

# THE PIONEERS POST November/December 2016

## ETHEL WINTERNHEIMER STATON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO



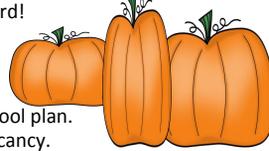
Happy November! What a wonderful month of October we all enjoyed here at Staton. A big shout out to our PTO group and families who helped with and participated in our Trunk or Treat event. It was all kinds of spirited, good fun! The Halloween parade and class parties were colorful and festive with a great parent/family turn out. Thank you to all who sent items in for both of those events and for adhering to our food/allergy guidelines. These guidelines are in place to protect the safety and well-being of all of our students. We appreciate your continued cooperation as we head into more parties and school events for the holiday season.

Mark this on your calendar!! During the week of December 12, 2016, families will take part in Parent-Student-Teacher Academic Planning Time (PSTAPT). The Parent-Student-Teacher Academic Planning Time is a data-driven conference. The goal of the Parent-Student-Teacher Academic Planning Time is to share your child's progress toward being ready by exit and working with you to plan for your child's continued academic success. This is valuable time for families and schools to come together to support students to increase academic achievement, to set goals and to improve citizenship. More Details will be sent home with your child during the week of November 28.

Get involved! As part of the reorganization of the Clark County School District, our school will form a School Organizational Team that includes six parents and guardians (see below information). Members will be elected by a vote of all parents and guardians at our school. Your input is important to the success of our school and students. Please take time to consider how you can be involved in this process and make your voice heard!

### What is the role of the School Organizational Team?

- Provide input on the school performance plan and budget.
- Provide continued advice to the principal in carrying out the school plan.
- Assist with the selection of the next principal when there is a vacancy.



### What are the requirements of Team members?

- Begin attending trainings and meetings in January 2017.
- Serve on the team through September 30, 2017, unless your child no longer attends the school.
- Attend meetings at least once per month, outside of school hours.
- Make decisions with the whole school population in mind.
- Work collaboratively and attempt to reach consensus with the team.

The nominations for the parent members of the SOT team concluded on November 14, 2016. Six parents were nominated for the team. Mrs. Retke, our PTO president, will contact the parents nominated for the team and ask if they accept the nomination. The total number of nominations equalled the number of parent team members; therefore an election will not be conducted. Final team members will be announced soon!

In this month of Thanksgiving, I'd like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to each of you for everything you do to enhance our school, to support our staff and to contribute to the quality educational experience our Staton students receive by being the fantastic parents that you are! I wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving and continued blessings as you enjoy time with your family and friends.

Dr. Joan Lombard, Principal



## SAVE the DATES

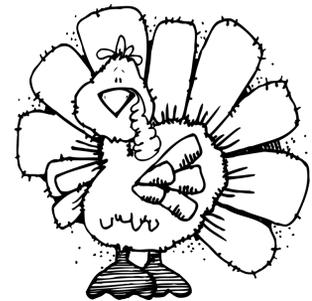
- Nov 18 - Donuts for Dad 8-8:45 am
- Nov 21-25 - Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 30 - Barnes & Noble 5-8pm
- Dec 5-9- Holiday Store
- Dec 6 - Pioneer night: glittering lights
- Dec 9 - PTO meeting, 8:35am
- Dec 19-Jan 2 - Winter break

## DONUTS FOR DADS

November 18th  
8:00-8:45am



## Happy Thanksgiving!



## Staton Elementary's 4th Annual Barnes & Noble Night Wednesday, November 30th



Staton will receive a percentage of sales all day at the store on Charleston and our evening events will include story time, art activities and performances by Staton students. Details regarding the book fair will be sent home with your student. Please come and start the holiday season off with your Staton Elementary family.

# counselor's corner

Magnet Schools are schools with specialized learning themes and CCSD offers these educational opportunities to students in elementary school through high school. A variety of themes are available, including science, technology, engineering, performing arts, etc. The magnet school application deadline is sooner this year – January 10, 2017. Many upcoming community events and open houses will be taking place now through January 5th, so if you're interested in learning about magnet schools and what they have to offer, please visit <http://magnet.ccisd.net> for a magnet school overview, school information, and dates of events. You can complete the online application at [ccsdapps.net](http://ccsdapps.net). If you have questions or need help with the application process, please contact me.

As you know, one of our focuses this year is growth mindset. Through the research that Carol Dweck and others have done, they have found that the way we praise children can have an impact on the type of mindset they develop. The link that follows will give a brief introduction on praising effort vs intelligence. Please check it out and if you'd like to know more about growth mindset, let me know.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWv1VdDeoRY>

Thank you,  
Brian Davis



## Be Kind...



Our Kindness Week is under way! As part of our Kindness Week, students will be given a Kindness Contract with a list of kind acts they can do during the week. Our hope is that as students show kindness, they will see the impact it can have on people, including themselves, and will be inspired to be more kind, more often. Please review the contract with your child and encourage him or her to do as many kind acts as possible during Kindness Week. Also, another part of Kindness Week will include a Coat Drive for students at Kelly ES and Cambeiro ES, and a Coloring for Chemo drive to collect art supplies for cancer patients in the Las Vegas area. Please be on the lookout for more detailed information about Kindness Week. Finally, we will be doing our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Be Kind Angel Tree in December for students at Katz ES and McMillan ES.

## STATON'S HOLIDAY STORE

DECEMBER 5-9TH

Children will be permitted time to go shopping for their holiday gifts! Volunteers needed to work the store!

a reminder that our kids are depending on you to slow-down, be aware and be thoughtful at drop-off and pick-up.



\*Please obey traffic laws and crossing guards.

**\*DO NOT BLOCK CROSSWALKS OR STOP ON WHITE STRIPES**

\*Use crosswalks. Don't jaywalk!

\*Follow drop-off lane procedures and be kind to the parent volunteers working it to keep your kids safe.

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