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Stober Elementary School is committed to creating an enriching, diverse educational environment that promotes student achievement and success by addressing individual student needs, integrating technology, embedding character development, and promoting safety throughout the school.

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.

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- **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=IwAR2UWNeSxvNv4u3Dr7DlpTRbz259zLPBZp9gUuLkl4m2JvtiLk9RXEizhwo>

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.

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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



Upcoming Events

05-01-19

- Disability Awareness Assemblies
9:00-9:40 KG/1st Grade
9:50-10:30 4th/5th Grade
10:40-11:20 2nd/3rd Grade
- Talk to the Camera (makeup) 3:05pm-4:05pm
- 5th-8th Grade Band Concert @ Everitt Middle School
7:00pm

05-02-19

- 5th Grade Musicals Assembly—Day performance
1:15pm
- 5th Grade Musicals—Evening performance 6:30pm

05-03-19

- 3rd Grade Field Trip to Estes Park 8:30am-4:00pm

05-06-19

- Drama Club 3:05pm—Performance @ 4:30pm

05-08-19

- Talk to the Camera 3:05pm-4:05pm

05-19-19

- **ALL LIBRARY BOOKS DUE TO LIBRARY**

05-13-19

- PIE Meeting 3:20pm-4:20pm

05-14-19

- May/June/July Birthday Book Club 2:30pm-3:00pm

05-15-19

- FIELD DAY
- Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast 8:00am-9:00am
- Opera Assembly 1:30pm
- PTA Meeting 6:30pm-8:00pm

05-16-19

- Field Day—Makeup

05-17-19

- Wheat Ridge High School Graduation 11:00am

05/20/19

- Smith/Stone Picnic @ the park 9:00am-12:00pm
- 3rd Trimester Stallion Celebration
K-2nd @ 1:15pm
3rd-5th @ 2:00pm

05/21/19

- 3rd Grade Field Trip to Museum of Nature and Science
9:00am-1:30pm
- 5th Grade Continuation 6:00pm

05-22-19

- KG Field Trip to Butterfly Pavillion 9:00am-1:30pm
- Raley/Sandoval Picnic @ the park
- 5th Grade Apex Fun Day
- Everitt 8th Grade Continuation 6:30pm

05-23-19

- **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL DISMISSAL 12:35PM**
- Kindergarten Continuation 10:00am
- Stober Stallion Showcase 11:00am
- Manning 8th Grade Continuation 6:00pm
- DISMISSAL 12:35



DTL's Shelf

End of Year Library Books


All library materials are due on May 9th. The last day for students to check books out from the library is Friday, May 3rd. If any materials are lost, the overdue notice/email will list the replacement cost of the book (s). If the book is found and returned at a later date, the payment will be refunded. All student fines must be paid so your student can check out books next year.

Jeffco Public Library Summer Reading Challenge


On Thursday, May 9th, the Jeffco Public Library will come to Stober to explain the Summer Reading Challenge. This year the theme is Launch into Summer Reading. The goal is for our school to have the highest percentage of minutes read throughout the summer. If we do, we will win \$800!

To sign up and participate in this free event, just go to your local library on or after June 1st. You can register and pick up your first prize for participating!



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First Grade Visits Wooley Wax Candles

As part of the 1st Grade Community Project, first graders visited Wooley Wax Candles. Rachel Woolcot, the owner of Wooley Wax opened her shop and allowed the students to experience how candles turn from a solid to a liquid. With over 300 different scents in her little nook located off of 44th and Tennyson, she was nothing short of wonderful. Rachel has offered to assist with supporting the 1st grade class in sending calming candles to Cedar Grove Elementary School in Florida; who were affected by hurricane Michael. We can't thank Rachel enough for opening her doors and teaching the kids more about candles!



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Social Emotional Corner

Dear Stober Families,

Happy April! Sam and Liz here! This month we are going to talk about kindness and being nice. Did you know that there is a difference between the words nice and kind? According to the dictionary, being “nice” is when you are polite and treat people well and being “kind” is when you care about people and show you care. Sometimes you can be kind to someone even though you are not nice to them and you can be nice to someone but also be unkind.



We have been doing a lot of work and education this year with students around kindness and being nice. During Stober’s after school Kindness Club, students are engaged in projects to teach students how to be kind as well as how to spread acts of kindness to others. So far this year, club members have made Valentine’s Day cards for teachers and staff, painted nice messages on rocks for a Kindness Message Rock Garden, and participated in a Chalk Message Project. Students used chalk to write nice messages on the blacktop to inspire others to be nice and kind to themselves, as well as others.

As you may know, we have partnered with the organization Just Be Nice, whose mission is to spread the word, the meaning, and the act of being nice all over the community. The “Just Be Nice” organization came to our school to facilitate an all-school assembly. Students created an art project to show what being nice means and looks like for them. These projects are displayed in the hallway between the gymnasium and workroom. During the assembly you could hear the students shout, “just be nice” from across the building. This enthusiasm has transferred easily into the following school days where students were heard encouraging one another to be nice.

Classrooms elected Nice Ambassadors to help encourage this message of kindness throughout the rest of the school year. These students have taken on the responsibility of demonstrating what it looks like to be nice, participating in “Just Be Nice” lunches and events, and reminding their classmates to contribute to the “Just Be Nice” Classroom Journal in order to create a positive and nice culture and climate.

The Nice Ambassadors for each classroom are as follows;

- Mrs. Smith: Madi Schultz
- Mrs. LeVett: Riley Arthurs
- Ms. Barker: Wyatt Allison
- Ms. Sandoval: Magnolia Coe
- Mrs. Fields: Addy Guntle
- Ms. Fairchild: Ben Harison
- Mrs. Stone: Austin Glass
- Mrs. Raley: Lydia McVeigh
- Mrs. Berglund: Yeseiry Chavez Hernandez
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Our Nice Ambassador's participated in the Seeds of Kindness Challenge sponsored by the "Drake Durkee Foundation".

Here is a little about them;



Drake Durkee was a compassionate and kind kid who was born and raised in Golden, CO and attended elementary school at Maple Grove Elementary. Drake excelled at life. He was a son, a brother to three, a student, a leader, an athlete, a friend, a football fan and a boy of faith. His spirited personality and work ethic inspired everyone around him. He had courage, strength and leadership abilities beyond his years. It was natural for him to show compassion and kindness; he knew no other way. The life of Drake Durkee tragically ended on June 10, 2015, at age 11, during a whitewater rafting tour in Buena Vista, CO. As a way to celebrate Drake's life, Drake's family began a foundation in his honor that empowers children to connect through kindness and compassion.

Since its establishment in 2015, the Drake Durkee Foundation has been working with the nearby community to raise funds and spread kindness by supporting local charities, scholarships, and individuals. Last year the Drake Durkee Foundation began the Seeds of Kindness Challenge for students at Maple Grove Elementary and Manning Middle Schools. This year the foundation hopes to widen the ripple effect and spread kindness into surrounding areas, starting in 2019 with Stober Elementary.

Each Nice Ambassador developed a proposal by answering the question, "If I had \$100, how would I use it to spread kindness?"

Some ideas included:

- Purchasing a bench and painting nice quotes and messages all over it.
- Creating a banner, showing the community our school focus on being nice to ourselves and others.
- Creating gifts to give to the local Nursing Home and Police Station.

Each classroom won the \$100 to carry out their projects!

Thank you for reading!

Sincerely,

Ms. Sam & Ms. Liz



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