



GENERAL STANFORD EAGLES DECEMBER 2017 WINTER BREAK DEC. 21-DEC. 29

Calendar of Events:

- Dec. 13-Hanukkah
- Dec. 14- Holiday Music Program "Tis the Season" - 5:30 pm
- Dec. 20- Half Day-11:30 dismissal
- Dec. 21- First Day of winter
- Dec. 21-29-Winter Break (schools & offices closed)
- Jan.1-School & Office Reopens

Hello General Stanford Families,



As the Holiday Season approaches, we know this is also the time for PCSing. Please be sure to let the office know if you will be leaving so we can prepare records for your new school. Withdrawal forms should be completed at least one week in advance. Please be sure all lunch loans have been paid and all library books have been returned. Thank you for your support.

Office Staff!

From Your Nurse

The Student Council Association is designed to give students a voice in activities and programs around the school. Elections for SCA were held in October. Third graders were able to run for secretary, fourth graders ran for vice president, and fifth graders ran for president.

The winners were:

- Secretary** -Isaiah Salazar
- Vice President** - Harlie Edwards
- President** - Nevangeline Garcia



Flu season is upon us and we hope your child has been vaccinated. Please remind your child of proper hand washing and covering their cough/sneeze with the "Dracula cape" cover or into their elbow. Hands and coughing/sneezing are the number one transporters of germs. Just a reminder, if your child has been vomiting, had diarrhea or a fever the night before or the morning of school, they must stay home for 24 hours and be symptom and fever free without medication before returning to school. THE DENTIST IS COMING! Smile Virginia Program will be seeing students on January 10th and 12th, only if a consent is signed by parent. Consents were sent home with students on the week of November 13th. If you have not turned one in you MUST do so now. REMINDER** If you registered your child for school and they needed a physical, the grace period ends 30 days after enrollment. If your child started the first week of school, the physical is due now.

Tammy Greenway RN
Questions call 888-3200 Ext. 3

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

During this holiday season why not give the gifts that keeps right on giving?
The gift of time and support for your child's school success and the gift of books.

Spend quality time

Discussing goals for improvement with your child. Set expectations and check on the goals regularly.

Checking your child's agenda and take home folders for messages and homework assignments. Behavior concerns need to be addressed quickly, so that learning time remains on track.

Looking for student work coming home. Have your child review and correct papers (Many teachers offer extra credit "re-dos" but students neglect to take this opportunity for extra points.)

Communicating regularly with teachers so that you will know ways to help at home before final grades are calculated for the semester.

Reading and picking out interesting books.

Stressing the importance of your children doing their best as learners and as school citizens.

Have a wonderful holiday season with family and friends.

Mrs. Willis

A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to first take this opportunity to wish each of you and your families a most happy, healthy holiday season! I hope that you will have a chance to relax and enjoy some special time with your children. As always, I am so proud of how hard they have been working each and every day! One of our school-wide goals this year is to help our students become stronger readers. Winter break is a wonderful opportunity to put away text books and read for fun. Encourage relatives to give books as holiday gifts and take turns reading from classic tales. Winter break is also a great time to introduce your child to the local library and let them get their own library card to check out books.

For those families who are travelling, I wish you a safe journey. I hope to see everyone back, rested and ready to begin the New Year!

Sincerely,

Sherry Wolfson
Assistant Principal

TIS THE SEASON PERFORMANCE— DEC. 14TH



Thank you ALL for the support you are giving your students as they participate in General Stanford's Music Program. Our first concert of the year, "Saddle Up!" was a wonderful success, and we are looking forward to another one in a few weeks!

On Thursday, December 14th, our Fifth Grade students will present a special winter holiday performance entitled "Tis the Season..." Come join us at 5:30 PM in the gym for a fun evening of festive music and holiday cheer!

As we approach Winter Break, take the time to enjoy the sounds of the season. We are so fortunate to live in an area where numerous concerts are offered throughout the holiday season.

Lastly, if you would like to volunteer or support the music program at GSES, or help at any of our performances, please contact me using the email listed below.

Mr. Morgan P. Cassady
Music Teacher, GSES



The holidays are a great time to read! It is a perfect way to keep engaged on a road trip or to keep our minds fresh over the break. Reading can let the mind travel even when we stay in one place. Please make sure to return books and refresh our reading stack before the holiday's begin!

Also don't forget public libraries in Newport News and on base often have Holiday activities or can provide fresh reading materials during the breaks as well.

A big thank you to all who came out and supported our book fair! It was a great success and the library was able to get books that interested both students and teachers.

Happy Holidays!

Staci Costello
Media Specialist

Counselors Corner

Hello Eagle Family,

The counseling department and the Guidance Advisory Committee would like to thank the GSES students and families for participating in and supporting our Heroes Week. We also would like to thank you all for purchasing the smencils, all of those funds were donated to the United Way foundation and with your help we raised over \$200. Also we really appreciate you supporting the "Give What You CAN" food drive which will be donated to those in need.

During the month of December we will be focusing on cooperation and positive problem solving skills. The students will be learning the importance of cooperating with peers and adults while building appropriate and effective problem solving techniques.

Se'Dale E. Watson
Professional School Counselor
General Stanford Elementary

General Stanford T- Shirts can be ordered
in the office for \$12.00

Cash and checks are accepted.



Thank you for supporting our Cherrydale fundraiser at GSES!
We raised \$2000.00!
All proceeds are used for Student Allocation.



Notes From The Magical Kingdom Of Art

Your child has been involved in various activities that will help them to learn to see what they look at, hear what they listen to, and feel what they touch. The visual arts exemplify and develop an important form of literacy, the literacy needed to read and interpret the varied meanings of poetry, music and dance. By engaging your child in an array of visual arts activities such as drawing, painting, sculpting, cutting, printing and pasting, I hope to captivate and motivate them to get them interested in the learning process.

Kindergarten classes began their art experiences by manipulating a variety of media to create lines, shapes, colors, textures, and values. They are increasing their fine and gross motor skills.

Students in Grade One are continuing to develop their fine and gross motor skills through an array of structured art lessons. They are also beginning to identify that art is an integral part of one's culture.

Second Grade students participate in art activities that correlate with the history and science Standard of Learning Objectives. They also improve their oral communication skills by verbally sharing their visual expressions with their classmates.

Third Grade students are involved in an array of art activities that explore various cultures. The visual art activities that they engage in enhance the core curriculum subjects by motivating students to get them excited about learning.

The art instruction in Grades Four and Five place equal emphasis on the child's creative art expression, the development of knowledge and skills relating to art and the continuing growth of their aesthetic awareness. Motor skills are refined and exposure to the study of art heritage and the development of aesthetic judgment is increased.

ART CAN TRULY INSPIRE!

Mrs. Valencia Gross/Art Teacher



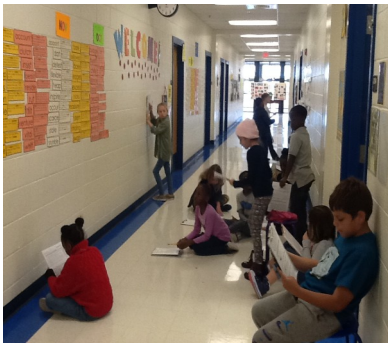
We are two months into our 40 book challenge! Most of our students are working towards their goal, while some have already completed the challenge. If your child has completed the 40 book challenge, including the genre goal, please encourage him or her to set a new reading goal for themselves - 60, 80, or even 100 books!

The purpose of the challenge is to give students a variety of reading experiences through various genres, but perhaps most importantly nurture their love of reading to become life-long readers! For some students, this is an amazing feat in itself. Please continue to support your child with the challenge no matter where they are currently in regards to the number of books read.

To continue our celebration of reading, we are going to have a Cozy Up & Read event on December 20th (more details will come home soon), as well as a "Reading in the Wild" display once students return from Winter Break. Please take pictures of your child reading over the break and send them into your child's homeroom teacher, or email a digital copy to me at sarah.bickings@nn.k12.va.us. We are so excited to see the neat places your students are finding to read.

Sarah Bickings
Reading Specialist

Vocab Alley



Our second and third grade students are learning about words through our vocab alley that we started this year. Each week, second and third grade students learn 10 new words. They talk about their meaning, how they can be used in a sentence and complete tasks related to them. Vocab alley focuses solely on meaning, not spelling. It is exciting to see how students are now using these words in their oral language and writing!

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Please visit our new web sites!

We will be sharing all our, big news, events and activities. Many pictures will be posted.

If you do not want your child's image displayed, please provide a note to go on file.



development and encourage student empowerment!

Jasmine N. Tisdale, M.Ed.
Interventionist & Youth Development Lead