



STAVE FALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Forest & Nature Program

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER VOLUME 8 / MARCH 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers



Welcoming Spring Break and wishing you all a restful time and some spaces to enjoy reading and the outdoors with your families. We have all had a very interesting time these past few weeks as we watch the world events unfold and realize how connected we truly are in this local and global reality. Please continue to visit the district website for any further updates on current health concerns. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy break.



March Highlights & Reflections

Our first ever Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success! Thank you so much to all our parent volunteers for your time and dedication and a huge thank you to all our shoppers! We sold over \$2000 of product earning back 988\$ in Scholastic

Book Rewards for the library! Thank you so much!



Our Learning



Reporting and reflecting on our achievements and recognizing student successes were all part of March learning. The Ukelele club shone in their first performance at our assembly and students working on their *I Can* growth mindset leaves received their sticker of recognition. Student council presented our core value words – Environment Awesome Respect Truth Helpful – and then voted on which order they could be arranged – HEART or EARTH - in order to collectively weave a positive school wide behavior framework. The final voting outcome was Stave Falls Owls *Take Care of the EARTH*.



Thoughtful Thinking

This month we have been focusing on Gratitude and how an Attitude of Gratitude is a good attitude to have! Our Spirit and Fun Day week saw lots of lively characters and excitement throughout the week (including appearances from Francine & Arthur, Mary Poppins and Minnie Mouse). The final scavenger hunt and group photos and Tug-of-War was so much fun! Watch for the scavenger hunt video on the website.



Teacher's Corner

Ms. Anna Angotti will be teaching Division 1 as of March 30th as she returns from her maternity leave and Ms. Mila will be staying on at the school 2 days a week supporting in prep and curriculum development.





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Reading Link Challenge

6 students from Division 1 participated in the Fraser Valley Reading Link Challenge March 6th with Laurel from the Mission Public Library. We successfully passed the first level and will move on to the district level to be held Friday April 3rd at 8:30 – 10:00 at Cherry Hill Elementary. Students are encouraged to keep reading over the break!

Starfish Backpack Food Program

Any families that would like extra assistance with food via courtesy of the Rotary Starfish Backpack program is asked to contact the office for more information. We have recently joined this program and it is a welcome benefit to receive a weekly supply of non-perishable goods to help ease the financial strain on families in need.



Upcoming Events

March 31st – Well Worn Trail – Music presentation
April 3rd - District Reading Link Challenge – Cherry Hill Elementary
April 21st – Search and Rescue Workshop
April 22nd – Earth Day

PAC CORNER

Executive Members

Brooke Christensen, President
Katherine Russell, Vice President
Vacant, Secretary
Nicole Hande, Treasurer
Joelle Reynolds, DPAC Rep
Kristi Strell, DPAC Rep
Kira Hollingsworth, Member at Large
Maren Ross, Member at Large
Tiffanie Quiring, Member at Large
Erica Coatta, Member at Large

General PAC Meeting Schedule

Thursday, April 9th @ 7pm
Thursday, May 14th @ 7pm
Thursday, June 11th @ 7pm

Wall of Wonder

Check out the Diabetes Wall of Wonder this month.
What is Wall of Wonder?

The idea is to find things kids may wonder about, and to give them answers. Many schools in our District already have these set up in their school and it's been great for some of the kids to get to see role models on the boards. Items on the board can be truly be anything children wonder about.

Wall of Wonder

If you have questions about Wall of Wonder, please feel free to send them to stavefallspac@gmail.com

Hot Lunch Dates

Please check the website for updates.

Upcoming Events

Purdy's Easter Fundraiser – Order by March 23rd

Mother's Day Market and High-Tea
Sunday May 10th, 2020
(more details to follow)

Father's Day Golf and Burger & Brew
Sunday, June 21st, 2020
(more details to follow)

Volunteering

We are looking for volunteers to help with our upcoming fundraisers. If you are interested, please email us at stavefallspac@gmail.com



Forest & Nature Program Requirements

'There is no bad weather only bad clothing.'

It is our intention to spend a good portion of the day outdoors every day and therefore it is imperative that students are prepared for "learning together whatever the weather". Rain gear and boots, hats and long sleeves are necessary. A change of clothes – pants and shirts to be kept at school is a good idea. We do explore our stream daily and, on many occasions, students utilize their change of clothes!

Curriculum in the Outdoors

When students are learning outdoors, they will be working on meeting the same learning outcomes as outlined in the BC curriculum. The focus on place-based and experiential learning is very much person-centered and is at the heart of the redesigned curriculum. Students being engaged and motivated to learn by their curiosity and pursuit of inquiry to finding more answers and more questions leads to meaningful and affective learning. It is our job as educators to facilitate and guide that experience as it aligns with Big Ideas, Curricular Competencies and Content that is woven across disciplines.

Office and Visitors Sign In

Parents are always welcome. Please ensure that you sign in at the office and be respectful of classes in session. As we will be going outside daily there will be a Zone sign in/out board located in the office. If your child has an appointment or you need to speak to them directly please let Ms. Wright know at the office.

Opportunities from the Fraser Valley Public Library

LEGO Club

Tuesdays, 3 pm – 4:15 pm

Discovery Club (Please register online, ages 8-12)

1st & 3rd Wed of the month, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Come and get excited about science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics - STEAM. There will be tinkering, coding, creating, experimenting and designing.

BeTween the Pages Book Club ((Registration required, ages 9-12)

2nd Wednesday of the Month, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Paws 4 Stories (Registration required)

3rd Thursday of the month, 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Beginner's Ukulele (please register online, ages 8-12)

Mondays, March 16 and 23, Wed Mar 18 and 25, 11:00am -12:00pm

This Spring Break program is for ages 8-12 and is taught by a music instructor. Ukuleles will be provided.

Raptor's Ridge

Thursday, March 19, 10:30-11:30 am

Raptors Ridge will offer a rare and unique opportunity to view birds of prey up close and personal. Fun for the whole family.

Spring Break Special: Science World on the Road

Friday, March 20, 2 pm – 3 pm

Go Big or Go Home: Giant Games

Saturday, March 28, 10 am – 4:30 pm

Drop by and play our collection of giant-sized games, including Snakes & Ladders, Bananagrams, and more.