

Principal Weekly Update To Families

Week of July 10, 2023

MISSION STATEMENT AND SCHOOL PLEDGE

MISSION STATEMENT

Constellation Schools provides every child an opportunity to obtain an excellent education built on a foundation of character education for life long success.

AS YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL, WE PLEDGE TO:

Make the education of each student a priority by providing high-quality instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment.

Respectfully and accurately inform parents/guardians of their child's progress through frequent reports and conferences.

Support families in their efforts to engage in their child's education.

Provide reasonable access to the staff.

Demonstrate professional behavior and a positive attitude.

Make the education of each student a priority.

Provide a safe and healthy learning environment.

Encourage students, parents, guardians, teachers, staff members, and the community to work together to foster core values of honesty, integrity, respect, trust, responsibility and excellence.



July 10, 2023

Dear Stockyard Families,

It is my honor and a pleasure to welcome you to the 2023 – 2024 school year! I hope you all have had a relaxing and fun summer break. I am extremely proud to serve as the principal of this amazing learning community for the 2nd year and to continue to support the students at Stockyard Community School. The theme this year is “Emerging Stronger”. This new school year brings the promise of a renewed dedication, focus, and energy to the mission of teaching and learning. With that being said, the Stockyard Community School staff members are ready to kick this year off.

I would like to welcome all of our new families, whether you are joining us from another school in the community or have relocated from another city, state, or country. We are excited to share all that Stockyard has to offer you and believe you will soon feel as we do, that Stockyard Community School is a special place for all children. Our teachers, support staff, and families are ready to welcome you to our family.

The dedicated staff at Stockyard Community School has been working tirelessly to finalize classes and schedules, fine-tune our instructional models, engage in professional learning opportunities, and update class routines and expectations, all with the goal of fostering academic success.

Our teachers are eager to meet their new students and begin this year’s journey with them. Our primary goal is to ensure student proficiency in core academic subjects, so we will continue to refine Tier I instruction, analyze data, conduct observations, and review classwork to guide instruction and intervention. We will also engage our students in Project Based Learning through the Deep Learning philosophy and strategies we immersed ourselves in three years ago. Additionally, we will continue placing a focus on the integration of the Social Justice Standards, Responsive Classroom community-building techniques, Restorative Justice practices, and social and emotional support strategies into our students’ daily school experience. We will work together to create a solid foundation for our

students so that they have the opportunity to become self-directed learners, collaborative teammates, critical thinkers, and responsible citizens.

We will be holding our Back-to-School Event on Friday, August 18, 2023 from 1:00-4:00pm. We will begin with a short school presentation over our school's mission and expectations in the Auditorium where you will meet our entire faculty.

As I have always said, Stockyard's outstanding teachers create the foundation for your child's academic success. I look forward to the start of the new school year and to continuing our collaboration of providing your children with an effective and engaging educational experience. As always, we will look to our families to be positive partners in this year's journey. The Stockyard staff has always made a priority of working together as a caring and compassionate learning community with professionalism, teamwork, action, and expertise. We will always put the best interests of our students at the center of our purpose. Join us in ensuring the success of all of Stockyard students. Stay healthy, stay positive, and stay connected.

As always, my door is open, and our team welcomes your input. Please feel free to contact me via email at the address below or call to make an appointment to speak with me to discuss any ideas you feel will make this the best year yet!

Best regards,
Stephanie Eafford

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Morning Arrival

Breakfast starts at 8:00am

All parents will enter from West 67 Street and exit from West 65 Street.

Students can only be dropped off as early as 8:00am

Please make sure to have your students at school no later than 8:15am when the academic day begins.

Students arriving after 8:15am must sign in at the main office and receive an office pass before going to class.

Dismissal Procedures

All students are dismissed at the back school doors.

All parents will enter from West 67th Street and exit from West 65th Street.

No early dismissal will be allowed without the office being notified by 12:00 pm.

Students will be dismissed by an identified number which will be displayed to a staff member. Parents will receive this number before the school year starts.

Dismissal for walkers starts at 3:20 pm. Dismissal for all other students starts at 3:23 pm. If there is any change in your child's transportation schedule, please submit it in written form, so we can adjust it accordingly.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

First Day of School is on August 23, 2023.

The school hours when school starts are from 8:00am-3:30pm.

Our Back to School Bash is on August 18, 2023.

Our next Summer Event is on July 27 from 4:00-5:30pm

Our Summer Office Hours are from 9:00am-3:00pm.

Thank you for your support!



Dress Code

The following DRESS CODE procedures are established to promote discipline, maintain order and provide a healthy environment conducive to learning. Students are required to wear the school uniform, which includes:

- Plain White, light blue or navy-blue shirts
- Black or navy-blue dress pants
- Navy blue or black knee length skirts or jumpers
- Navy blue or black knee length uniform style dress shorts may be worn when temperatures exceed 80 degrees
- Navy blue, white, black, or light blue sweaters
- White or light blue turtlenecks may be worn under shirts or sweaters
- Navy blue, black or Constellation sweatshirts may be worn in cool weather.

ABSOLUTELY NO HOODED SWEATSHIRTS/GARMENTS MAY BE WORN DURING SCHOOL.

Inappropriate clothing and appearance can be disruptive to the school program.

Principals will enforce adherence to the dress code by those under their jurisdiction. School administrators have final authority to decide if clothing complies with district rules.

