.

Another change that has occurred for next year, is that our district has adjusted our school pairing for Art, Music, and PE. Being a small school, Jeffco pairs schools together to create fiscally responsible full-time positions across the district. There is a district-level team that determines the pairings for each school as well as the teacher-assignments. As Ms. Dunning shared in last month's newsletter, she has decided to take next year off to explore some of her passions! We will miss her dearly next year, but are excited to hear all about her great adventures. Our team next year will be: Ms. Jen DeRose and Mr. Tyler Jones (Music), Mr. Flowers (PE), and Ms. Victoria Silverio (Art).

As we move through the upcoming weeks, there will continue to be staffing adjustments and announcements, and I appreciate your support as we welcome new members of our staff to our community. I will continue to communicate information as timely as I am able, and will share a complete staff list once all hiring is complete!

2019-2020 Staff Professional Learning Days

I wanted to make everyone aware that for next year, the entire district has moved to full release days for 2019-20 for staff professional learning. The Wheat Ridge articulation engaged in full release days this year, but next year this change will be district wide. In addition, there have been discussions at the district level regarding a weekly late start to provide additional planning and development time for staff. While the district supports the need for this time, there will not be a change for the 2019-20 school adding a late start for schools.

Here are the dates for next year's full release days/teacher professional learning days:

September 20th

October 28th

February 14th

April 10th

**Also, our staff has decided to return to work a day early next fall on August 7th, 2019 in exchange for January 2nd, 2020. This does not impact students or families, but wanted to make you aware.

Community Partnership Project Showcase

This year, our students at every grade-level have had the opportunity to engage in various projects and experiences that leverage strong partnerships with our community. Staff and students have found these opportunities to be both enriching as well as inspiring. We are excited to showcase all of the Community Partnership Projects so that families can learn about the processes and experiences each grade level have had throughout the year. We are planning an evening showcase the evening of May 14th as well as opportunities during the day on May 15th during Field Day for everyone to learn more about this great opportunity. More information with specifics will be coming home.

Life here at Stober will continue to be a busy one in our remaining weeks of school as we wrap up our state testing and enjoy continued grade-level and school events. Please be sure to check our calendar for upcoming dates, as they are plentiful!

As always, it is my continued honor to serve as the Principal of this incredible community.

Thank You,
Anne DiCola