



The Door

Stellar Academy for Dyslexics – Unlocking the Door of Language

Friday, November 18, 2016



Sometimes being such a small school is tough. But every once in a while I experience a vivid example of what is

good about being small.

Recently I stood unnoticed as I watched the heartwarming interaction between one of our pre-teens and some of our youngest students. The older student was proudly showing the tiny audience his newly acquired treasure and generously sharing it with them. The younger students were delighted with both the generosity and the priceless attention of an older student.

As I stood there, I wondered if this tender moment between a “too-cool-pre-teen” and some “little kids” would have happened so easily at a larger school. I like to think that the unique family dynamics of our small community here made that possible. Am I stretching the point too far? Hard to say, but I liked what I saw.

Warmly,

Beth Mattsson-Bozè, Director

School Events Calendar

- ❖ Nov. 30 Hot lunch
 - ❖ Nov. 21-25 Thanksgiving Break
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- ❖ Dec. 1 Visitor Day - 8:45am
 - ❖ Dec. 5-9 Testing
 - ❖ Dec. 7 Bowl-A-Thon
 - ❖ Dec. 14,21 Hot lunch
 - ❖ Dec. 8 Bookmobile
 - ❖ Dec. 20 Board Meeting
 - ❖ Dec. 22-Jan. 6 NO SCHOOL
 - ❖ Jan. 9 School Resumes
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News

4th ANNUAL BOWL-A-THON-GOAL \$4,000

Bowl-a-thon pledge sheets are going home today. Thanksgiving break is a great time to ask family members to support this fun and educational fundraising event. Students who raise \$100.00 or more will have their \$10.00 participation fee waived!



FOOD & TOY BARREL COUNT

A Food and Toy Donation Barrel from Newark’s Viola Blythe Community Service Center will stand in our front office throughout the holiday season. The Center is a nonprofit, nonsectarian corporation organized to promote, support and advocate social and human services to any person who is in immediate need. Students are encouraged to spend their own money, earn





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extra money through chores or working for neighbors, asking neighbors for donations, and other creative ideas. Let's see how many items our student body can produce without raiding your pantry or wallet.

CURRENT ITEMS COUNT -- 0

READING BUDDIES

For the 2nd year in a row, we have a fun event planned for a day in December with our neighbors across the parking lot – King's Kids Preschool. Stellar students will have an opportunity to use their reading skills to bring pleasure to others. We will cross the parking lot to read Christmas stories to our preschool neighbors. Your children are encouraged to bring their favorite short Christmas stories from home.



EXPERIENCING DYSLEXIA®

On Feb. 22, 2017, 9-11 am, Stellar will host the popular hands-on learning disabilities simulation called **Experience Dyslexia** developed by the Northern California Branch of the International Dyslexia Association (NCBIDA). It is for teachers, medical professionals, parents, and anyone interested in better understanding dyslexia. It is perfect for those who are NOT dyslexic, yet are curious about the processing confusions and distractions of the children they love and serve. Register online – www.stellaracademy.org or by calling Stellar. The cost is \$15.00 per person.



CAR MAGNETS

Please stop in at the office to pick up your FREE Stellar car magnet. Please help us promote our school by displaying Stellar Academy proudly on your vehicle.



LOWER RATE for SMALL GROUP TUTORING

The after school Dyslexia Tutor Center at Stellar is now offering small group tutoring at a lower group rate. The Tutor Center serves students of all ages who are not enrolled at Stellar Academy. Please help us spread the word.



Community Events Calendar

Share Bay Area family-friendly and dyslexia-related events from the community with other Stellar families.

FREE Parent Classes, Children's Health Council, Palo Alto (650-617-3812)

- Upcoming Topics (6:30-8:00 PM)
 - November – **Dyslexia. Suicide. The Brain.**
 - December – **ADHD**

Full Schedule at chconline.org/community-education

Board Meeting

- **Tuesday, Dec. 20th, 6:00 PM**, in the **Stellar Office**. Parents and students welcome.

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