

Sturgis Elementary

Meade School District 46-1



“To Build Knowledge and Skills for Success Today and Tomorrow”

October 2020

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CHANTAL LIGTENBERG

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

It is great to be back even if we aren't beginning the year with traditional practices. We are trying to take every measure to keep our school doors open. We appreciate the students coming as close to school start time due to the inability of sending them all out to the playground at this time. I want to thank you all for the understanding and support you have all given us during this challenging time.

~Chantal Ligtenberg Sturgis Elementary Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGE: Friday, October 9 was originally an in-service day for teachers. The School Board recently approved to make this a school day. We will have a two hour early dismissal on this day (1:00/1:05 p.m.) to allow for any families desiring to partake in the Sturgis Brown Homecoming Parade.

BLOOMZ: All classroom communication will occur through the Bloomz app. If you haven't set this up, please do so. Please contact the classroom teacher for the specific information.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES: Conferences will occur the evenings of October 13 and October 15. Classroom teachers will have you sign up for your conference slot on Bloomz.

LOST AND FOUND: We have kept all our lost and found from the spring of last year and have added some new items already! We have our lost and found in the front foyer of our building if you would like to come and look through for lost items.

HOUSE SYSTEM: Our ten “houses” within our building have started competing for outstanding behavior points. Each week, the house leading in points will be announced and monthly a table will be decorated in their honor. As things settle down, houses will begin monthly activities. These houses have a mixture of K-4 students and staff. They will remain in this house during their attendance at Sturgis Elementary.

What do I know about my child's teacher? The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) federal education law requires that all parents in a Title I school be notified and given the opportunity to request information about the professional qualifications of classroom teachers instructing their child. Parents may also request information about the qualifications of paraprofessionals if such services are provided to their child. If you are interested in this information, you may send your request to the building principal who will provide a response.

Important

Dates:

October

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Oct. 9-

Homecoming

Oct. 12- No School

(Native American Day)

Oct. 13-

Parent/Teacher Conferences

4-7pm

Oct. 15-

Parent/Teacher Conferences

4-7pm

Oct. 20- Picture

Retake Day



Newsletter Spotlight

Sturgis Elementary School Counselors

Hello and welcome back to a new school year. I am Kristi Ortiz and I am one of the counselors at Sturgis Elementary. I work with students in kindergarten, first grade and fourth grade. Kellie Thomas is here half days and works with second and third graders. We provide many services to students including individual counseling, group counseling and classroom guidance.

This year we are implementing a new guidance curriculum, 7 Mindsets, that students have been enjoying. The 7 Mindsets are based on a three year research effort that began with the simple question: What do the world's happiest and most successful people have in common? What emerged from the research was a set of seven mental habits foundational to an enriched life.

The 7 Mindsets are: Everything is possible; Passion First; We are Connected; 100% Accountability; Attitude of Gratitude; Live to Give and The Time is Now. Here is some information on the first three mindsets we are teaching.

1. The Everything is Possible mindset provides an understanding that we are all capable of extraordinary lives. We learn that everything in existence was once just an idea, until someone believed it was possible and turned it into a reality. Embracing this fact allows one to envision a wonderful life, expect greatness, and effectively execute the process of making dreams come true.
2. The Passion First mindset teaches us that we are each a unique expression of human life, and that our lives should be focused on finding our unique genius and sharing it with the world to the maximum extent possible. You will learn to make your dreams authentic, and of such critical importance that you'll find the fuel to overcome any obstacles you face on the way to achieving them.
3. The We Are Connected mindset helps us to understand that everyone who comes into our lives can help us live our dreams. Through this mindset, we learn to constantly explore synergies with others, embrace diversity, and relish competition that will allow us to maximize our potential with and through others.

We will share continue to teach the rest of the 7 Mindsets throughout the year. If you would like additional information about this curriculum, please reach out to us. There is a parent handout for each mindset.



Scholars of the Month

Kindergarten



Standing: Maxx Lewis, Braunsen Whitford, Austyn Kaufman

Sitting: Leo Pyle, Thaddeus Hoff

1st Grade



Standing: Carter Bestgen, Hadley Werlinger, Maddox Eckhart

Sitting: Bryson Potter, Jada Hanson, AnnaMaria Carroll



Scholars of the Month

2nd Grade



Standing: Kyrian Steely, Landry Wilson, Spencer Proefrock

Sitting: Lily Reindl, Ayla Maguire

3rd Grade



Trevyn Snow, Adrienne Buck, Mason Maag, Jordynn Roache



Scholars of the Month

4th Grade



Standing: Tenlee Koontz, Nora Peldo, Abigail Wetz

Sitting: Burk Potter, Fallon Dinkins