8/19/18

Good afternoon Sterchi families!  We just completed our first full week of school and the year is off to a great start!

Our theme for this year is “In a world where you can be anything, be kind.”

This year we will have a “Wonderism” for each month.  These are similar to our “Wonkaisms” from last year and are important character-building reminders.  The Wonderism for August is “It’s not enough to be friendly.  You have to be a friend.  Find someone and make a new friend.”

THANK YOU to everyone who has returned their beginning of the year paperwork and fees. If you are still working on this, please return these papers to your child’s teachers as soon as possible.  Don’t forget to send in your t-shirt order and payment.

THANK YOU to everyone who has joined the PTA!  Our PTA works hard throughout the year to support our school and our students.

Information will be coming home with your student about how to connect your Kroger card to a rewards program to benefit Sterchi, as well as information about Amazonsmile.

Please be on the lookout for the “Be in the Know” flyer that is coming home with your child.  It has information about how to stay connected with what is happening at school and in the classroom.  There is also information about breakfast and lunch prices and payment options.

As we have previously communicated, our students have to pay for their breakfast and lunch this year.  Your child can choose to bring his/her own lunch.  You can also send lunch money each day, send a check to be deposited in your child’s lunch account, or put money in their lunch account online.  We sent free/reduced meal applications home with every student, if this is something you want to request for your child.  You can also complete a free/reduced meal application online at [https://www.knoxschools.org/Domain/1039](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http:%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FpY5ng4J1vj5Hwn1HRvY3Qg~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRdWw3rP0QnaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cua25veHNjaG9vbHMub3JnL0RvbWFpbi8xMDM5VwdzY2hvb2xtQgoAAGvaeVu8HT8NUhpseW5uLndoaXRlQGtub3hzY2hvb2xzLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~&data=02%7C01%7C%7C63ec5c8f1aee4dbee2c508d6061abb52%7Ca2c165ce3db24317b7428b26460ec108%7C0%7C0%7C636703109219678036&sdata=tmmBf8ELW3n01hTukI7kteCaxT0nUm6mE8mUcf%2FVNkE%3D&reserved=0)

We want to extend a friendly reminder that we start our school day promptly at 7:45am each morning.  We encourage parents to say their goodbyes in the car rider line so that students can get to their classrooms and get started with their day.  Our teachers need to focus their attention and efforts on students as they are arriving.  Unexpected and impromptu parent conferences delay the start of the school day for the entire class.  If you have questions for your child’s teacher, we encourage you to contact the teacher via phone or email and schedule a time to talk when the teacher is not responsible for students.

All visitors who enter the building are asked to sign in at the office or in the lobby and to wear a visitor badge.  This is for the safety and security of our students and staff.

Our kindergarteners have two more staggered days this week on Monday and Tuesday.  The first full day for ALL of the kindergarteners is this Wednesday, August 22.  Please be aware that there will be an increase in traffic during morning arrival and afternoon pickup, so plan ahead and give yourself a few extra minutes.  Please also remember, that all car riders need to enter and exit their vehicles on the right-hand side of the car.  For their safety, children should not exit on the left side and then cross in front, behind, or between cars.

We hope that all of our kindergarten parents will join us for breakfast on Wednesday morning after you bring your student for their first full day.

Our 3rd and 5th grade parents had their parent meetings this past Thursday.  THANK YOU to everyone who was able to attend.  This week, Mrs. Casteel’s and Mrs. Morelock’s 2nd grade parent meeting is on Monday at 6:00, the 1st grade parent meetings are on Tuesday at 6:00, and Ms. Sanders’ 2nd grade parent meeting is on Tuesday at 6:00.

Remember, “in a world where you can be anything, be kind.”

See you soon!

~Lynn White

***For more information:***

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***Mark your calendar:***

August 20                           2nd grade parent meetings @6:00

                                                            (Casteel & Morelock)

August 21                            1st grade parent meetings @6:00

                                                2nd grade parent meeting @6:00

                                                            (Sanders)

August 22                           Kindergarteners’ 1st full day of school

                                                7:30   Breakfast for kindergarten parents

August 27                            PTA board meeting @3:00

August 31                            Sterchi Spirit Day – wear orange & white

September 3                      Labor Day – NO SCHOOL

September 6-26               Coupon Book campaign