Weekly Wildcat

April 2, 2021

We Are Stanley Strong!



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Our "Paw" some Wildcats!



2nd Graders - Graham H, Thomas M, & Berkeley D
3rd Graders - Leighton S & Claire W
4th Graders - Blake H & Liam W
5th Graders - Emmy B & Cole L

All Stanley Families

Join BVEF's Night of Lights Virtual 10K!

Looking for a Fun, Family Activity? Join in BVEF's Nights of Lights Virtual 10K!

Grab your walking shoes! Spring has officially sprung, and with it comes the promise of warmer days, longer hours of sunshine, and a fun opportunity to support BV schools. The Blue Valley Educational Foundation is thrilled to launch the first Night of Lights Virtual 10K, which is open to ALL members of the community, during the month of April 2021. Proceeds raised will support teacher and classroom grants, district wide initiatives, and a BV Cares fund, which helps meet essential needs of school families.

Night of Lights 10K registration is \$30/entry + \$5 for additional family members and all members of the community- whether or not they have children in BV schools- are invited to participate between April 3 and April 23, 2021. Your entry fee includes a race medal, bib, LED glow wand, link to a Spotify playlist, and suggestions for area walking/running paths.

Want even more fun!? Register by March 31, 2021 and be entered in a drawing for one of two Garmin Forerunner watches and a ZoomTutor package for your student!

For more information and to register, visit <u>Night of Lights 10K — Blue Valley Educational</u> <u>Foundation (fundby.org)</u>

Last day of school announced for 2020-21

The district has determined the last day of school for students for 2020-21. The last day for students in grades K-11 will be a half-day on Friday, May 28, assuming there are no unforeseen circumstances causing us to cancel school. Students in the early childhood programs will have their last day on Thursday, May 27.

High school finals will be full-days on Wednesday, May 26; Thursday, May 27; and a half-day on Friday, May 28. For more information, or to subscribe to the district calendar, visit www.bluevalleyk12.org/calendar.

Nurse's Notes

KDHE has amended it's travel quarantine list. A comprehensive list of those individuals needing to guarantine includes visitors and Kansans who have:

- Traveled on or after March 26 to Delaware, Michigan or Rhode Island.
- Traveled on or after March 26 to Hungary or Jordan.
- Traveled on or after March 12 to New Jersey or New York.
- Traveled on or after March 12 to Palestinian Territories or Estonia.
- Traveled on or after Feb. 26 to Czechia, San Marino or Montenegro.
- Attendance at any out-of-state mass gatherings of 500 or more where individuals do not socially distance (6 feet) and wear a mask.
- Been on a cruise ship or river cruise on or after March 15, 2020.

The travel quarantine period is seven days with a negative PCR test result or 10 days without testing. Further information on quarantine periods can be found on KDHE's website.

ATTENTION 5th GRADE PARENTS ₁⁴₁

Band Instrument selection for incoming middle school students

It is an exciting time for 5th grade students who are enrolled in middle school band - time to choose their INSTRUMENTS!!!

Your child's middle school Band Director will be organizing opportunities for all 5th grade students to learn more about the band instruments that students can play in middle school in the next couple of weeks. Then, students who have enrolled in band class will get to try instruments to find the one that will be the best fit for them.

Trying the Instruments

In-Person Option: We have developed a Covid safe plan for instrument try-it nights. Families who choose this option will have the opportunity to sign up for appointments. Two adults may attend with the student. Each student will get to use a Wind Instrument Try Out Kit to find the mouthpiece that is the best fit for them. There is one Try-Out Kit for each student to use, so no one will need to share or use a mouthpiece that has been used by another student. Students will get to hold the instruments they are interested in playing and the student and their parent/guardian will get to visit with a band director about their instrument selection.

Virtual Option: Alternatively, families could choose to participate in a virtual instrument try-it via zoom. These individual sessions will be scheduled by appointment with one of the area band directors. Students will be able to use the Wind Instrument Try Out Kit to find the mouthpiece that is the best fit for them. The student and their parent/guardian will get to visit with a band director about their instrument selection. (Wind Instrument Try-out Kits will be available to use.)

Sign up information will be posted in an upcoming principal's newsletter.

Note that there are a variety of instruments available for students to play in 6th grade. In most cases, the family will provide the instrument by renting or purchasing a new or used instrument or refurbishing an instrument they have available. Instruments will not be needed until school starts in the fall of 2021. In some cases, for larger instruments, the instrument is provided by the district. The Blue Valley Educational Association has established a program to provide instruments for students who would not otherwise be able to participate for financial reasons. Please contact your child's band teacher or principal if assistance is needed.

REMEMBER: If your child did not enroll in band, strings or choir in middle school, it is not too late! Contact your child's middle school counselor to enroll.

Blue Valley Summer Explorations

Enrollment is Open!

Looking for engaging summer learning opportunities for your child? Check out Blue Valley's Summer Explorations program, which features a wide array of one-week hands-on experiences that put fun at the forefront of learning. From STEMtopia, to Carpenter's Corner, to Cooking Cool Cultural Foods - there is something for everyone. Enrollment begins at 8 a.m. on March 8 and remains open through 4 p.m. on March 29. All summer programs will be held in-person unless otherwise noted. The district will continue to employ appropriate COVID-19 mitigation practices during summer programs for safe learning environments. Additional information about the summer explorations programs can be found online at www.bluevalleyk12.org/summerprograms.

Register for the 2021-22 school year today

<u>Elementary school registration</u> for the 2021-22 school year is open and <u>online now</u> for current students. Registration is required annually and is the time to update your child's information and pay fees.

Important registration details

Plans for the 2021-22 school year are being designed in anticipation that the majority of our students will return to school for the traditional in-person experience our families know and value. For those interested, the district will continue to offer an all-virtual learning option.

Elementary families will be asked to select their learning preference (full-year virtual or in-person) during the registration process. Families enrolled in in-person learning will have an opportunity in July to make a change to the full-time virtual option if desired. The only move a student will be allowed to make in July is INTO the full-time virtual option, not vice versa. Families who feel unsure about the full-time virtual option are encouraged to enroll in-person. This allows for the flexibility of moving to full-time virtual, as desired, in July. Learn more about the virtual option on the district website.

Completing registration and paying fees now confirms that your child will attend school in August. Thank you for providing important information and parent permissions as part of the registration process. For more information about registration, visit www.bluevalleyk12.org/registration.

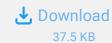
Durham Bus Information

Click here to sign up for bus text communications: https://my.textcaster.com/asa/Default.aspx?ID=0dcd17bc-7f9b-4db6-b57c-ee3c1a41061f.

Or you can email mmerchant@petermannbus.com with your phone number, carrier name, zip code, school and bus numbers to get signed up.



Specials Conference Zoom Links.pdf



Stanley Elementary Theme

2021-2022 Stanley Elementary Theme
Have a great idea for next year's theme? We want to hear your ideas! Click here to submit.

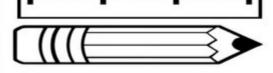
STEAM Makerspace Donations

We are in need of items to help keep our STEAM Makerspace up and running. Our Wildcats have been creating all types of projects this year from turkey traps to March Madness basketball hoops. Any donations from our wish list would be greatly appreciated! Thank you for supporting student collaboration and creativity!

Help us stock our Makerspace

A PLACE TO CREATE, NOT CONSUME.

A PLACE TO MAKE ANYTHING!



DONATIONS NEEDED:

Cotton Balls
Popsicle Sticks
Pipe Cleaners
Google Eyes
Beads (all colors)
Egg Cartons
Toilet Paper Rolls
Paper Towel Rolls
Scrapbook Paper
Duct Tape (fun
designs)
Glue Sticks
Liquid Glue
Hot Glue Sticks

Fabric
Felt
Foam Sheets
Pom Pom Balls
Glitter
Cardboard
Old CD's
Stickers
Scotch Tape
Masking Tape
Paper Plates
Coffee Filters
Sharpie Markers
Paint (all colors)



School Yearbooks

Capture Your Memories in This Year's Stanley Elementary Yearbook



Customize Your 2 Free Pages

- Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.
- Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.
- The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$0.99.

To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

- 1 Go to www.treering.com/validate
- 2 Enter your school's passcode: 10152415384287

Regular Price: \$20.88
*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

Deadline: Apr 9

TreeRing

Stanley will again be using TreeRing this school year to publish and print our yearbook! You will purchase your Stanley yearbook DIRECTLY from the TreeRing site, not through the PTO website or Parentvue. Parents will be able to upload all school-related pictures with an app on their iPhones directly to specific folders.

Those photos will then be used to design and create the yearbook! There is also the option for you to create your own 2-page spread to be printed at the end of the book, personalized with your very own pictures, just for your student, included in the price! This all can be done from your desktop computers, as well!!

**It is currently not compatible with Android, so for us Android users, we can upload pictures on our desktops from Facebook, Google photos, Dropbox, etc. directly to the Stanley TreeRing folders! Lots of photos at once!!

There are folders for First Days of School, Family Fun Run, etc. No need to caption each picture!

YEARBOOKS ARE NOT ORDERED THROUGH THE PTO WEBSITE! They must be ordered directly from families on the TreeRing website www.treering.com

There are instructions on how to upload your photos and learn how to customize some of the pages in your child's yearbook!

To order go to www.TreeRing.com/validate and enter Stanley's passcode: 10152415384287

Please contact Sheri Buxton with any questions! <u>buxton.sheri@gmail.com</u>

Stanley Event Calendar

April 7: Science State Assessment for Virtual Students @ 9:00

April 14: ELA/Math State Assessment for Virtual Students @

9:00

April 14: VirtualED pick-up day

April 21: ELA/Math State Assessment for Virtual Students @

9:00

April 23: No school, professional learning day

April 27: Stanley Night Fundraiser at Panera

April 29 & 30: Stone Lion Puppets

May 5: VirtualED pick-up day

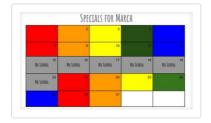
May 11-12: Field Days

May 25: Stanley Night Fundraiser at Freddy's

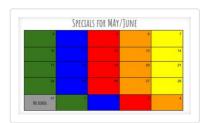
May 26: VirtualED pick-up day (pick up yearbooks/summer school materials)



March, April, May and June Specials Schedules







In-Person Families

Food and Nutrition Communication

Free Student Meal information

https://www.bluevalleyk12.org/Page/34300

Online Payment System

https://www.bluevalleyk12.org/Page/34304

USDA EXTENDS FREE MEALS FOR STUDENTS THROUGH 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

All Blue Valley students are eligible to receive one free* breakfast and one free* lunch meal daily. This includes students that are in-person in the school cafeterias and at the meal pick-up locations for remote learners. No free and reduced meal application is necessary to receive these free meals. The district has been approved for this no cost breakfast and lunch option through the 2020-21 school year.

Meal Account Access

REGISTER STUDENT MEAL ACCOUNT(S)

All families participating in the district's meal service program must set up an account with the district's point of sale software, TITAN School Solutions, to pay meal fees if they you choose to use the online payment system to purchase other items beyond 1 breakfast and 1 lunch daily. To register, go to family.titank12.com and click Sign Up Today! to get started, or download the TITAN Family Connect app (available in the Apple Store and Google Play) to register on your mobile device.

HOW TO REGISTER

1. Register

Register at <u>family.titank12.com</u> (Use Safari or Chrome)
Or download Titan Family Connect from the <u>Apple Store</u> or <u>Google Play</u>.
Click on **Sign up today!**

2. Confirm Email

Confirm your email address by clicking on the email verification link sent to your email address.

3. Sign in

Now you can sign in at <u>family.titank12.com</u> or Titan Family Connect App using your email and password.

Virtual Ed Families

VirtualEd Pick-Up Dates

April 14

May 5

May 26 (Pick up for yearbooks or summer school materials)

American Heart Association: Heart Heroes

At the next virtual family materials pick-up on February 3rd there will be packets from the American Heart Association for the Kids Heart Challenge. Please keep your eye out for this exciting and educational fundraiser activity to support heart health.

Download the Kids Heart Challenge app or go to heart.org/KHC

Counselor's Corner

I've had a fun week with our kindergarten, first and second grade students! Kindergarten heard the story "Sometimes I'm Bombaloo" by Rachel Vail. They were able to share their own stories of feeling angry and we talked as a group about how we can cope when we're feeling angry. First grade students wrapped up talking about careers with Career Bingo! It's easy to forget that our children don't know a lot about different jobs at such a young age. Exposing them to diverse careers and the descriptions that belong to them helps open their eyes to possibilities ahead! Lastly, second grade spent some time learning about small, medium and big problems and why it's important to discern one from another. We shared personal examples and completed a small cut/paste activity together. The weather will be amazing this weekend! I hope you all can find a snippet of time to enjoy it! See you next week.

Mrs. Nab.

"Just living isn't enough," said the butterfly, "one must have sunshine, freedom and a little flower." -Hans Christian Anderson

Notes from the Nurse

Testing Sites

If you have family or friends in the area looking to get a FREE COVID-19 test, here are some helpful websites. Only name, phone number or email are required to get a test. No insurance

or official ID needed. These are PCR tests with an average turnaround time for results of 36-48 hours.

- https://www.gogettested.com/kansas : These are free sites and test all ages. Including sites such as Shawnee Mission North High School, Johnson County Community College and Church of the Resurrection. The go get tested sites are expanding everyday as more sites are secured by KDHE.
- 2. https://www.hearttoheart.org/jococovid/: Has six more testing events before the end of the year.
- 3. https://www.jocogov.org/schedule-covid-19-test (JCDHE continues to offer testing for ages 5+)

Water Bottles At School:

Please remind your student to bring a water bottle to school, as our drinking fountains are shut down at this time due to COVID precautions. Our students are very active and even with decreasing temperatures outside our bodies require hydration throughout the day.

When to Exclude Children from Care?

Primary Symptoms

(at least one)

- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Difficulty
 Breathing
- Loss of Taste and/or Smell

Secondary Symptoms

(at least two)

- Fever
- Chills
- · Muscle/Body Aches
- Headache
- Sore Throat
- Diarrhea
- Nausea/Vomiting
- Congestion/Runny Nose
- Fatigue



Karen Ostmeyer

School Nurse

Stanley PTO

Volunteer Sign Up for 2021/2022 Now Open

PTO needs committee volunteers for the 2021/2022 school year! We are looking for help planning our fun events. Check out the ways you can contribute and sign up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044CA9AB22A0F94-20212022

April PTO Meeting Date Change (Open to All PTO Members)

The next PTO meeting has been moved to Monday, April 12th at 7pm and is open to all members. The meeting will be held on Zoom, and members can watch out for a link in their email closer to the meeting date.

Spirit Wear

Have you ordered your Spirit Wear? All items are on hand and can be delivered the next day. Get your Spirit Wear today by visiting the PTO website below!

https://stanleypto.membershiptoolkit.com/login







School Supplies

School supplies for Stanley Elementary and Blue Valley Middle can be ordered on the same order.

www.1stdayschoolsupplies.com

Earbuds are listed as an optional item which can be buy through the school supply company or on your own, but either way they will be REQUIRED for all grades next school year. Fourth grade does not have earbuds as an option because they are already included IN the kit contents.

If you have any question you can contact me at schoolsupplies@bvmspto.org

Thanks again.

Jill Schutzler





Stanley PTO Homepage

