



STC Elementary News



Upcoming Events

- 3/10- District Wide Conferences
3:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- 3/12- District Wide Conferences
3:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- 3/13- No School, Comp. Day
- 3/18- Preschool Registration
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
STC Elementary Office
- 3/19- K- 2nd Spring Concert
7:00 pm
STCHS Gymnasium
- 3/20- Bingo for Books
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
STC Elementary Cafeteria
- 3/24- Elementary Spring Pictures
All Day

Dear Families,

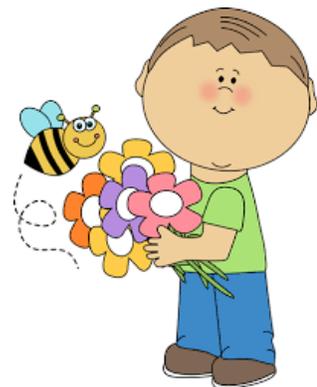
Finally the February weather is behind us! Let's hope for a better March. Thank you for all your patience and support during this time of change to school calendars. We have a busy month ahead! There will be a spring music concert, parent teacher conferences, and ELL testing along with so much catching up on learning! Thank you for all of your engagement to Fall Parent Teacher Conferences, Family nights, and especially all the little things you do at home to keep your child always ready to learn and be encouraged that school is important and valuable. We have the best families, students and teachers at STC and it is such a pleasure to be a part of this school year!

Have a great March and welcome spring!

Sincerely,
Brad Schweppe, Principal
Kris Collins, Asst. Principal

Elementary Spring Pictures

Our spring school pictures will be held on Tuesday, March 24. Picture packets will be sent home with each student the week of March 16. All money must be sent with your child the day of pictures, or they will not be allowed to get their picture taken.



Dr. Seuss and Read Across America Week 2020

South Tama elementary will be celebrating Read Across America and Dr. Seuss' birthday the week of March 5th! We encourage families to participate and read with their children as often as they can! Listed below are our celebratory dress-up days.

Read Across America Dress-Up Days:

Monday, March 5- Crazy socks or mismatched socks (Fox in Sox)

Tuesday, March 6- Animal print or animal clothing (If I Ran a Zoo)

Wednesday, March 7- PJ's & a blanket (The Sleep Book)

Thursday, March 8- Green shirt (Green Eggs and Ham)

Friday, March 9- Stripes, a Dr. Seuss hat, or any favorite hat (Cat in the Hat)



Spring Conference Schedule

March 10

3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

***School will be dismissed 2:30, due to conference schedules.**

March 11

Regular day, no early out

March 12

3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

***School will be dismissed at 2:30, due to conference schedules**

March 13

No School- Comp Day

SPRING CONCERT



THIS SPRING OUR KINDERGARTEN, FIRST AND SECOND GRADES WILL BE HAVING A CONCERT ON MARCH 19TH AT 7PM AT THE HS GYM. LYRIC SHEETS ARE BEING SENT HOME TODAY WITH YOUR NEWSLETTER.

SOME OF THE SONGS HAVE BEEN SHORTENED AND MIGHT NOT "FIT" ENTIRELY WITH A SONG FROM THE DISNEY MOVIE. THE STUDENTS WILL BE WORKING ON MEMORIZING THE SONGS EACH WEEK IN MUSIC CLASS WITH MISS RIPPY. WE STARTED WITH "BE OUR GUEST" FROM BEAUTY AND THE BEAST. YOU MAY HAVE HEARD A FEW LINES THIS LAST WEEK! ONE WAY TO MEMORIZE IS TO READ THROUGH THE WORDS EACH NIGHT. FOCUS ON ONE SONG A WEEK. THE MORE YOU READ THE WORDS WITH YOUR STUDENTS THE BETTER!

HERE ARE THE SONGS THE STUDENTS WILL BE SINGING AND THE ORDER WE WILL BE LEARNING THEM:

WEEK 1: BE OUR GUEST

WEEK 2: K: ZIPADEEDOODAH, 1ST - SUPERCALIFRAGILISTIC, 2ND - UNDER THE SEA

WEEK 3: IT'S A SMALL WORLD

WEEK 4: K: MICKEY MOUSE MASH UP, 1ST - HEIGH HO, 2ND - I'D RATHER BE HAPPY (MUSIC VIDEO SONG FROM MUSIC K8)

WEEK 5: HOW FAR I'LL GO

WEEK 6: K: YOU CAN FLY, 1ST: BARE NECESSITIES, 2ND: CIRCLE OF LIFE

WEEK 7: STEP IN TIME/BE OUR GUEST

THIS WOULD BE A GREAT TIME TO BREAK OUT THOSE OLD MOVIES AND WATCH THEM TOGETHER AS A FAMILY! WE ARE HAVING SO MUCH FUN GETTING READY FOR OUR CONCERT! WE HOPE TO SEE YOU



ELL Graduation Ceremony



These students recently celebrated passing the State of Iowa English Language Proficiency Assessment. The students had to show proficiency in Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing English. They received a certificate and a pen. Congratulations students!!



Friday, March 20

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

South Tama Elementary Cafeteria

**Presented by: South Tama Elementary
Booster Club**

Attention Parents of Future Preschoolers!!

**South Tama County
Preschool
Registration
2020-2021**

March 18, 2020
3:00-7:00 pm
South Tama Elementary

- Students must be 4 yrs old by Sept. 15, 2020
- Questions contact 641-484-3999
- Must Bring: Birth Certificate, updated immunizations
- Optional to Bring: Dental exam, vision exam documents

The flyer includes illustrations of three children, a yellow school bus, a chalkboard, a globe, and a plate of food.

A Note from our Nurse

Lynette Benda, RN, BSN



Let's face it, fevers can be scary for parents. When your child is burning up, it can be hard to think straight and make important decisions. Learning what causes fevers and how to treat them will ease your anxiety and help you take control of the situation.

What Causes a Fever?

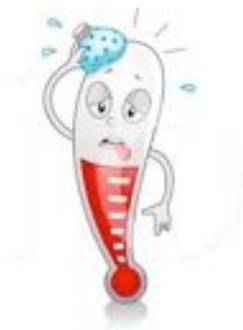
Everyone has his or her own internal thermostat that regulates body temperature, and normal body temperature is around 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit plus or minus about one degree. When the body detects the infection or other illness, the brain responds by raising the body temperature to help fight the condition.

A rectal temperature over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit is considered a fever. It is not always necessary for a child with a fever to see their doctor. It depends on the age of a child and the other symptoms they have.

A fever can't always be detected by feeling your child's forehead. It's usually necessary to take his temperature as well. Although there are numerous thermometers on the market that measure temperature in different areas, parents should use rectal thermometers with their babies for the most accurate reading. Once you have identified a fever, the most important things you can do is to improve your child's comfort and make sure they get enough fluid, so they do not get dehydrated. While you may instinctively want to bring your child to the doctor's office, it may not be necessary, especially if the child seems fine once their discomfort is treated.

Although not every fever needs to be treated, there are some things you can do to help make your child more comfortable.

- Giving your child acetaminophen or ibuprofen will usually reduce a fever. It is important to make sure you give the right dose to your child.
- If your child is under two years of age, contact your pediatrician or pharmacists for the correct dose.
- Do not overdress your child. Other practices to reduce fevers such as an alcohol bath, ice packs, etc. are no longer recommended and can actually have adverse effects on your child.



- A fever will also cause a child to lose fluids more quickly, so offer plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration. Signs of dehydration include crying without tears, a dry mouth, and fewer wet diapers.
- Keep your digital thermometer ready and accessible so you don't have to search for it once your child is ill.
- Have children's acetaminophen or ibuprofen on hand.
- Make sure your pediatrician's phone number is handy.

When to Call the Doctor...

Call your child's doctor right away if your child has a fever and:

- Looks very ill, is unusually drowsy, or is very fussy
- Has been in a very hot place, such as an overheated car
- Has other symptoms, such as a stiff neck, severe headache, severe sore throat, severe ear pain, an unexplained rash, or repeated vomiting or diarrhea
- Has signs of dehydration, such as a dry mouth, sunken soft spot or significantly fewer wet diapers and is not able to take in fluids
- Has immune system problems, such as sickle cell disease or cancer, or is taking steroids
- Has had a seizure
- Is younger than 3 months (12 weeks) and has a temperature of 100.4°F (38.0°C) or higher
- Fever rises above 104°F (40°C) repeatedly for a child of any age

Also call your child's doctor if:

- Your child still "acts sick" once his fever is brought down.
- Your child seems to be getting worse.
- The fever persists for more than 24 hours in a child younger than 2 years.
- The fever persists for more than 3 days (72 hours) in a child 2 years of age or older.

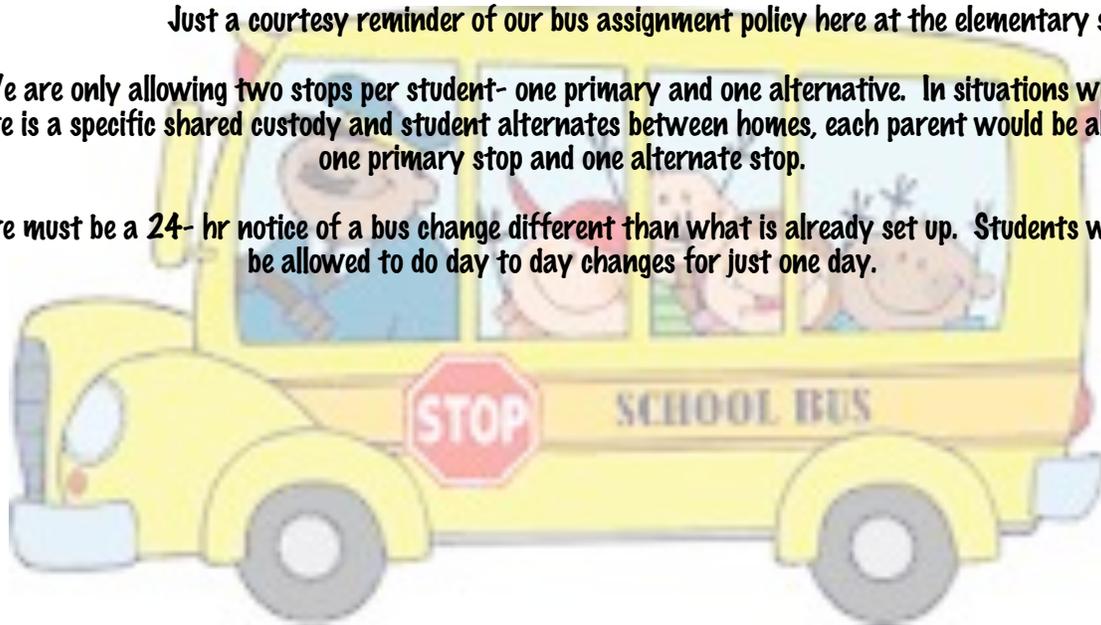


Bus Change Policy

Just a courtesy reminder of our bus assignment policy here at the elementary school.

We are only allowing two stops per student- one primary and one alternative. In situations where there is a specific shared custody and student alternates between homes, each parent would be allowed one primary stop and one alternate stop.

There must be a 24- hr notice of a bus change different than what is already set up. Students will not be allowed to do day to day changes for just one day.



Jump Rope for Heart



On Friday, February 14th, the elementary school participated in our annual fundraiser, Jump Rope for Heart, as a benefit for the American Heart Society.

All students and staff had a fun filled day! Thank you to Mr. Wilkerson for providing the opportunity to participate in this fun event!