



Stowers Elementary

Magnet School of International Studies



Snow Leopard News



International Baccalaureate World School

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A message from our Principal: Happy Thanksgiving! This is one of my favorite months. I enjoy Thanksgiving holiday and spending time with my family. November is a very short month for us so please watch your calendar. We have two minimum days, 11/8 and 11/16 before our Fall Break. There will be no school on 11/10 for Veteran's Day, and 11/17 for Elementary Student Free Day. Fall Break will be from 11/20 - 11/24, and our Parent/Teacher Conferences will be attached with minimum days the week of 11/27-12/1. Please mark your calendars: 11/9 is our International Festival. The children and their teachers are working to create a memorable country of focus and presentation for you. If you have time any day between now and 11/9 please check with your teacher or our PTA to see how you can help out. We always love our parent participation. You children really love seeing you on campus during the day! Monday, 11/13, is our Parent Leadership Workshop. The topic for this meeting is "How to be a Happy Parent: Effective Stress Management." I do hope you can join us for this meeting. We will meet in room 400. 11/14 is the Performance for the children involved with the "School House Rock" dance program. 11/15 from 3:00-4:00 is our College and Career students' meeting. Then 11/27 is our end of the month Awards Assembly. So you see there is a lot going on for this short month. To help your child(ren) with math and language arts please check out www.ixl.com. This program is filled with some really good practice for the children. Please continue to work on those adding and subtracting, multiplication and division math skills. Help your child(ren) practice these calculations and commit them to memory! The more we practice and prepare now the more successful our children are when testing comes. Practice, Practice, Practice! Safety and Security. Thank you so much for helping with the parking lot flow. Pulling all the way in the parking slot and only parking in parking slots has helped tremendously with the flow of traffic. Pulling in, dropping off, and pulling out also helps keep things moving along! Keep up the good work! Kindergarten Parents! Thank you for not parking in the RED curb area. I must keep this area clear for our 4 buses. And, they take up just about every inch of that space. Thank you for helping us preserve this area for our buses. I do hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving! I am so thankful for you, your support and our team work to give the children a world class education!

Magnet Coordinator: For the month of November, the *IB Learner Profile* is Open-Minded and the *Attitude* is Tolerance. At Stowers, we ask that our students learn what it means to be open-minded about others, cultural similarities and differences, and to tolerate and appreciate how each of us is unique in our own ways. To celebrate our differences, we invite you to join our annual International Festival on Thursday, November 9th, from 4:30-6:30pm. The theme this year is "Pack Your Bags...The World Awaits". If you have not had the privilege of joining us for the festival, please mark it on your calendars. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact your child's teacher or help the PTA. This is a unique experience for all who are involved. Each grade level will perform a song or dance specific to the country of focus they have decided to study during the first trimester. This is a CASH ONLY event. Tickets will be for sale at the ticket booth near the entrance of the festival for \$1 each. Also, food and drinks will be available for purchase. Please look for more information coming your way in the weeks ahead. We hope to see you all there.

Library: Hello Stowers parents just a heads up on our next Library Committee meeting, it will be held on Wednesday November 8th at 1:00 in the library. Please come and join us as we develop ideas that will take our library into the 21st century. The library is also asking for newspaper donations for any country. We are trying to keep our library's international theme consistent with news items from around the globe. Our Reading Olympic team is on track regarding the research and reading required for competition. Competition is

expected to be sometime in April of next year. Once the district finalizes a date, time, and location I will be sure to let you know, so that you can come and support our incredible team. Lastly any book donations that you would like to donate that are in good condition please feel to bring them in. If you are sending any donations with your child, please enclose a note signed by you giving your child the permission to donate their books. Have a great day and remember to read.

Computer Lab: In November, students will be working on BrainPop to enforce their PYP unit and other subjects. In BrainPop, they watch the videos and take the online quizzes. To watch the videos they need their headphones. Parents please make sure kids have their own headsets in class. They've been researching on their representing countries for our annual International Festival. 2nd graders will make a Family Tree, 3rd graders will do virtual camp activities according to their unit 'Balanced Choice'. 5th graders will make the European Explorer Trading Card. They will continue practice typing through 'Type to Learn'. They will also do Thanksgiving and other holidays activities on line.

Spanish: For the Spanish class. During the past Month students were exposed to basic greeting words as well as family words. Students were encouraged to draw and label their "Family three" as well as practice the greeting words in Spanish. For the next weeks, all grade levels will be taught vocabulary related to their current IB units as follows: Kindergarten, will continue to explore their five senses by learning vocabulary related to sight, smell, touch, hearing and taste. First graders, will learn vocabulary related to Celebrations in the Spanish countries. Second graders, will continue to study vocabulary words related to the family members and interview relatives to know their background. Third graders, will be exposed to words related to Spanish traditions and celebrations. Fourth graders, will be working on vocabulary related to food webs or food chains in the regions of California. Fifth graders will be learning Spanish words and meanings related to Oceans, continents, cardinal points. Six graders will be learning Spanish vocabulary related to social organization of ancient Egypt and Syria.

Kindergarten: For the month of November, Kindergarten will be studying "How We Express Ourselves." During this unit, students will be discussing celebrations around the world. Our country of focus is South Korea. We will be incorporating this country into our International Festival performance and learning activities in the classroom. In language arts, students will focus on letter identification and letter sounds. We will also continue learning to read sight words. When reading with your child at home, please help them identify nouns and verbs in a sentence. In math, students will continue working on identifying, counting, and comparing the numbers 0-10. We have also begun using positional vocabulary (inside/outside; on/above/below; left/right; in front/behind). Please continue to help build their vocabulary by using these words when speaking with your child.

First Grade: Greetings From First Grade! We have a busy month ahead! We look forward to the International Festival! First grade will represent the country of New Zealand! First graders will be performing and singing a Maori traditional dance and song! In math, first graders will learn addition facts to 20. Students will build on their understanding of 10 facts to add within 20, and learn strategies that will help them add quickly and master basic facts. Please check our website for additional support in math. First graders will be writing personal narratives about their family for our IB unit focusing on families. We will end the month with our annual Thanksgiving performance...more details to come soon!

Second Grade: Hello from 2nd Grade! This month is a busy month for us! For the International Festival we will be focusing on Egypt. Take a trip to Egypt and come and see our fabulous booth and watch the talented 2nd graders perform like Egyptian pharaohs. In Math, we are continuing to focus on number sense with subtracting two-digit numbers. We continue to focus on our IB Unit "Where We are in Place and Time". The timelines are wonderful and the students did a wonderful job presenting them. We are looking forward to learning more about student families with our interview books and cultural party.

Third Grade: For the month of November, third graders are working hard on their writing skills in language arts. In math, they are continuing to work on their multiplication facts, 0 to 9 and division facts as well. You can help your child at home by checking their agenda each night and reviewing their assignments with them. Students will be exploring their cultures and the cultures of others in art and writing projects that express traditions and values in our “How We Express Ourselves” unit. Please help your child by practicing their multiplication facts with them.

Fourth Grade: The IB focus is How the World Works, which is connecting the theme of Natures Web with science and language arts. In math, 4th grade is working on the division Unit 2. The International Festival is fast approaching and we are focusing in Syria. We have a fun craft planned so visit our booth to learn about Syria.

Fifth Grade: International Festival is quickly approaching! Fifth grade will be representing the continent of North America, with a focus on the country of the United States. Students are encouraged to participate in the performance on the night of the festival. Our performance time will be at 5:50 on Thursday, November 9th. We look forward to seeing you there! During this month, fifth grade students will be finishing their Early Explorer projects. In math, we will be completing our unit on multiplying and dividing decimals and begin adding and subtracting fractions. We encourage you to talk with your child daily about what was learned in math. In science, students will be learning about Earth’s weather. Hope you enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends!

Sixth Grade: 6th Graders are beginning the school year with the IB Unit “How We Organize Ourselves” The Central Idea for this unit is the structure of hierarchies help to develop civilizations. In Science, students will be learning about Volcanoes, Plate Tectonics, and Earthquakes. In Math students are concentrating on the Number System: Rational Numbers, number lines, Absolute Value, Ordered Pairs, Coordinate Plane, Polygon. Social Studies we are learning Ancient Civilizations. In our Language Arts: We’ve been focusing on Expository Text, Narrative Nonfiction, Historical Fiction, and Realistic Fiction. Grammar is a daily focus in our learning to become better readers and writers. Technology is used for Google classroom, Swun Math, and Pearson Realize for the main subject areas.

PTA News: Happy Thanksgiving from Stowers PTA to all our Stowers Families. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the membership drive. Are you wondering if you can still become a member??? The answer is YES! We accept memberships all year. If you have not received your membership shirts, hat, hoodie please stop by the PTA ROOM. WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1st is the delivery date for YOUR fall Fundraiser items. Please check your order form. If you ordered cookie dough an adult MUST pick it up. We will NOT give cookie dough to students. Also, we do not have a place to store any left-over FROZEN items. We will distribute items beginning at 2:00pm 11/01. Join us at our Board Meeting 11/03 @ 830am to find out what we have up our sleeves for December. Although November is a short month for school with thanksgiving break we at PTA have a few fun things planned for our families. Mark your calendars for 11/16, we will have our annual Pie Sharing. If you would like to see what this event is all about please stop by. Take a break from Thanksgiving leftovers and join us 11/29 @ Blaze Pizza. To start December off we will be hosting Pictures with Santa 12/01.



*Happy Thanksgiving!
To You And Your Family*

