

Message from the Principal

The 2019-2020 school-year is off to an absolutely incredible start! I continue to be so grateful to serve the Stober community and have the opportunity to partner with families as we work together to create incredible opportunities for our students. We have had a busy start to the year filled with school and classroom community-building as well as thoughtful learning experiences. We enjoyed a wonderful welcome for our Kindergarteners as well as new members to our community at our New Family Picnic!

District Health and Wellness Policy

To begin the year, I wanted to again remind everyone of the district's Health and Wellness Policy. Please review the below portions of the policy as a reminder for this year.

Birthdays: Student birthdays will only be recognized with non-food celebrations. This standard is in place to limit exposure to life-threatening allergens, increase equity related to food sharing, and protect family decision-making around foods consumed.

School Celebrations: As a school community, we all enjoy the celebration of holidays together in classrooms, such as Halloween, Valentine's Day, and the Winter Holiday. For all three of our classroom parties this year, at least half of the foods provided to students during holiday celebrations must be considered healthy food options.

Student Rewards: Schools will not use food or beverages as rewards for academic performance or good behavior. Exemptions are allowed for individual students based on the approval of school leadership

Hug N Go

I want to thank all of you for continuing to keep student safety our top priority during drop-off and pick-up. I would like to remind you about a few safety guidelines in regards to our Hug N Go.

- The Hug 'n Go Loop is a moving traffic lane during the morning and afternoon drop-off. No parking or leaving your car unattended is allowed in the Hug n' Go for any reason during morning and afternoon drop off. We are designating the north curb-side lane of the Hug N' Go Loop between the driveway and the street as an option for parking at all times.
- Please pull all the way around as far as possible when you are dropping off your child or picking them up after school. This will ensure that there are not large gaps in the curb-side lane. Having a moving traffic lane will allow for a quick and efficient drop-off and pick-up.
- The inside lane around the island is not an option for parking. That lane will be used for cars who are pulling out of the curb-side pick-up lane to exit the Hug n' Go. There is no stopping in this lane.

- **Please drop off and pick up your student from the curb-side lane only.** Again, the inside lane next to the island is for cars pulling out of the inner lane to exit the Hug 'n Go. To keep all students safe, please do not drop off or pick up from the inner lane.
- All cars that are parked in the moving-lane portion of the Hug n' Go during the day need to be moved for afternoon pick-up no later than 2:30 p.m.

Please also be thoughtful about where you park when you park on the street during after-school pick-up. Please follow all posted signs and be sure not to park in locations designated as No Parking.

Volunteering at Stober

As always, we are so grateful to all of our families and friends as they support us with their time and talent as volunteers. We truly appreciate all that you do for us and know that we could not make everything happen without you! Prior to volunteering we will need everyone to complete a Volunteer Service Agreement and Confidentiality Agreement prior to serving as a volunteer. Additionally, if this is your first time serving as a volunteer, we will need to complete a background check. We will have all of the paperwork available for you to complete if you are interested on Thursday, September 5th at our Curriculum Night. Patty will have a table with all paperwork available for you to complete.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, September 5th at our Curriculum Night from 5-7. This will be a great opportunity to hear about the grade-level curriculum as well as student learning opportunities this year!

Thank You,

Anne DiCola
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