



January 11, 2021

Jan. 18th No School-Martin Luther King Day

Jan. 18th **No 5 Day Meal pick up**

Jan. 20th 3rd Grade "A" Group Returns

Jan. 21st 3rd Grade "B" Group Returns

Jan. 22nd 3rd Grade "A" Group Attends

Jan. 25th 3rd Grade "B" Group Attends

Jan. 26th 3rd Grade "A" Group Attends

Jan. 27th 3rd Grade "B" Group Attends

Jan. 28th All 3rd Grade Attends

Cultivate a Sense of Wonder

Curiosity is a sense of wonder and openness about the future. It comes partly from the brain wanting to understand or make order out of something that doesn't make sense. If you have a young child at home, you know that they see the world through the lens of curiosity. They have lots of questions. Curiosity is associated with the release and flow of dopamine and serotonin in the brain, generating a sense of pleasure. Curious brains are also better at learning. Here are some ideas to encourage and help your child maintain a sense curiosity and wonder:

- Be curious with them! Respond to questions with questions of your own.
- Enjoy the process of discovery. Guide them to help figure out answers to their questions themselves. GUIDE.
- Share your sense of wonder. Ask lots and lots of questions using "what" and "how".
- Help your children learn how to figure things out. Help them find out answers. Visit a library or jump online.
- Model curiosity. Let them hear you are wondering about something.
- Make reading interactive: Stop in the middle of stories and ask questions. Change the characters names and modify their experiences.

www.sounddiscipline.org/sd-blog/a-sense-of-wonder/

Martin Luther King Jr.

Holiday



No School

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Everyone coming to Stevens must complete a Health Check and be wearing a mask prior to entering the building

Attendance Line
354-4242



Please call when your child will not be attending

5 Day Meal Pick-up

Monday 11:50-12:50 (**No p/u on 1/18**)

Tuesday 5:00-6:00

Wednesday 11:50-12:50

w/2nd Harvest & Bite 2 Go



Caring Corner



This month's purposeful people's trait of focus is **Honesty**. Honesty is when we are living truthfully in our words, actions, and thoughts. Not only are we speaking the truth, but we are thinking and acting in ways which are dependable, caring, and genuine. Here's an activity you can do with your family to work on incorporating more honesty into your lives: Everyone has something that gets under their skin – especially in the home environment. Instead of letting someone's actions bother you, try to catch yourself this week and address it by being honest when right it happens. Make sure you use a kind approach and "I feel" statements when talking about others.

Counselor's Corner

During the month of January, classroom counselor lessons are focusing on what it means to **CHOOSE TO BE A FRIEND** at Stevens Elementary! We want Stevens to be a safe place for all students. I want to share one of the activities taught in the primary grades that you might want to talk about as a family. The folds and creases in the paper doll represent unkind words and actions toward others. This lesson will be referred to throughout the year and has a very positive impact on behavior.

During our lesson and discussion about friendship, each student received a paper doll. Children shared things that a person might say that could be hurtful to someone. With each response, the paper doll was folded and eventually the paper doll was crumpled. The children learned that each time they say something hurtful to someone, they are putting little folds and creases in that person.

Next, we shared things that they might say to someone to make that person feel good. With each response, one of the creases in the paper doll was unfolded. Eventually, all of the creases and folds were pressed out (all of the "hurts") except, of course, for the fact that the paper doll was still creased.

We talked about how when someone says unkind words, it hurts us. Once you say hurtful things, you can't take them back. Saying "sorry" or "I was just kidding", doesn't take the sting of those words away. Long after you have forgotten what you've said, the person you talked to in an unkind way, will remember it. You can't take it back, just like you can't take all the creases and folds out of the paper doll.

Thank you, Stevens parents, for partnering with us! **CHOOSE TO BE GREAT, EAGLES!!!!**



December Student of the Month

Romin, K	Alison, 3rd
Barrett, K	Dakota, 3rd
Leland, K	Gordon, 4th
Rebekah, 1st	Nevaeh, 4th
Annabelle, 1st	Riley, 4th
Ameliia, 1st	Hunter, 5th
Jennifer, 1st	Stephen, 5th
Jeriah, 2nd	Sam, 5th
Jasmine, 2nd	Mahoganie, 5th
Nino, 2nd	Abyan, 6th
Gregorio, 3rd	Joseph, 6th
Matthew, 3rd	Aileya, 6th

Stevens is in need of supervisors to serve as morning and afternoon crossing guards, as well as supervisors for the lunchroom and playground during the noon hour. Most regular employees get hired on after first starting as a substitute, and rarely do they have to work very long before being hired on a more permanent basis. These positions pay minimum wage.. A background and fingerprint check is required for employment with Spokane Public Schools. It is a great way to get outdoors, interact with students and become more involved in the school that your child(ren) attend. For more information, please call 354-4200 between the hours of 8 and 4 pm.



Perfect Attendance September-December, 2020

Michael, K	AnnJoelina, 4
Jedediah, 1	Gordon, 4
Tracee, 1	Riley, 4
Rebekah, 1	Gabriella, 4
Tamara, 1	Monita, 5
Jennifer, 1	Devin, 5
Ryker, 2	Joseph, 5
Zachariah, 2	Mahoganie, 5
Logan, 3	Marissa, 5
Neomi, 3	Florence, 5
Ryan, 3	Angel, 6
Devyn, 3	Kadence 6
Hsaloeeh, 3	Luke, 6
Gunnar, 3	Josiyah, 6
Noah, 3	Abyan, 6
Matthew, 3	



Kidz Jokes

1. What did one plate say to the other plate?
2. Why did the kid cross the playground?
3. How do you make a lemon drop?
4. What do you call a duck that gets all A's?
5. What kind of tree fits in your hand?
6. What did the baby corn say to the mama corn?

1. Dinner is on me. 2. To get to the other slide. 3. Just let it fall. 4. A wisequacker. 5. A Palm Tree 6. Where's Pop Corn?