



D. H. Stanton Elementary

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August, 2012 Panther Newsletter

"Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future"
John Fitzgerald Kennedy



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians and Families,

Welcome back! It is hard to believe we are into our third week of school already. We are thrilled to see so many new and returning faces of students, parents, teachers, and staff members. I would like to extend a big welcome to each of you. We are truly excited to welcome the newest addition of the D. H. Stanton's family, our new Pre-K classrooms. It is heart-warming to see the smiles on the faces of our students returning with an eagerness to learn.

There is a lot of excitement ahead of us, as we implement the Common Core Georgia Performance Standards (CCGPS). Georgia joined with 47 other states well over a year ago to develop a set of core standards for K-12 in English language arts and mathematics. The Georgia State Board of Education adopted these standards in 2010. These standards provide a consistent framework to prepare students for success in college and/or the 21st century workplace. Our students will be competitive on a global level.

As a result of the CCGPS, our students will be receive rigorous knowledge and skills needed in college and/or careers; consistent expectations across states, and relevant content and application of knowledge through high-order skills.

It also helps teachers and parents know what they need to do to help children perform and compete. And while you aren't part of the teaching staff you are just as important to your children's education as we are. Your children receive the best education when you and our dedicated teachers work as a team. We will continue to keep you informed about the Common Core Georgia Performance Standards.

We are off and running into this new school year with our uniform policy. Many of our students are present daily wearing the required uniform: khaki pants and red, white, and/or black polo shirts. I continue to need your support in making sure that we are in 100% compliance with students coming dressed in uniform.

As a reminder, we will have our first early release day this Wednesday, August 22. School will dismiss at 11:30 a.m.

Thank you for your commitment to your child's education and I look forward to serving and working with you. Together we can achieve wonderful things.

Clara Taylor
Interim Principal
Stanton. Rising



School Webpage

The school's webpage can be accessed from atlanta.k12.ga.us. Click on the select a school tab in the top left hand corner to select D. H. Stanton Elementary. On the school's webpage, you will find the faculty directory as well as your child's classroom website and other pertinent information about D. H. Stanton Elementary.



Parent Campus Portal

This year, parents can keep track of their child's class schedule, attendance records and grades via Campus Portal for Parents (CPP). Additionally, CPP enables parents to verify and update household information. To ensure that all student information remains secure, parents are required to collect CPP login information in person and provide a valid photo ID (driver's license, state ID card, or passport) before retrieving login information. After receiving login credentials, visit <https://ic.apsk12.org/portal> to create a username and password.

Assistant Principal's Message

Greeting D. H. Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome back to a fabulous year of teaching and learning. Buckle your seat belts and hold on tight because we've already completed 2 weeks of the school year. I am happy to see that we have settled into the routines and procedures required to maintain a safe learning environment and the year is running smoothly.

Remember D.H. Stanton is a walk zone school, which means that most of our students walk. Lets continue to put safety first by reminding our children DAILY to walk on the sidewalks, look both ways before they cross the street, and travel with a group as much a possible. Make sure our children leave early if they are planning to having breakfast in the cafeteria so they can be in class on time and ready to learn at 8:00 am each morning.

Please be on the look out for information regarding our new number system for dismissal. Moving forward, we will be implementing a number system dismissal program, which will make our process more efficient for parents and simpler for students.

Thank you for your support and I am looking for awesome things to happen this school year.

Sincerely,

Thomas Ford, Assistant Principal

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Instructional Coach's Message

Greetings,

I am excited and honored to serve as your instructional coach this school year! This year we will be focusing on working to master the Common Core Standards in English/Language Arts and Mathematics, and we will continue to implement the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS) in Social Studies and Science. My role as instructional coach is to provide teachers with the resources and training they need to remain current in educational trends, and compliant with the state requirements. I look forward to supporting our teachers, and encourage you as parents to do the same thing. Our teachers need support from not only the school administration, but from the community and parents as well. Research shows that the TEACHER is the single most influential factor on student success, so we must make sure they are well taken care of!

I encourage you as parents to keep in contact with your child's teacher, and continue to monitor your student(s) as they complete homework and projects at home. Please provide your student a quiet place and time to complete homework, and daily reading. If you have any questions about the curriculum, the new learning standards, or instructional activities, please contact myself or your child's teacher at 404.802.4200

Again, I look forward to working with teachers and parents as we work to push our students to their highest potential!

For our children,

Kelley Young, Ed.S



Kindergarten

Kindergarten Newsletter Information

We are off to a fantastic start in Kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year!!! We are studying a variety of topics in kindergarten for the month of August. In Reading/Language Arts, we are studying capital and lowercase letters, sight words, writing first and last names, making predictions and print concepts. In Math, we are studying calendar skills (days of week, months of the year, etc) and numbers (counting, writing and recognizing numbers up to 10). In Science, we are studying the 5 senses (taste, touch, hear, smell and sight). In Social Studies, we are studying school and classroom rules.

Reminders

Our school is a uniform school. Please have your child to wear the school uniform each day. The uniform consists of red, black or white tops and khaki bottoms. Please check your child's homework folder each day for correspondence and homework. Please assist your child with completing homework assignments.

Helpful Websites

Reading/Language Arts: www.starfall.com

Math: www.pbskids.org and www.sesamestreet.com

***Thanks to all parents who came to Open House on August 2, 2012.

Dr. Freeman

Ms. Dixon



FIRST GRADE

Greetings Fabulous First Graders and Parents,

We look forward to working with you this 2012 – 2013 school year. Technology integration is highly encouraged in academic learning and development. Currently, we are working on elements of a story, counting /data collection, making observations, handwriting, family traditions and cultures.

In addition, bi-weekly progress reports and activities will be communicated in writing and by phone. Please do not hesitate to contact the team with any questions, concerns, or comments.

The First Grade Team,

Ms. Ellis

Mrs. Welch



Second Grade

Read All About It!

With the implementation of the Common Core Standards second grade is making reading one our main focus. Throughout this school year second graders will engage in reading rigorous informational text. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in various book studies and literature circles.

Additionally, students will also have the opportunity to select books from the library to read for accelerated reader test.

Throughout this school year second grade teachers will send home various reading resources to help support your child. Please be on the look out for more reading news from second grade teachers.

Ms. Causey

Ms. Han



Third Grade

Greetings Third Grade Family,

We are off to a sensational start to the 2012-2013 school year. Our focus this year is to build strong and fluent readers. Remember to read with or listen to your child read nightly. This month we will be learning about Place Value and rounding in Mathematics, Story Structure and comprehension in Reading, Complete sentences with subjects and predicates in Language Arts, Georgia Habitats in Science, and The Foundations of The United States in Social Studies. Thank you for trusting us to educate and care for your children every day☺.

The Thriving Third Grade Team,

Ms. Greer

Ms. Wallace

Fourth Grade

Welcome to fourth grade!! We are excited about implementing the common core standards. The new standards are designed to be challenging and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills that students need for success in college and careers. Fourth grade students are currently receiving instruction in comprehension, grammar skills, the writing process, place value, and exploring the Native American culture. Fourth graders will receive Reading instruction from their homeroom teachers, Math and Science instruction from Mr. Railey, and Language Arts and Social Studies instruction from Ms. Smith.

We look forward to a productive school year.

Mr. Railey

Ms. Smith

Fifth Grade

The 5th grade team has had a successful first two weeks of school. The students are transitioning well with changing classes. They are receiving Social Studies and Math instruction with Ms. Johnson and Reading/ELA and Science instruction with Ms. Barlow. A class supply list was sent home last Friday with items needed. Please be sure that students come to school prepared with these items so that they are able to keep up with their notes and assignments. Please be sure that studying are studying their notes every night as well as reading and reviewing their multiplication facts. Feel free to contact either one of us if there are any questions, comments, or concerns.

Thank you,

Ms. Johnson

Ms. Barlow

PEC

Starts the Year Off Right!!

The special education program hit the ground rolling this year welcoming back the old and new additions to our family. We are happy to welcome the pre-k program into the fold and plan on making a positive impact on their first steps in school. The students have come back from the summer ready to learn and improve on their academic, behavioral, and social skills from the previous school year.

Sincerely,

Ms. Dent



Media Festival Winners

In May, four media projects produced by D. H. Stanton students were declared winners at the Georgia Student Media Festival. These projects advanced to the International Student Media Festival, and we are proud to announce that all four projects won at this highest level of competition! Congratulations to:

- Zariyah Jones, Niya Haggins, and Kylon Freeman for their Photo Essay "Good Friends, Good Books,"
- Weldon Freeman, Emely Lainez, and Savanachi Smith for their PhotoStory "Hand-y Health Tips,"
- Tamyia Hardeman, Jennifer Lee, Trinity Lucas, Jarquavious Brown, Ramon Frazier, and Jaylen Nelson for their PhotoStory "Figurative Language—It's a Piece of Cake," and
- Omar Reyes and Marquize Brown for their video "Texting While Driving."

All students will receive trophies for their remarkable work. Technology is a main focus this year at D. H. Stanton, and we thank these students for having established this amazing precedent.



THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

August 10th - Ice Cream Social

August 22nd - 11:30 A.M. Early
Release Day

August 26th - 3:00 P.M.
Chat with the Community
(D.H. Stanton Media Center)