



**Stewart County Elementary School
Stewart County Middle School**



Newsletter

July 2019

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Message From The Principal

Greetings,

As the principal of Stewart County Elementary and Stewart County Middle School, I would like to express my commitment, along with the staff, in continuing and building upon the diligent work that is occurring at the elementary and middle schools. The Leadership Team will be the decision making body to strengthen our strategies, procedures, rituals and routines in order to move to the next level in all areas. As we embark upon this year, we accept the challenge in making this school year and each year beyond the best for our students. As we strive to get “Better and Better”, our vision and mission will be realized with your help and high expectations for all staff, students, parents, and stakeholders!

Each day at Stewart County Elementary School and Stewart County Middle School, we strive for Straight A’s in attendance, attitude (behavior) and academics. (Attendance + Attitude (behavior) + Academics = Achievement!).

We welcome you to the 2019-2020 School Year!

Mrs. V.H. Fedd, Principal

Dr. Busani, Siphambili, Assistant Principal

Open House (K through 8th Grades) and 1st Day of School

Open House for kindergarten through 8th grade is scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Our Theme is Next Level 2020!!!** General information will be given to parents during the classroom visitations. Students daily schedule will be issued on the first day of school, Monday, August 5, 2019, by the homeroom teacher. Our instructional hours are from 7:50 a.m. – 3:20 p.m. During Open House, Community Booths will be available with needed resources and information. Special thanks to those community stakeholders for assisting us in planning Open House! WE NEED YOU!!

Pre-K Mandatory Orientation

The Mandatory Pre-K Orientation for parents and students will be held on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The required documents for entering Pre-K are a birth certificate, proof of residency, immunization, and hearing, vision, and dental examination. Please call our Pre-K Director, Mrs. Tawnya Hadley, if you have any questions at 229.838.4374. Our Fax Number is 229.838.6801

Alumni Back To School Bash

Fun, Fellowship, and Free Give Aways!

The Alumni Back to School Bash is scheduled for Saturday, July 27, 2019 from 11:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Elementary Gym. Hope to see you there!!! Special thanks to our Alumni for your continual support each year.

Georgia Milestone Assessment System

As you are aware, students in grades 3 through 8 take the Georgia Milestone Assessment each year in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies. Students achievement levels are Level 1 (Beginning), Level 2 (Developing), Level 3 (Proficient) and Level 4 (Distinguished). Our goal is to decrease the number of students scoring at the Beginning and Developing Levels and increase the number of students scoring at the Proficient and Distinguished Levels. While we saw growth with this goal during the 2018 – 2019 school year, we expect to see more academic growth each year! Thanks in advance for supporting your child in meeting this achievable goal through hard work, appropriate behavior and great attendance.

Literacy For Georgia Grant (L4GA)

We are in year two of The literacy for Learning, Living, and Leading Grant which is a platform to help community partners work together to increase literacy for children from birth to twelfth grade. The Stewart County GetLit Coalition was created through the coordination with Stewart County Family Connections and other partner organizations. This team will continue to collaborate and support the children and families of Stewart County. A huge thank you to Mrs. Bari Geeslin for all of her hard work and dedication on ensuring Stewart County was one of the counties awarded!

Book Bags (Clear or Mesh Only)

For the safety of our students and staff, rolling book bags will not be allowed. Thanks for helping to keep our school SAFE!

Supply List Grades K through 8

The supply list is in local stores, newspapers, posted on the website and Facebook, as well as included in this mailing.

Attendance/Punctuality/Attendance Camp.

The Attendance Protocol will be strictly followed especially with the change in the number of days students can miss from school. It will be very important that students (Pre-K to 8th Grade) are in school each day and on time, or they will miss valuable instructional time. For students to be college and career ready, instructional time must be guarded and utilized daily. Please refer to the Attendance Protocol in the student handbook and thanks in advance to our A+ parents for making this happen for your child’s success. Our school hours (drop off through dismissal) will be from 7:30 a.m. through 3:20 p.m. In order to eat breakfast and be in class on time, students need to arrive no later than 7:40 a.m.

Students on Attendance Contracts for the 2019 – 2020 school year must follow the guidelines or be referred to the truancy officer as discussed in their conferences.



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Daily/ Communication Folders

While the Elementary school will send daily or weekly folders home to solicit needed support in your child’s education, all teachers will send home the communication folders on Wednesdays. Please review and initial the student’s work. Contact the teacher(s) in a timely manner if you note a concern so that we can handle the concern before it becomes a problem for your child. Together, We Can Achieve So Much! We will recognize our “A+ Parents” who initial and review the weekly folder consistently.

We Value Your Time!

To ensure that your needs are met and we can be prepared to address your concern, please call for an appointment or provide prior notice to the staff. While Thursdays have been designated as Conference Day, parents may call the school at any time to schedule an appointment during the teachers’ planning period. When possible, please try to schedule conferences on Thursdays. All visitors must check in through the office and have a visible visitor’s pass while in the building.

Dress Code

Please review the Board of Education approved school’s dress code.

Schoolwide Rituals and Routines ~ 3 R’s

The school will continue to use the 3 R’s developed by the Leadership Team to instill schoolwide rituals and routines in reference to being Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to Learn. These common rituals and routines will help to protect instructional time and provide your child with one set of goals in meeting the expectations. Homeroom teachers will complete an orientation over rituals and routines (R and R) with their students, and all staff will model and practice them daily in each class.

PBIS Celebrations

Celebrations will be held to recognize academics, attendance, and attitude (behavior)! We invite input from our parents and students. Parents and students can give suggestions to the homeroom teacher or drop them in our suggestion box which is located in the front office.

Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI)

Selected students will participate in LLI during the school day which will include academic support and enrichment. Students’ placement in LLI will be determined by their performance in the academic courses and assessments.

Participation in Activities

In order to participate in activities, students must adhere to school-wide expectations in reference to behavior, attendance, and academics. Therefore, students cannot participate in extracurricular activities if they are suspended or assigned to In School Suspension. Please see the Student Handbook for specifics.

Electronic Devices

Due to the disruptions caused by cell phones and other electronic devices at school, students will not be permitted to use electronic devices at school unless directed by the teacher for instruction. Please review closely the policy listed in the Student Handbook. Any material stored or saved on confiscated cell phones may be searched by school officials. P.50.

Parent Volunteers Needed

We are soliciting parent volunteers for PTO, School Council, Chaperones, and general helpers. Please look for information in your child’s folder.

Important General Information

Students should be dropped off and picked up in the front parking lot. We will not have supervision in place each day until 7:30 a.m.; therefore, we ask that you do not drop your child off before 7:30 a.m.

Your child will miss valuable instructional time if he/she check in or check out early; therefore, please avoid late check ins and early checkouts unless it is for a scheduled appointment or an emergency. **EVERY minute counts in standard based classrooms.**

If your child has a change in how he/she will get home after school, please write a note and call to verify that we received the note from your child. We cannot allow your child to change buses or leave with anyone not on the verification form without verification with the parent/guardian. **Also, to make sure that we can handle late bus changes in the p.m., please notify the front office by 2:00 p.m. if your child needs to change buses. Calls after 2:00 cannot be honored due to instructional interruptions and staff availability. Thanks for your support in ensuring our students safety.**

Knights A+ Parents,

