Message from the Principal

The 2017-2018 school-year is off to an absolutely incredible start! I continue to be so grateful to serve the Stober community and have the opportunity to partner with families as we work together to create incredible opportunities for our students. We have had a busy start to the year filled with school and classroom community building as well as thoughtful learning experiences. From outdoor observation walks in 1st grade to our 4-6 Cardboard Challenge, I am inspired by our students and staff engagement, exploration, and empowerment as learners and thinkers. I am fueled by the energy of all of our students, and have enjoyed welcoming our new Stallions and our Kindergarteners!

Thank You

I want to thank Carlye Gordon and all of our parent volunteers for their coordination of the Stober Fall Plant Sale! It was a tremendous success and we appreciate everyone’s support! Thanks to our PTA in advance for providing snacks at our Curriculum Night as well as everything you have done to support us in a great start to the year!

District Health and Wellness Policy

There have been some changes in our district policy around shared food during the school day. Some of these changes will be effective immediately and others we will work to implement during this school year. Please read below portions of the policy, so that we can all work together this year to support implementation.

Birthdays: Starting at the beginning of the 2018/19 school year, student birthdays will only be recognized with non-food celebrations. Many schools already have similar policies in place. This standard is in place to limit exposure to life-threatening allergens, increase equity related to food sharing, and protect family decision-making around foods consumed. As a school we are working towards full implementation of this policy and appreciate your support this year as we transition into non-food Birthday celebrations. Any shared food brought to the classroom this year will require a food label which lists the ingredients.

School Celebrations: As a school community, we all enjoy the celebration of holidays together in classrooms, such as Halloween, Valentine’s Day, and the Winter Holiday. Moving forward, we must ensure that at least half of the foods provided to students during holiday celebrations will meet a definition for healthier options.

Student Rewards: Schools will not use food or beverages as rewards for academic performance or good behavior. Exemptions are allowed for individual students based on the approval of school leadership.
Hug N Go
I want to thank all of you for continuing to keep student safety our top priority during drop-off and pick-up. I would like to remind you about a few safety guidelines in regards to our Hug N Go.

● The Hug ‘n Go Loop is a moving traffic lane during the morning and afternoon drop-off. No parking or leaving your car unattended is allowed in the Hug n’ Go for any reason during morning and afternoon drop off. We are designating the north curb-side lane of the Hug N’ Go Loop between the driveway and the street as an option for parking at all times.

● Please pull all the way around as far as possible when you are dropping off your child or picking them up after school. This will ensure that there are not large gaps in the curb-side lane. Having a moving traffic lane will allow for a quick and efficient drop-off and pick-up.

● The inside lane around the island is not an option for parking. That lane will be used for cars who are pulling out of the curb-side pick-up lane to exit the Hug n’ Go. There is no stopping in this lane.

● Please drop off and pick up your student from the curb-side lane only. Again, the inside lane next to the island is for cars pulling out of the inner lane to exit the Hug n’ Go. To keep all students safe, please do not drop off or pick up from the inner lane.

● All cars that are parked in the moving-lane portion of the Hug n’ Go during the day need to be moved for afternoon pick-up no later than 2:30 p.m.

I look forward to seeing everyone next Thursday, September 14th at our Curriculum Night from 5-7. This will be a great opportunity to hear about the grade-level curriculum as well as student learning opportunities this year!

Thank You,

Anne DiCola
Principal, Stober Elementary