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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

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.

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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.

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Message from the Principal, *continued...*

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

Principal, Stober Elementary





DTL's Shelf

Tech Updates & Family Tech Use Plans!

Welcome back to school! I hope you all had a great summer and are ready for an exciting school year. This year, as we continue to integrate technology into lessons and learning, I will be sending along articles that highlight various digital citizenship values. This month the article is on creating a family tech use plan for safe at home tech use.



This article talks about the importance of setting boundaries with technology at home and making sure all family members take an active role in monitoring technology use at home. Take some time to reflect on how technology is used at your house and discuss what your rules for tech use are at home.

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/Media/Pages/How-to-Make-a-Family-Media-Use-Plan.aspx>



Library Volunteers

Thank you to those who signed up to volunteer in the library! If you are interested in helping out in the library please reach out to me, I'd love to have your assistance. This year I will need more help running the Scholastic Book Fair, and am looking for a point person that can help organize this great event. If you're interested in supporting the book fair, send me an email and we can get connected.



Birthday Book Club

Last year Stober's Birthday Book Club was a huge success! Thank you to all who participated! We are looking forward to continuing that success this year. This club is a way of involving the student body in adding to the library's ever expanding book collection. If your student is interested in joining the Birthday Book Club, there is a form on the Stober Library website that you can fill out and turn in to the office.

Christa Kovach

Digital Teacher Librarian



New Music Teachers

My name is Jen DeRose and I am part of the Music team at Stober this year. I have been a music teacher in Jefferson County for 20 years. I have been at Welchester for 10 years and paired with multiple schools. I am a native of Colorado and grew up on the Western Slope. I moved to Denver in 2000. I am a vocalist and instrumentalist with experience in teaching Band instruments. I have a Master's Degree in Integrating the Arts and I am a certified Orff Schulwerk teacher. I am looking forward to working with students at Stober this year.



Hello Stober!

My name is Tyler Jones and I am one of your new music teachers this year (sharing the position with Jen DeRose). I'm really excited to be here; I've heard wonderful things about our students and community. This will be my fifth year teaching, fourth in the district. I am married and my wife's name is Heather. We are foster parents and currently have four kids living with us and keeping us quite busy! I really enjoy listening to podcasts, spending time cuddled up with my family, discovering new music, and playing board games with friends.

I'm looking forward to teaching your students this year. We'll be singing, playing instruments, dancing, listening, and creating among other things. Please feel free to pop by my temp and say hello during testing days, conferences, or before/after school."

New Art Teacher

Hello Stober Families. I'm Mr. Westman, the new art teacher. I wanted to let you know how excited I am to be a part of your community. I also wanted to tell you a little bit about myself. I am a professional artist who participates in art competitions each year, mostly in oil painting and drawing events. I have a Masters of Education, Instructional specialist in Educational technologies and a minor in art education from the University of Texas, El Paso campus. I received my Bachelors from the University of Northern Colorado in Visual Art with a minor in Graphic Design. Lastly, I have an Associate's degree from the Art Institute of Colorado in Graphic design. I grew up in Jefferson County and graduated from Evergreen High school.

The first few days with your children have been very impressive and I look forward to doing some amazing art work with them this year. Just a note: we will be doing some messy projects with paint or clay so be ready for a bit of a messy child. We will do a little bit of everything from drawing to painting, clay, and paper mache. It is my goal to introduce your child to a wide range of artists and types of art. We will try and hit most of the major categories of art by the time they move on to middle school.

This is going to be a great year and I really looking forward to meeting everyone soon!

Thank you,
Bryan Westman
Med Instructional specialist
Visual Art teacher



Nation's Nook



What Can I Do To Help My Child Learn?

At the beginning of every school year parents often ask me what they can do to support their child's learning. There are many things that can be done, but I have found the following to be the most critical elements in developing attitudes that not only help during the academic years, but transfer to children becoming productive, successful adults.

1. Demonstrate a positive attitude about education. Showing your children that you, as parents, value education and use it in your daily life provides them with powerful models about why education is important. This can help them understand why education leads to a lifetime of rewards and why it is worth the effort required, even if, at times, it is hard.
2. Monitor your child's TV, video game and internet use. American children spend much more time watching TV, playing video games or using the internet than reading, playing outside or even talking or socializing with friends (other than texting or social media). This not only impedes academic growth but can discourage appropriate social skills from developing.
3. Talk with and listen to your child. It's through hearing parents and family members talk and through responding to that talk that children begin to pick up the vocabulary and language skills they need to be successful. Children who aren't encouraged to talk often have problems learning to read and children who haven't learned to listen carefully often have trouble paying attention or following directions in class.
4. Encourage your child to be responsible and work independently. These are both important qualities for school and life success. Having consistent chores or responsibilities at home, showing your child how to break a big job down into smaller steps, helping your child take responsibility for his/her actions at home, in school and in the community all support building this skill.

Preparing a child for adulthood is a partnership between parents and schools. Together, we can do it!



Social Emotional Learning

Dear Stober Community,

Sam and Liz here! We are excited to be back and are looking forward to a wonderful 2019-2020 school year. We want to introduce ourselves for all of our new families.

Ms. Sam here. I am the Social Emotional Learning Specialist at both Stober and Wilmore-Davis Elementary. I am at Stober every Tuesday and Friday, sometimes popping in on Thursdays. My role is to work with all students on social and emotional skills including small groups, classroom curriculum, and creating a positive culture and climate. I also lead the Kindness Club, so keep an eye out for permission slips coming soon. One fun thing I did this summer was hike Gray's and Torrey's Peak, which is over 14,000 feet in elevation, with Mrs. Stone. One fun fact about me is-I do not have a middle name.

Ms. Liz here. I am the School Social Worker at Stober Elementary. I am full time at Stober this year and I could not be more excited! My role is to provide direct social/emotional services to students as well as their families. I am also a member of the Special Education team. One fun thing I did this summer was getting married and traveling to Kenya for a safari honeymoon! And lastly, a fun fact about me is that I have a dog all the way from Puerto Rico!

Updates: The Christensen Family donated a *Little Library* to us for our *Healthy Schools Initiative*. We are currently in the process of painting it and Jason Christensen will be helping us build it in the front of our school. This will be a *Healthy Schools Little Library*. The idea is to promote healthy eating and exercise. If you have old cookbooks, healthy eating magazines, exercise printouts, health and wellness books or materials, please feel free to place them in the HSL. If you are interested in improving your health and wellness lifestyle, please feel free to check out what's inside and take whatever you need! Last update, classrooms will be teaching the social and emotional curriculum *Second Step* again this year and will be including the Bullying Prevention Unit. There are codes to access the parent account so you can see what your children are learning. Please email one of us to get the code or to ask any questions!

Lastly, here is our Mental Health Tip of the month: As we moved forward this school year, it is important to break up the monotony! Try a new restaurant or hobby, take a different route to work or school, plan a road trip, or experiment with a new recipe. Although routines and normalcy can make us feel secure and safe, it is important to switch things up every once in a while to keep life exciting!

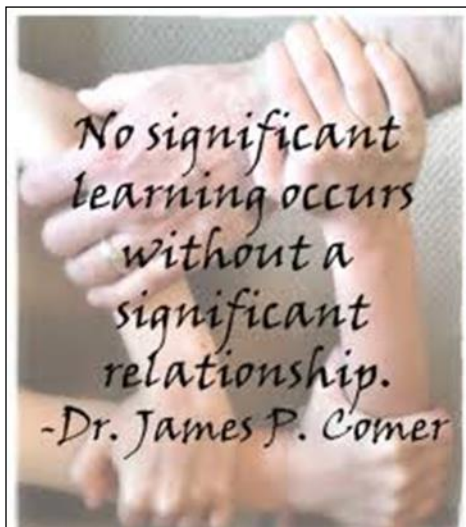
Take care,

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Coach's Clipboard

Laurie Trinder-Brown
Stober Instructional Coach
and Reading Interventionist

Welcome to a new year at Stober! Teachers returned a little earlier than usual this August and spent some quality time planning for the first few weeks of school, setting up their classrooms, participating in professional development, and building community with one another.

This year you will see some familiar faces on staff and in the community, as well as some new ones. I would like to encourage you to take advantage of opportunities before and after school to reach out to someone new, introduce yourself, and make a connection.

As an educator of 27 years, Dr. Comer's quote really speaks to me. If you were to ask me what the single most important thing I would want to accomplish in the first two weeks of school would be, I would say it is to build relationships with my students and their families. Here at Stober we know learning happens best when relationships are built. It comes as no surprise that when asking the general population who the most influential person has been in their lives, many people reference a teacher. And when asked what is special about that teacher, it almost always comes down to the relationship. A teacher who took the time to listen, show a student special interest, or guide them down a career path. Teacher Stacey Goodman describes teaching through relationship as a "...complex social environment in which students and teachers converse, share experiences, and participate in activities that, together, make for engaged learning." It goes beyond the classroom teacher knowing a student's likes and dislikes, although this is a necessary first step. It expands into learning about a student's story in the human sense of who they are as learners, embracing them just as they are, eagerly meeting them where they are at, and helping them discover who they want to become. When a teacher can relate to a student on this level, learning and student engagement blossom!

As we enter the third and fourth weeks of school, it is my hope that you will witness our teachers putting an emphasis on building empathy with our students, making connections with families, and taking the time to learn each child's story.

Hoping this finds you and your family successfully adjusting to the new school year,

Mrs. Trinder-Brown



UPCOMING EVENTS

(After School Enrichments—TBD)

09-02-2019

- **NO SCHOOL**—Labor Day

09-05-2019

- Stober Fall Plant Sale 8am-5pm
- Curriculum Night 5pm-7pm

09-06-2019

- Stober Fall Plant Sale 8am-5pm

09-10-2019

- Karate 3:15pm-4:00pm (gym)

09-11-2019

- PIE/PTA Meeting 6:00pm-8:00pm

09-12-2019

- Karate 3:15pm-4:00pm

09-15-2019

- Farmer's 5000

09-17-2019

- Karate 3:15pm-4:00pm

09-19-2019

- Fall Individual Pictures
- Karate 3:15pm-4:00pm

09-20-2019

- **NO SCHOOL**—Staff PD Day

09-23-2019

- Dine to Donate @ Los Chingones (Colorado Mills)

09-24-2019

- Karate 3:15pm-4:00pm
- Dine to Donate @ Los Chingones (Colorado Mills)

09-25-2019

- OCTOBER COUNT WINDOW
- Dine to Donate @ Los Chingones (Colorado Mills)

09-26-2019

- OCT COUNT WINDOW OPENS
- Stallion Stampede (During Specials)
- Karate 3:15pm-4:00pm



A LOOK AHEAD

10-2-2019

- OCTOBER COUNT DAY
- WR Area Track Meet 9:00am-2:00pm
- KG Bus Safety 9:45am-10:45am
- 1st Bus Safety 10:45-11:15

10-9-2019

- OCT COUNT WINDOW CLOSES
- PIE/PTA Meeting 6:00pm-8:00pm

10-17-2019

- LOCKDOWN DRILL 1:00pm

10-19-2019

- Stober Craft Fair

10-22-2019

- P/T Conferences 3:30pm-8:00pm

10-24-2019

- P/T Conferences 3:30pm-8:00pm

10-25-2019

- **NO SCHOOL**—FALL BREAK

10-28-19

- **NO SCHOOL**—Staff PD Day

10-30-2019

- PICTURE RETAKES

10-31-2019

- Parade 1:45pm
- Parties to follow