

Stinesville Elementary School

May 2017 Newsletter

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Mrs. Chestnut's and Mrs. Butler's classes are doing some great things with our garden during their STEAM Unit.

May Lifelines:

Sense of Humor: to laugh and be playful without harming others

Joyfulness: to share happiness with others

During the month, teachers will be looking for students who exhibit these lifelines. Students will be nominated twice during the month and recognized on the announcements. They will also have their picture placed on our lifeline bulletin board in the cafe. Once this month, students will go to the large group instruction room to dive deeper into these lifelines through a book read and other activities. Talk with your children at night about the lifelines they are using at school. Our SES Spirit Day this month will be on Wednesday, May 17th. Our theme will be Hawaiian Beach Day. Students and staff are invited to dress up in their favorite Hawaiian attire. There may even be a beach party in the afternoon....

ISTEP+: That's a Wrap!

We cannot thank all of our 3-5 parents enough for the past two weeks, having your children at school on time, rested, and ready to take the ISTEP+ assessment. We only had to do make up tests with four students! That is amazing when you stop and think about it. It was great to hear many students walk out of the test saying, "That wasn't too hard." Kudos to all of you for your support at home, the teachers for their hard work, but more importantly, your children who took it seriously, gave their best effort, and have been rockstars all year in the classroom.

Seriously, Don't Blink!

Today is May 1st. Did you blink? I just did, and in that moment, the last nine months have passed me by. It is hard to imagine, but we started this journey on August 4, 2016. Over the past nine months, we have watched your children grow in so many ways. This year has been quick, but it has also been very rewarding. These next few weeks are a little choppy with some Mondays and Fridays off (see next section below for more details on that). I know that your child's teacher has some great things planned during the month of May to not only keep your child "locked in," but also to inspire them to reach beyond what they thought possible. These next few weeks are going to go by extremely quickly. Please be sure to keep up through the Monday Minute, miscellaneous emails, Facebook, Twitter, our school webpage, and our SES App. Seriously, don't blink - it's going to be the end of the school year before we know it.

May Snow Make-up Days

This year, we built in some snow make-up days into our calendar. Depending on how you look at it, you might say that we were fortunate to have a pretty mild winter. Due to this, we didn't have as many snow days as normal, leading to our having some "extra days" off this month. We will not have school on the following days in May:

Friday, May 12 (snow make-up day)

Monday, May 15 (snow make-up day)

Monday, May 22 (snow make-up day)

Below you will find an extensive list of things happening in May, including these snow make-up days.

Grandparents Day: May 19

Grandparents Day will be held on Friday, May 19th. You should be receiving additional information from your classroom teacher, if you have not done so already. Below is the schedule for the day:

First Grade: 9:30-10:15 (Breakfast in the cafe w/ grandparents)

Second Grade: 9:30-10:15 (Breakfast in the cafe w/ grandparents)

Kindergarten: 10:15-11:00

3rd Grade: 10:15-11:00 (Breakfast w/ grandparents)

4th and 5th Grade: 11:00-11:45 (Lunch w/ grandparents)

Awards Day: May 23

Tuesday, May 23rd, will be our SES Awards Day. The schedule is below. Please join us in the gym as we recognize all the wonderful achievements of your children during the 2016-2017 school year.

9:00-10:00 Grade K-2 Awards Day

10:15-11:15 Grade 3-5 Awards Day

Field Day: May 24, Last Student Day: May 25

Wednesday, May 24th, we will hold our annual Field Day activities. Additional information about Field Day will be sent home in future Monday Minutes. We will be asking for some volunteers to come in and help with various stations/activities during the day. Following our May PTO Meeting on May 10th, we will have more information to share. Join us May 10th at 6:30 as we plan for Field Day!

The last student day will be Thursday, May 25th. If we have inclimate weather on May 24th, we may move Field Day to the 25th. Otherwise, teachers will have some wonderful “last day” plans for your children.

Field Trips Galore...

Almost every grade level is going on a field trip in May - it's just the way they planned things out! Be sure to check your child's classroom newsletters and emails, along with the Monday Minutes and SES calendar to stay up to date on who is going where and when.

Stinesville Road Cleanup and PTO Meeting

It's May, and that means that it is time for our Spring Stinesville Roadside Cleanup. Please consider joining us on Wednesday, May 10th beginning at 4:30 to clean up Stinesville Road from the entrance to the quarry down to the bridge. If you plan to attend, please wear long pants and bring a pair of gloves. The Monroe County Highway Department will drop a kit off at the school that will include trash and recycling bags for us to use. The more people we have attend to help, the quicker we finish. We will be partnering with the Stinesville Lions Club and the local Boy Scout troop.

Following our roadside cleanup, we will hold the May PTO Meeting in the library beginning at 6:30. We will be discussing the end of the year including Field Day. We also plan to hold officer elections for the 2017-2018 school year. Please join us if you can.

Mark Your Calendar

There is something happening every day this month! Stay on top of all of the things that are going on through the Monday Minute (email), SES Facebook Page, Twitter, SES App, or RBB/SES webpage/events calendar.

- May 1-3: 5th Grade to Bradford Woods
- May 2: Paragon Money Due
- May 1-12: Teacher Appreciation Week(s)
- May 4: LuLaRoe “pop up” boutique in the cafe 4:00-8:00 (enter in back of school)
- May 5: LuLaRoe “pop up” boutique in the cafe 11:00-2:00 (enter through main office)
- May 8: 5th Grade Instrument Selection @ EJHS 6:00-7:00
- May 9: Parent Screening of AIDS video @ 2:45
- May 10: K-1 Field Trip to Cardinal Stage
- May 10: 3-5 ISTEP Incentive @ McCormick’s Creek State Park (Field Trip)
- May 10: Stinesville Roadside Cleanup @ 4:30
- May 10: SES PTO Meeting @ 6:30
- May 11: 5th Grade Vaccine Clinic @ SES
- May 11: 4th Grade Field Trip to State Museum
- May 12: No School (Snow Make-up Day)
- May 15: No School (Snow Make-up Day)
- May 16: 3rd Grade Field Trip to Honey Creek School (Simmons)
- May 16: 5th Grade Health “Talk”
- May 16: SES Quarry Choir Performance @ Tivoli Theatre @ 7:00
- May 17: SES Quarry Choir Performance @ RBB Retirement Home @ 9:30
- May 18: 3rd Grade Field Trip to Honey Creek School (Watkin)
- May 19: Grandparents Day
- May 22: No School (Snow Make-up Day)
- May 23: SES Awards Day @ 9:00 and 10:15
- May 23: Kindergarten Graduation @ 1:30
- May 24: Field Day
- May 25: Last Student Day

Questions, Comments, Concerns...

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don’t hesitate to call or [email](#). Communication is a huge component of making Stinesville Elementary better each day. My contact information is at the top of this newsletter. Your individual teachers should share their contact information with you as well or they can be found on the SES website or app.

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