

CATCH A COUGAR

STANLEY ELEMENTARY

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What are the Common Core State Standards and how do they relate to Smarter Balanced?

This spring, our third through fifth graders are taking a new state test called Smarter Balanced, which will measure real-world skills, such as analytical reading, persuasive writing and problem solving, in English language arts and math.

This new state-mandated test replaces previous year-end tests. Instead of using paper and pencils, the tests will be taken on computers. Our teachers have been familiarizing students with the new format to ensure they have the necessary technology skills to take the tests and can successfully demonstrate their understanding of the state's new learning standards called Common Core.

Test Dates:

3rd Grade Math- April 28/29

Finish/Make-ups- April 30th and May 1st

3rd Grade ELA- Completed

4th Grade Math-May 5/6

Finish/Makeups- May 7th and May 8th

4th Grade ELA-May 19/20

Finish/Makeups-May 21st and May 22nd

5th Grade Math-April 21/22

Finish/Makeups-April 23rd and April 24th

5th Grade ELA-May 12/13

Finish/Makeups-May 14th and May 15th

5th Grade Science-April 29th

Tips to prepare your student for state testing:

Become familiar with Common Core standards specific to your child's grade level with the National PTA Parent Guides and OSPI's Your Child's Progress Guide.

Monitor your child's progress with school work and ask teachers for activities to do at home to help prepare for test's and improve proficiency.

Explore the practice tests.

Explain to your child that the tests might initially be more challenging than previous tests and that they're designed to help them succeed after graduation.

For more information check our website:
www.stanleycougars.org

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We are now accepting Kindergarten Enrollment Packets for the 2015/2016 school year. Enrollment Services has aligned the Kindergarten enrollment process with all other grade level guidelines. The purpose is to ensure continuity and equity in our enrollment process. Below are the guidelines for the enrollment process:

- All kindergarteners should enroll at their neighborhood schools
- Parent Initiated Transfer Requests for families opting out of neighborhood schools must be submitted to Enrollment Services for approval. The neighborhood school can provide that form to the families and once completed can send the forms to Enrollment Services. Enrollment Services will notify the families between August and September on the status of their transfer request.

KINDERGARTEN GUIDELINES

*Your child must be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2015. *A copy of your

student's birth certificate or other documentation to verify age.

*Immunization records must be complete in order for students to attend school. *Proof of address

is required. **Enroll NOW! Space is limited!**

PTA

**BINGO NIGHT IS APRIL 24TH
FROM
5:30-8:00**



Food, beverages, Raffle and more....
But the PTA needs your help. Please call the Main Office at 571-4500 if you can volunteer!

PLACEMENT INFORMATION

In May, placement information will be distributed to families. The information will include questions such as:

- What environment your child learns best
- What teaching style you are seeking for your child
- Does your child require special needs and what are those
- Other considerations that will help us place your child

FIELD DAY

June 10th is Field Day at Stanley. This is an all-day event and we need Volunteers!!! If you can help out on Field Day please let the Main Office know at 253-571-4500. Thank you in advance!



KNOWLEDGE CLUB

This winter twelve fifth grade students joined one of our fifth grade teachers, Ms. Pearson, for an after school Knowledge Club. This year the students focused on earth science and the history of transportation. They spent two sessions making volcanoes which they set off after watching a video about Pompeii. The volcanoes used food coloring, baking soda and vinegar to erupt. It was a chemical reaction. The students also made hand built pottery just like they did during the time of Pompeii (79 A.D.). The hand built pottery had to air dry before students could paint them.

The second half of the club sessions focused on transportation, and the automobile, in particular. The class studied the different ways cars used energy and even identified new hybrid models that used combinations of power to be able to operate. Our culminating activity was a Saturday trip using Pierce Transit to visit the very famous Lemay Car Museum, near the Tacoma Dome. The students had a guided tour and were able to see all of the amazing automobiles up close, including solar powered cars!

Here is a photo of many of the students in a car:



LOST AND FOUND

We are needing to do our annual Spring cleaning in April. If your child has lost an item of clothing, please check with the office, **no later**, than May 1st. On May 2nd, we are taking any remaining items to the Goodwill.