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Principal  
News

# Stinson Elementary 2017-2018

Dear Stinson Families,

Welcome to Stinson! As students begin to move through their 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade years, they are faced with many new challenges. With your support, the teachers will do everything in their power to assist your child with these challenges.

Every student begins the school year with an assignment book that will be used daily. This is the best way for the students to be organized, responsible, and allow you to know what they are doing in school. We ask that you check your child's assignment book, folders, and book bag nightly. Your child's homeroom teacher may also be using their webpage to keep you updated on assignments and activities in the classroom. Children need a lot of parental support and encouragement.

Please do not hesitate to call or stop in to visit. Please e-mail me for quick and easy communication at [Mariani.L@northwest.sparcc.org](mailto:Mariani.L@northwest.sparcc.org). I look forward to working with you and your child throughout the 2017-2018 school year!

Mrs. Mariani, Principal

## Student Fees

**\$65.00**

Student Fees cover the cost of technology, facilities, and consumable materials used throughout the school year. Fees are due September 30, 2017

## Parent Pick Up/Drop Off

Parents will remain in their cars while dropping off children in the morning and picking up at the end of the day. Students will be supervised when entering and exiting the school building.

In the mornings, we ask that you have your child exit the car anywhere in front of the school building. You do not need to pull up to the drop off sign. Dismissing children one at a time causes an increase in traffic and prevents other students from entering the school efficiently and on time. After 8:30, parents will need to park and escort their children to the office to sign in with the secretary.

We are asking parents who pick up their child every day or nearly every day to send in a letter notifying the office. In the afternoon, cars will line up at the very top of the driveway. At 3:10, students will be dismissed to their cars.

All car traffic should remain in the front of the building. Thank you for your cooperation and flexibility!

## **Child Find**

In an effort to serve young people with disabilities, Northwest Local is continually in process of locating and evaluating children from 3 to 21 years of age who are suspected as having a disability. Disabilities may include developmental delays, health impairments, autism, and traumatic brain injury. Individuals may contact the building Principals or Director of Special Services about children suspected as having a disability that may qualify for special education services. Information is available about special education policies and procedures in each building by contacting the building Principal. If you have questions about the above-mentioned process, please call Victoria Hessey, Director of Special Services, at 330-854-2292.

## ATTENTION: Policy Changes in ATTENDANCE

There have been some changes in the school's attendance policy due to **House Bill 410**. Please note that attendance is **calculated by hours instead of days**.

The **student day** is a 6-hour school day for the purpose of absences and truancy.

**Excessive Absence** is defined as:

- 38 hours in a month, excused **or** unexcused absences
- 65 hours in a school year, excused **or** unexcused absences

**Habitual Truancy** is defined as:

- A student who is absent without legitimate excuse for absence from the public school the child is supposed to attend for 30 or more consecutive hours 42 or more hours in one school month, or 72 or more hours in a school year.

After a student reaches 90 hours (15 days) of excused absences, a physician's note will be required for medical verification in order for the absence to be excused. Medical verification means that a physician has treated an illness or injury and has verified to the attendance office that because of the illness or injury, the student was unable to attend school. Official medical notification (which includes the physician's name, phone number, and specific dates of illness to be excused from school) must be submitted to the attendance office upon the student's return to school within two (2) days following the absence. Illness or injury that has not been treated by a physician is not verified.

More information can be found in the Stinson Student Handbook.

## Call Off Number 854-5709

### Call by 9:00

Absences must be reported due to the Missing Children's Act.

### State the following in your message:

Your Name, Your Child's Name, Reason for Absence and Teacher's Name. Request homework, at this time, if needed.

### Send a note when your child returns:

State child's name, date returning to school, date of absence, reason for absence, and signature.



## Important Dates and Times

### NO SCHOOL:

**Teacher In-service Day** September 1st

**Labor Day** September 4th

**Teacher In-Service Day** October 9<sup>th</sup>

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thursday, September 28th

Thursday, October 26th

### Report Cards

October 27<sup>th</sup>

### Third Grade Reading Test

October 24th & 25<sup>th</sup>



### Fidget Devices (spinners)

It is up to the teacher's discretion to allow fidget devices for individual students who are not covered by state-mandated special accommodations or learning plans.