



Stevens

The IMPRESSIONIST



**October
18th, 2021**

Stevenson's Mission:

To inspire students to strive for excellence through a rigorous, academic and arts-integrated curriculum in a safe, equitable learning community.

Stevenson's Vision:

Exemplify excellence in cognition, character, and creativity.



Important Dates

October

Tuesday, 19th

SAC Meeting, 4:30

Thursday, 21st

Parent/Teacher
Conference Night 4-6
PM.

5th Grade Families Host
Luncheon for Faculty
and Staff

Friday, 22nd

Early Release Day 2:15

Hello Stevenson Parents,

We have finished our first grading period. Progress Reports have been sent home and Parent Conferences are underway. Thursday, October 21st from 4-6 is Parent Conference evening. Please contact your child's classroom teacher for an appointment.

The following week is Awareness Week. Please check out the flyer attached to this newsletter. Then, of course, we have our traditional Mad Scientist Day coming on October 29th!

So many wonderful activities coming! We hope that you enjoy these days as much as we do!!

Mrs. Fleeger and Mrs. Vanderpool

Monday, 25th to Friday, 29th

Awareness Week

Friday, 29th

MAD SCIENTIST DAY



Early Release Day 2:15

November

Friday, 5th

PALS /Volunteer Mtg.

9:05

Picture Retakes

Early Release Day 2:15

Sunday, 7th

Stevenson Fishing

Tournament Ends

Thursday, 11th

Veteran's Day Holiday

For All/No School

Friday, 12th

Out of Uniform Day

Mix-Match Theme

Early Release Day 2:15

Tuesday, 16th

4th Grade Families Host

Luncheon

SAC/R.L.S. Fundraising

Group Meeting - 4:30

Penguin Palooza

The RLS Fundraising group and parent volunteers worked diligently to create a fun evening for Penguin Palooza!! They were successful!!! What a wonderful night had by all!! From games to music, to food the night was an incredible amount of fun!! Many have said it was their favorite Palooza!

We would like to thank all of our parents for coming to this annual event and supporting Stevenson!

We appreciate your help with Arrival and Dismissal!!!

If you are free for an hour in the morning or in the afternoon, and would like to assist with the car loop staging, please sign up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054FABAC2CA1FF2-carloop>.



Stevenson's First Annual Fishing Tournament is well under way!! We already have some beautiful catches to R.L. Stevenson Penguins Facebook Group !

Remember the Tournament runs to November 7th. Please send all pictures to R.L. StevensonFishing@gmail.com

November

Thursday, 18th

Autumn Lights 5:00 PM

Friday, 19th

Autumn Lights 9:30 AM

Early Release Day 2:15

Movie and Game Night

2:15-5:30

Tuesday, 23rd

School Wide Arts Day

Wednesday, Thursday,

Friday 24th-26th

Thanksgiving Holiday

Happy Thanksgiving!!



From the Art Department

Mrs. Sonberg is holding a Traffic Cone Fundraiser to assist with beautifying our campus and purchasing student artwork display frames. There are only a few slots left so if you would like to participate in this project, click the link for the signup genius to reserve your traffic cone!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080848A8AD2BA5F58-artfundraiser>

If you haven't seen the beautifully decorated cones thus far check them out with your next visit to Stevenson's campus. They look awesome and are being used everyday!!

Renewal Applications

DON'T LOSE YOUR SEAT!!!!

It is time to renew your child's seat for the next school year (SY22-23). Please log-on to your family dashboard at <https://brevardflc.scriborder.com/family> to renew your seat for the 22-23 school year. **The renewal application window closes on October 29th.**

This is extremely important in order to ensure that your child can return to Stevenson for the next school year.



Character Trait 4 Recognitions

September

Character Trait
of the Month

Respect

Description

Treating others, the way I want to be treated. Being considerate and honoring the feelings, opinions, and property of others.

	Poyerd	Bella S.
Kindergarten	Hopf	Ezra S.
	Duncan	Ellie K.
	Park	Jericho P.
	Kurtz	Ethan W.
First Grade	Poker	Thanav K.
	Grenon	Nixon G.
	Jarvis	Genevieve W.
	Warren	Shelby W.
Second Grade	Shanks	Lyla W.
	Boyer	Bristol C.
	DeVries	Daniella P.
	Mara	Bryn C.
Third Grade	Sonsini	Scarlett T.
	George	Mason P.
	Robinson	Colby L.
Fourth Grade	Rodriguez	Olivia E.
	Albright	Nellena H.
	Weber	Emmett H.
	Garces	Caleb F.
	Heller	Vyvianna H.
Fifth Grade	Mosseau	Lia B.
	Gibbs	Samantha H.
	Sear	Lily M.
Sixth Grade	Harrigan	Annie W.
	Fenton	Natalia W.

The Horticulture Club

The Horticultural Club continues to make progress. The big news this month was the addition of the raised bed garden. This new garden was constructed from supplies donated by Jo-Ann Principi. Jo-Ann is a Financial Advisor as well as the owner of Fruit Creek Farm. She donated the supplies simply out of the kindness of her heart. This garden allows us to expand our gardens with a new Florida Native Flower Garden and two new vegetable gardens. Thank you, Jo-Ann!

In other news, we are just about ready to fire-up the hydroponic gardens. We have about 100 lettuce seedlings waiting to be transplanted. We also had a "will it grow challenge" where students planted things from their homes to see if they will grow. We planted grape seeds, peppers, potatoes, kiwi, and star fruit. Stay tuned for updates! We have also restarted the compost piles and the worm farm.

The future is also bright! We are looking to add another raised bed garden constructed from used pallets! We hope to use this for peppers and larger vegetable plants such as cucumbers, squash, and other viny plants.

If you are looking to donates supplies, we could use organic potting soil, black cow manure, peat moss, and cypress mulch. If you are looking to join, contact Mr. Hattal for an application form.

Mr. Hattal
Club Monitor

The Gifted Program October Update

Our Gifted Program is operating on all cylinders. With most of the early year testing in the books, we have settled into a routine. Each grade level is taking on separate community projects. Students are learning about coordinating with exterior agencies, addressing the limits of our reach, and getting the best out of limited resources. Additionally, some of our grade levels are participating in the Wonder Project. The Wonder project allows students to research topics of their choosing. They then present their findings to the entire class. This project allows students to develop questions, determine the authenticity of research sites, and prepare and present projects.

The future holds a lot of exciting opportunities for school. Last year, having adopted "every child is gifted philosophy", we are planning several school-wide projects to help engage students outside of the gifted classes. Our next project will be the Egg Drop Challenge II. Look for instructions and requirements soon. We are also planning on two other school-wide projects later in the year.

Mr. Hattal

6 **Angela Barrons**
Literacy Coach



From Ms. Barrons!

Topic: iReady- at RLS - Google Slides

<https://www.loom.com/share/56a9c34b15664ca28a0410d0caf c07b1>

Please click on this link for some valuable information from Mrs. Barrons regarding iReady.



From the Media Center

I wish to thank all of our students, families and volunteers for supporting our successful Scholastic Book Fair last month! New titles are being processed and added to the collection, so be on the lookout for new titles coming home with your students. Please remind your students to handle books with care. Leaky water bottles in backpacks and books don't mix 😊

Wondering what books are available at the RLS Media Center?
Search the catalog here

<https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/5173>

Mrs. Monroe, Media Specialist

First Grade

1st Grade is growing!! We are learning about the basic needs of living things. We are investigating plants and their properties. We are planting seeds and experimenting with plants. The kids are loving the hands-on projects! In social studies we are identifying celebrations and national holidays to remember and honor heroism and achievements of the people, and events, in our nation's ethnic heritage. In math we begin Module 2. I can't wait to see how they feel when they start adding three addends! It's such a big deal, and the looks on their faces are always priceless. In our new Benchmark Curriculum the kids are learning about fables, possessive nouns, proper nouns, narratives, and much more. We recently took the Unit 1 Assessment. We were ecstatic with the results that surpassed the district scores in every domain! Hooray for First Grade!!

Grade Five

Math- Once again our Penguins outshine the district on the End of Module 1 Math Assessment. The district average is 64.8% and our students averaged 84.75%! I am so proud of their hard work. Currently, we are working in Module 2, and the End of Module Assessment is scheduled for October 27, 2021. Videos and powerpoints are posted to our Google Classroom for any student that is absent, needs a review or wants a preview of each day's lesson. Please remember to spend 45-60 minutes each week on your iReady Math Path.

Science-This 9 weeks the 5th graders took two district Science assessments: Water Cycle and Forms of Precipitation. Our students exceeded the district average on both of these assessments. On the Water Cycle assessment our school mastery was 85% compared to the district's 57%. On the Forms of Precipitation assessment our school mastery was 99% compared to the district's 90%. Keep up the great work,

From Mrs. Osborn,
Stevenson's Speech and
Language Pathologist!

Click on this link for her
newsletter!

<https://www.smores.com/z6dhf>

Second Grade

We are in full swing here in 2nd grade and getting excited about our fall learning. We have some fun activities planned for the upcoming Mad Scientist Day. In Reading and Writing we are focusing on how characters face challenges with several different fiction stories and writing opinion essays about what we think of a character. In math we just finished up Module 3 on Place Value and heading right into Module 4 full of strategies for adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers. In Science we are having fun with experiments and videos on the basic functions of our major body systems. We have taken a resting pulse and one after doing jumping jacks to understand our heart and blood. We will be doing wall sits to understand muscles and putting tape around our fingers and trying to pick things up to find out how helpful our skeleton is. Social Studies begins our Unit on "The first Americans" learning about all the different Native American tribes and how where they lived affected how they lived. We are ready for a great 2nd nine weeks!

From Our Grade Levels.....

Greetings families,

We are delving into the second quarter with a full agenda of learning targets that will provide rigor and exciting content. For Math, we are progressing into Module 3 which serves as a foundation for multiplication and division with larger numbers. When the students master these skills, they will feel such pride as this is a vital Math concept that they will carry on with them and utilize in a plethora of ways. For Reading, we are concluding our Literature unit on character analysis and development and will then transition into a nonfiction unit with a focus on government in action. In relation to Science, we will be moving onto flowering plants soon, and will need lilies to dissect, so please email Mrs. Albright at lund.shannon@brevardschools.org if you can assist with this grade level activity.

Science Fair is now coming to the forefront, so please pay close attention to the timeline that was sent home with your child. Their questions are due October 18th. To ease the students into Science Fair, we will be conducting a class Science project to help them become familiar with the Scientific Method next week.

Many students in 4th grade are completing the Wonder project with Mr. Hattal and it has been such an amazing experience for our students to take ownership of a project that they are genuinely intrigued with. Please encourage them and have a reflective discussion with them about their topic.

We genuinely appreciate your ongoing support!

Sincerely,

Fab Four (The 4th grade team)

Kindergarten

Kindergarten has had an exciting month and are adjusting nicely to school. Our ELA has focused on text about plant and animal needs so we have been observing tadpoles and planting seeds. It is nice to incorporate science into our ELA. We have also been learning to draw and label pictures using evidence from the text.

We have just completed End of Module 1 Assessments in Math and the Fall Kindergarten Literacy Survey in ELA. We are so excited to see all of the growth the students have made.

We look forward to Mad Scientist Day and the Pumpkin Patch we are sponsoring.

R. L. STEVENSON'S AWARENESS WEEK

OCTOBER 25TH-29TH

Monday, October 25th

is Red Ribbon Day.
Wear a red shirt to
spread awareness on
the prevention of drug
and alcohol abuse.

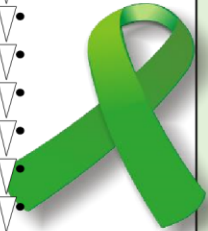


Tuesday, October 26th is
Pink Day. This is Breast
Cancer Awareness Day.
October is Cancer
Awareness Month. Wear
a pink shirt for those
who are fighting against
this disease.



Wednesday, October

27th is Green for Mental
Health Awareness Day.
Wear a green shirt to bring
awareness to mental
health and mental health
issues.



Thursday, October 28th is
Yellow and Blue-Ribbon Day
celebrating Disabilities
Awareness Day. Wear a blue
or a yellow shirt to raise
awareness of the employment
needs and contributions of
individuals with all types of
disabilities.



Friday, October 29th

is Orange Day or Unity Day
for Bullying Prevention Day.

Friday, October 29th is also
Mad Scientist Day. Wear an
Orange shirt or dress as a
mad scientist.



We are
safe, we all
belong!



Access to Resources and Services in the School Library Media Program



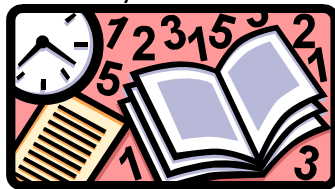
Your school has a wonderful room that houses information on lots of topics, with something special for everyone. That room is the library media center. In it you will find what our school board recognizes as “the center” of the educational program of the school. It provides materials and services that meet academic, technical, personal and social needs of the school community.”

In meeting these needs, the media selection policy makes available a wide range of materials on varying levels of difficulty, with something to appeal to everyone. Many religious, ethnic, and cultural groups are represented in the school library, and specific criteria are used in considering items to be included. Because libraries are forums for information and ideas, books are provided for the interest and enlightenment of all students and teachers.

Many of these books are on various reading program lists, such as **Sunshine State Young Readers’ Awards, Accelerated Reader, Reading Counts, and Florida Teens Read**. Some of these lists also include recommended reading levels. These **reading levels are determined by companies that are selling the book product, and they do not necessarily reflect the appropriate chronological age, developmental age, maturity level, or family values for all students**.

As with all other aspects of a student’s education, parents are encouraged to be involved in a student’s book selections. The books in the media center, whether part of a specific reading program or not, are available for the review of all patrons, but are specifically recommended for none.

Since reading is vital to success in our world, and since we know that the best readers are those who have parents that are involved in their education, we encourage parents to read and review the books your student selects. Come in and visit. Browse the collection of your school media center. You may find just the right book to share with your child.



Book Fair Excitement – A student article

By Talai Nicoli

The book fair is here. The book fair promotes reading and helps the school buy books for the library and classrooms. It gives students a chance to look at several books which can expand their knowledge and provide variety in reading material. Each grade gets time during the school day or morning to see what's there.

I went out and asked a few classmates about the book fair and what gets them excited about reading. The book fair is always exciting. In years past, many people have looked forward to graphic novels. Ones that you may know are The Babysitter's Club or Wings of Fire. These are available this year, and excitement and adventure. Others look forward to gaming novels, such as Minecraft novels or Dreams SMP. SMP means survival multi-player for those not familiar with the terminology. One of my classmates is hoping for language conversion dictionaries or books to help you learn a new language. I personally love buying erasers, bookmarks, and cookbooks.

The book fair has many options and many new selections. So, if you're interested in finding something new to read or something to write with you should definitely check it out. What gets you excited about reading? I'm sure you'll find something at the book fair.

MAD SCIENTIST DAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2021



All students may dress like a scientist!

Parents, please look for requested items your child's teacher may need for this very excited day! Thank you for your support!