

**Strode Station
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Strode Station Elementary Parent Memo

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SBDM Committees

The SBDM has activated the following committees: Climate, Discipline/PBIS, School Improvement, Safety, Technology, Budget, and Curriculum. If you are interested in serving on one of these committees please notify Ms. Powell. All committee meetings are listed in the Winchester Sun.

Reminders:

- **All visitors must register in the office and wear a visitor sticker prior to entering the hallways. This is for the safety of all students.**
- There will be a \$25 charge for all NSF checks. Non-payment of NSF checks will be prosecuted.
- Lunch charges must be paid promptly. Notices are sent out each week. Alternate lunches will be given to children with excessive charges.

859-745-3094
Please call the Attendance Line number when your child will be absent from school. You may request homework that will be available after 3:00. The line is available from 4:00 PM to 8:00 AM.

SCHOOL NEWS

Attendance: A Key to Your Student's Success

Research shows that children who are in school most of the time do better on state tests. Studies also show that kids who are absent more often score lower on state tests.

Being late for school hurts a child's learning, too. A student who is 10 minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of instruction during the year.

Children can copy notes or make up an assignment, but they can never get back what's most important: the discussions, the questions, the explanations by the teacher and the

thinking that makes learning come alive.

Your child's success in school depends on having a solid educational background—one that can only be gained through regular school attendance.

Strode Station Participates in Recycling Program

Clark County Schools in conjunction with Clark County Waste Coordinator Gary Epperson have begun a recycling program. Our children will be getting first hand experience with recycling. The program includes paper, cardboard, soft drink and water bottles, detergent, bleach bottles, and aluminum and steel cans.

We have been very concerned about the high volume of cardboard and paper waste at Strode. With help from the PTO blue recycling containers have been purchased for each classroom. Plans are being made to get parents involved with a parent recycling drop off procedure.

If you are interested in participating in the recycling project contact Ms. Powell or one of the PTO officers. If we can get schools and parents involved in recycling, this could go a long way to getting recycling going in other areas of Clark County.

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports

We have begun a positive approach to student discipline. Children are taught expectations in all areas of the school. When an infraction occurs, children are retaught the expected behavior. The Strode Station Expectations are:

- **Stay Safe**—Hands and feet to self—Use an appropriate voice level
- **Show Respect**—Follow directions—Use good manners—Treat others as you would like to be treated
- **Engage in Learning**—Be prepared for class—Stay focused

PTO News

Thanks to everyone who participated in the first PTO Chili Supper to raise funds for new computers for our computer lab. Enough money was raised to purchase one computer.


SBDM Council News

The SBDM Council is the decision making organization for the school. Parent participation is needed for each SBDM committee. All committee meetings will be noted in the Winchester Sun Calendar. Please join us.

The next SBDM meeting will be a special called meeting December 10, 2009 at 5:00. If you would

like to receive an agenda or address the council you must call the school 24 hours in advance.

The 09-10 parent representatives are Robert Abner and Vickie LeMaster.

 Teacher representatives are Anitria Coston, Jackie Estes, Jerry Sipes.

School Start Time

The school start time is 7:40. The children must be in their class at that time. If your child is to eat breakfast he/she must arrive by 7:10. This will allow adequate time to eat.


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[http://ilearn.clarkschools.net/
 web/StrodeStation](http://ilearn.clarkschools.net/web/StrodeStation)

E-Mail Club Available

If you would like to receive a copy of the Parent Memo via e-mail please notify Ms. Powell—cynthia.powell@clark.kyschools.us

December/January This is the rotation calendar for our Related Arts (Computer, Library, PE, Music, Art). We no longer have a Monday–Friday rotation. We are using on a 1-2-3-4-5 rotation. Your child's teacher will be sending home a newsletter that states what the number is for each of the Related Arts classes. Each month the Parent Memo

will have the calendar for the following month.

M	T	W	Th	F
30 4	1 5	2 1	3 2	4 3
7 4	8 5	9 1	10 2	11 3
14 4	15 5	16 1	17 2	18 3
21/28	22/29	23/30	24/31	Jan.1
Jan. 4	Jan. 5 4	Jan. 6 5	Jan. 7 1	Jan. 8 2

When there is a snow day the number for the classes will automatically move to the next school day.

If there is school Jan. 4 due to a missed day in December, it will be day 4 in the rotation.

Change in Dismissal Procedure

Notify your child's teacher in writing if there is to be a change in the normal dismissal procedure. For

security reasons we cannot do this over the phone. Anyone picking up a child must be on the Permission to Pick-up Sheet. We ID all persons not known to school officials.

ACADEMIC TIME

We know you value the academic time for your child as much as we do. To protect the academic time for each classroom we do not transfer calls to the classrooms between 7:40 and 2:40. We will gladly take a message and have the teacher return your call. This protects the instructional time, as well as confidentiality. The teachers are willing to schedule conferences before school, during planning time, and after school. If you have any concerns contact your child's teacher for a conference.

Important Dates to Remember

December/January

- Nov. 30—MAP testing window opens
- Dec. 9—PTO—4:30
- Dec. 10 —SBDM—5:00
Christmas Chorus Concert—6:00
- Dec. 14 —School-wide Spelling Bee
- Dec. 18—MAP testing window ends
- Dec. 21—Jan. 3—Christmas Break
- Jan. 4 —Teacher in-service or 1st snow make-up day
- Jan. 13 - Group Pictures
PTO—4:30
- Jan. 14 —SBDM—5:00
- Jan. 15 —School-wide Science Fair
- Jan. 18—Martin Luther King Day—no school
- Feb. 6—PTO Winter Carnival—4:00—8:00
- Feb. 11 —SBDM—5:00

Operation Happiness

Clark County Schools will be participating in Operation Happiness again this year. We will be once again taking care of the canned goods (corn, green beans, peas, soups, baked beans & canned fruit) that will be supplied to 1400 families in Clark County.

Last year our schools did an amazing job and supplied enough canned goods for over 1300 families as well as stocking the shelves for the Community Needs Center. The most canned goods ever collected. The food drive will be Monday, November 30th and will end Tuesday, December 15th. All cans will pick up on Tuesday, December 15th.

A little bit of important information for Operation Happiness. The day of giving will occur on Thursday, December 17th at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Recipient Sign-Ups will be November 23rd through December 9th (Call 737-3636).

Operation Happiness would not occur if it weren't for the hard work of all our volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact John Hearn at John@calverychristian.net or 744-0817 ext 114. Donations of money may be mailed to P.O. Box 574, checks payable to Operation Happiness. The approximate cost of serving one family is \$30.00. Your donation will help pay for turkeys, stuffing, eggs, and other food staples needed for these families.

FRC News

Clark County FRC's will have numerous parenting classes for our Clark Co. parents.

The following Parenting Classes are available:

Dec.1st 6-7 pm @ Clark County Ext. office Topic: Financial I

Dec. 3rd 6-7 pm @ Clark County Ext. office Topic: Financial II

Scholarships and the Christmas Assistance Program are available. In order to participate, you must attend a school function and one of our scheduled parenting classes.

Ros Gay—Strode FRC director—859-745-3932

