

Virginia Stevenson
Elementary
Mad River
Local Schools



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Stevenson Status

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A Note from the Principal....

Can you believe we are almost through a quarter of school. Things are falling into place as each day passes. Kids are learning and following routines, teachers are using student data to guide instruction, and we will start our Ohana groups on Fridays soon. The students love these groups where they build strong relationships with school staff and students from other grades doing activities centered around our Paths curriculum.

Your child's safety, education, and well being still remain our focus at Stevenson. This is why we feel **ATTENDANCE IS VERY IMPORTANT**. Please know attendance is now tracked by the hour and not the day. When students come late or leave early it impacts their total hours. This impacts not only their education, routine, etc., but it could lead to truancy charges for the parent. **It is also very important to call school or send a note with your child when they miss school.** This one little step can possibly help you avoid attendance plans and the truancy process. Doctors notes are very important. We understand you won't take your child to the doctor for every day they miss, but when you do, please ask for a note for school from the doctors office. **Hours excused by a medical note do not count towards truancy.**

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Who's New at Stevenson?

Please Welcome Luke Feerer-Principal intern, Jenny Rowley-Literacy Specialist, and Andrew Sheets-school therapist

STEVENSON MUSIC PERFORMANCES 2023-2024

Our grade level performances this year will again place in the morning rather than evenings so students and parents can enjoy breakfast together after the performance. This hopefully will provide a more intimate setting taking the place of our VIP breakfast. Doors open at 7:40 a.m. We hope you and your student enjoy this experience.

Nov. 2 @ 8:00 a.m.—First Grade
Dec. 14 @ 8:00 a.m.—Third Grade
Feb. 22 @ 8:00 a.m.—Second Grade

Mar. 21 @ 8:00 a.m.—Fourth Grade
Apr. 18 @ 8:00 a.m.—Kindergarten





Calendar of Events

October

- 9 Family Involvement Committee Meeting 2:30
- 9-23 Stevenson Read-A-Thon
- 13 1st Grade Field Trip—Eastwood Metropark
- 17 MRLS STEM Night at Stebbins 5:30-7:30
- 25 35 Ticket Luncheon with Mr. Miller
- 27 PBIS Reward—Dress Up Day
- 27 **2 HOUR EARLY RELEASE—END OF QTR 1**

November

- 30-Nov. 3 Book Fair
- 2 1st Grade Music Program & Breakfast
- 6 Kindergarten Field Trip—Learning Tree Farm
- 7 **NO SCHOOL—PROF DEV DAY**
- 8 Fall Picture Retakes/Make Ups
- 9 Conferences 4:00-8:00
- 10 **NO SCHOOL—CONFERENCES**
- 14 Conferences 4:00-7:45
- 20-24 **NO SCHOOL—THANKSGIVING BREAK**

December

- 2 Breakfast With Santa at MRMS 8:00-11:00
- 4-8 Santa Shop
- 14 3rd Grade Music Program & Breakfast
- 18-Jan. 1 **NO SCHOOL—WINTER BREAK**

January

- 2 Classes Resume
- 11 Skating Party at Kettering Skate World 6-8
- 15 **NO SCHOOL—ML KING DAY**
- 17 35 Ticket Luncheon with Mr. Miller
- 19 **2 HOUR EARLY RELEASE—END**



Parents,

Cold weather season will be soon upon us! Please make sure your child comes to school dressed appropriately every day. Thank you!

Early absences lead to school problems later

You woke up late, and you wonder whether to take your child to school. After all, will one absence matter?

The answer is **yes!** A large-scale review of research shows that children put their entire school career at risk when they are absent in the early years. The learning they miss is hard to make up. Still, it can be a challenge to get a family out the door on time. Here's how:

- Get ready the night before. Lay out what your child will wear. Make sure she has everything that she needs to take to school.
- Allow extra time. Set your alarm clock a few minutes early. Allow yourself an extra five or 10 minutes to get to school.
- Establish routines. Create a chart of the things your child needs to do each day. When it's a routine, she won't argue.

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Stevenson's Family Involvement Committee meets once a month to plan and discuss activities for students such as the skating party, Santa Shop, fundraisers, etc. If you are interested, please join us at our next meeting on Oct. 9 or contact us for more mation.

September Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as their classroom's student of the month. Celebrate your student's outstanding accomplishment!

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| • Avery Rihm | • Jai'Dyn Honaker |
| • Elliana Jones | • Suhani Patel |
| • Kamarion Newland | • Christian Reeves |
| • Sylus Gautreaux | |
| • Jaila Adams | |
| • Isabella Smith | |
| • Colby Houle | |
| • Jayden Smith | |
| • Kyla Still | |
| • Billy Rutledge | |
| • Avery Bruggeman | |
| • Keith Washington | |
| • Tracy Tran | |

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 + BEAT THE FALL RUSH AND SCHEDULE NOW
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- Free or low cost vaccines available to those who qualify.
- Billing to private insurance or Medicaid available, bring your insurance card.
- Parent or legal guardian must be present during appointment.
- Bring patient's shot records, and parent's picture ID.

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(937) 225-4550



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Centrally located in the historic Reibold Building, in downtown Dayton.
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Second grade had fun going on a fall scavenger hunt.



Dayton Ballet Performs at Stevenson

First Grade Classes enjoyed a ballet adventure with classical music and costumed Fairy Tale characters. All students were invited to pose in classical ballet positions. Then selected first graders accompanied Little Red Riding Hood on her journey to visit Cinderella, Alice In Wonderland, The Big Bad Wolf, and The Different Duckling.



We are holding a Read-A-Thon October 9-23

Help us raise money while promoting reading skills and education!
All funds raised are used for our students—spirit wear, field day, assemblies, rewards...

WHAT IS IT?

Read-A-Thon makes it easy, fun, and rewarding to practice reading at home and at school. Friends and family support your child's reading efforts by making a donation to their personal Read-A-Thon page.

HOW IT WORKS:

It's Simple.

1. Create Your Account
2. Share with friends and family
3. Log reading minutes online



HOW TO CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT:

VISIT:

WWW.READ-A-THON.COM/READERS

AND ENTER THE CODE:

3188883

READ-A-THON SPIRIT WEEK

October 9th—13th

Monday: READING TAKES US TO COLLEGE —Wear College Apparel

Tuesday: THIS IS NOT MY HAT—Hat Day

Wednesday: KNUFFLE BUNNY—Bring a Stuffed Animal to School

Thursday: WILD ABOUT BOOKS—Animal Print Day

Friday—LLAMA LLAMA RED PAJAMA: PJ Day

