

## Principal Message 8-20-21

Stevenson Families,

It has been a full week of learning and fun! Students are getting to know each other and their teachers. Students are learning the ELA routines from our new curriculum that get them thinking deeply about complex text. We also had a nice turn out at our Open House yesterday. If you did not get to participate, please send your teacher an email so they can provide you with their presentation from the evening.

Monday we will begin The Great Stevenson Read-a-Thon. Please refer to your school calendar. Ask your child to show you, on Monday, the bookmark they will receive and jump on-line to set up your child's account for this great fundraising event that supports student reading. The funds raised will go toward the purchase of curriculum enhancements to support student learning and our teachers. The link to get set up is <https://pledgestar.com/rlstevenson/>. Family instructions, should you need them, are available at <https://pledgestar.com/rlstevenson/a/familyinstructions.html>. Take a look at the prizes beginning with a homework pass for sending 10 pledges by Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> to being able to (or at least watch) Mrs. Fleegeer and Mrs. Vanderpool get pied in the face if our school meets the \$20,000 goal. This fundraiser includes many fun reading activities that will be part of our Celebration of Literacy at Stevenson and ends on Friday, September 17th.

Currently Mrs. Jeana, our amazing After School Coordinator, is in the process of recruiting and hiring staff to be able to open up the waitlist. At this time one candidate has been hired, but has no firm start date. She will have to hire one more staff member at minimum to take any students off the waitlist. Currently there are no applicants for this position. Once her staff is hired and trained, she will call families in the order they are on the waitlist to offer them a spot. Please spread the word that Before and After Care is hiring. It is a 5-hour position split between morning and afternoon. Please Contact Mrs. Jeana at 321-454-3550 ext. 51817 for more information or see the BPS job listing.

The RLS Fundraising Group has delivered the pre-ordered masks and magnets to students. If you did not receive an item that you ordered, please contact them at [help@rlsfundraising.org](mailto:help@rlsfundraising.org). Orders for the new Penguin Palooza shirt can also be placed at [Store | R.L.Stevenson Volunteer Fundraising Group \(square.site\)](#). The final day to place your orders for all Stevenson shirt options (grey Kindness, red blue-ribbon, and blue Penguin Palooza) is August 27, 2021.

We had a great turn out at the PALs meeting this morning and thank you to everyone that participated. We have a volunteer that has taken on organizing a new trial morning drop off. Please remember to log your volunteer hours for attending the Open House and/or the PALs meetings.

Lastly, we received some great news that the Dance/Drama Teacher contracts received final approval by the Associate Superintendent of Elementary Leading and Learning. The teachers are arranging their preferred start date. We are excited to continue with our special programming.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Fleegeer

