



Reminders:

No School:

December 23rd- January 3rd

Music Concerts starting the week of December 7th.

Look on page 4 for times and dates.

STRIDE News

Here at STRIDE we have started a new tradition recognizing our staff. This tradition is the MAGICAL MINION and is a traveling trophy presented from one staff to another staff every month.

This trophy includes a notebook where notes are made and presented to the recognized staff at a staff meeting.

The first pass came from Mandy Sadlo to Steph Leedah. This is what Mandy had to say about Steph (a 6th grade teacher):

“So today we start a new tradition with the Magical Minion. For a minute I thought, does Minion have a negative definition? – So, I looked it up, and among a few other definitions, one of them was “a favored or highly regarded person.” I have so many favorites here, and hold so many in high regard that bestowing this cute little guy to someone specific seemed daunting. My “MINION” is a lady who always makes my heart happy when I see her. She has a calm and loving presence with her students, and has the best interests of her STRIDE family at heart. She always brings the best of her to us every day... She is a leader among us – and we are lucky to have her. My choice for the very 1st Magical Minion is Mrs.. Stephanie Leedah! I love you Steph!. Love Mandy”

We are blessed to have Mrs. Leedah as part of our team. She is excellent with building relationships and always creating learning opportunities in her classroom which engage her students while meeting their needs. Her students represent her high expectations and are leaders in our school. What I appreciate about Mrs. Leedah is her focus on building teams of success with her students, her families, and her 6th grade teaching partners. Thank you, Brett Fechner

STRIDE Student Council

Student Council had the opportunity to host two different opportunities for students to bond outside of the school day. A lot of Sharpening the Saw and Synergizing took place.

On Thursday, October 29th the 6th-8th grade students boogied down at the school costume dance. Around 50 students attended the dance which involved a costume contest and a limbo contest. The winners were awarded gift cards to Walmart. It was a great chance to see students interact in a positive fun environment. Plus we learned what the whip and nae nae are. The money raised was used to pay for the bus for the 7th and 8th grade incentive day trip to the corn maze and hay ride.

The second event was the STRIDE family movie night on Tuesday, November 17th. Families were welcome to come and enjoy one of seven movie choices for FREE. There were concessions sold which gave student council an opportunity to earn money for the upcoming contests and events. There were about 60 families who attended and we raised about \$400 at this event.

The next events are a door decorating contest in school, elections for president and vice-president of student council and the next movie night in February.

THANK YOU TO ALL PARENTS, STAFF, AND STUDENTS who helped or attended these events.

Letter from Brett

Here at STRIDE we have re-energized a past tradition recognizing our staff. This tradition is the PINK PANTHER and it is a traveling trophy presented from one staff to another staff every month. This trophy includes a notebook where notes are made and presented to the recognized staff at a staff meeting.

The first PINK PANTHER recipient is Krista Swenson.

“Krista Swenson is one of the people who I would consider to be a “Big Rock” of STRIDE . She made me feel like this was a place that I could belong when I first started, and even though she may have threatened the Breakfast Laptop with violence from time to time, I could tell right away that she truly cares about our school and the people here at STRIDE. Thank you Krista!”

Written by Steve Swenson (November 2015) – Tech Manager

In addition to these words about – I, Brett Fechner, have complete trust in Krista. As a person she is 100% dedicated to her team and the students. She is always a person who brings a solution with a concern. And, as a professional – when she is given a task – she completes it quickly and to the highest expectations. Thank you Krista for being a dedicated staff member, a dedicated child advocate, and a person many people call a friend – including me.

Thanks,
Brett

Knowledge Bowl

The Knowledge Bowl season has just come to an end at STRIDE. We had 21 students participate at the 5th/6th grade level and 5 students participate at the 7th/8th grade level. We took part in six different meets in our area, including a large meet that we hosted here at STRIDE. Our home meet included 72 teams from twenty different schools. It was amazing to see all of the volunteers come together for this event. STRIDE was able to place in several of the meets that we attended. We are proud of all of the hard work our students put in this Knowledge Bowl season.

Welcome to Kelly Meyer who will be working in the Health Services office. Kelly is an LPN with over 15 years of experience in pediatric nursing. She will be in the Health Services office Monday- Friday assisting parents and children with their health needs. Michelle Hahn, RN will continue to be in the Health Services office 2-3 days per week as well.



March Intercession 2016

Do you have an extraordinary talent? Do you enjoy helping children learn new skills? We are currently searching for parents and/or community members to volunteer their time teaching an activity during our upcoming Intercession in March 2016. If you are interested in teaching our STRIDE students during Intercession or have questions, please contact Samantha Lahr, Intercession Activities Director, by email at slahr@strideacademy.org or phone at (320) 230-5340 ext. 6571.

Be on the lookout for Intercession sign- up forms in February 2016!

Mark your Calendars....

The Geography Bee for grades 5-8 will be Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 4pm..... Location still to be determined. (Probably Library)

The Spelling Bee for grades 5-8 will be on January 21, 2016 at 4pm location to be determined (probably the library). The make-up date for the Spelling Bee in the event of a cancelation will be January 26, 2016.





Drama this year will be starting the week of January 4th. I am excited to announce that STRIDE's Activities and Drama Department has teamed with Great Theater to offer a 6 week drama camp/program. The program/camp will conclude with a performance on Feb. 10 and 11, 2015. There will be a limit of 30 students for K-3 and 30 students for 4-8 for this program. A parent informational meeting will be on December 8th at 7pm in Mr. Schwieters' room, watch Thursday folders for registration and more information.

STRIDE Academy Winter Concert

All Concerts will be held at STRIDE Academy in the WEST Gym

Grades K-1

Monday, December 7

Grade K 6:30 performance
Be in classroom at 6:10

Grade 1 6:50 performance
Be in classroom at 6:30

Grades 2-3-4

Thursday, December 17

Grade 2 6:30 performance
Be in classroom at 6:10

Grade 3 6:50 performance
Be in classroom at 6:30

Grade 4 7:10 performance
Be in classroom at 6:50

5-8 Choirs and 5-8 Bands

Tuesday, December 15

Choir 5-6 6:30 performance
Be in Music Room West at 6:10

Choir 7-8 6:50 performance
Be in Music Room East at 6:30

Band 5-6 7:10 performance
Be in Music Room West at 6:40

Band 7-8 7:30 performance
Be in Music Room East at 7:00

What to Wear?

K-4 Wear your STRIDE uniforms.

5-8 Dress your Best

Concert "Dress Your Best" Rules:

1. Look your best.
2. No spaghetti straps or bare shouldered dresses; please wear a light jacket, shrug or shawl.
3. Skirts must be below fingertips when arms are at your sides. When considering a dress or skirt, band students should remember that they will be seated and facing the audience.
4. Blazers, dress shirts or polo style shirts, ties, dress pants, button up sweaters are all fine.
5. No provocative outfits (this includes tank-tops, short skirts, bellies showing).
6. No WRITING on shirts. NO JEANS, NO SWEATSHIRTS, NO HOODIES, NO HATS.



Girls Basketball grades 6-8 will start the week of January 4th after school, parent meeting for girls basketball will be on Tuesday, December 8th at 6pm in Mr. Schwieters' room. Parents and Players will meet their coach and receive their schedules for the season. Watch Thursday folders for registrations



Brickz 4 Kids (Legos) will be starting on January 13th for grades K-8, watch Thursday folders for more information the week of December 7th.