



The Door

Stellar Academy for Dyslexics – Unlocking the Door of Language

Friday, October 7, 2016

Writing – Writing – Writing

Writing isn't taught only during the Slingerland lesson. We are developing writing skills all day long.

I am happy and proud of how widely writing is being incorporated by my staff. In addition to the daily Learning-To-Write portion of the Slingerland lesson, teachers are weaving the Step-Up-To-Writing curriculum throughout the week. Step-Up-To-Writing teaches effective, multisensory writing strategies.



Here are a few examples.

- Friday mornings are Writers' Workshop.
- In Computer class students are focusing on expository writing
- Writing skills are exercised in all subject areas throughout the week
- Combining reflections on Question of the Day and Read Aloud stories into journal writing.

We have big goals this year. All of our kids will be better writers in June than they are today!

Warmly,

Beth Mattsson-Bozic, Director

School Events Calendar

- ❖ Oct. 5,12,19,26 Hot lunch
- ❖ Oct. 13 Visitor Day - 8:45
- ❖ Oct. 18 Board Meeting, 6-7 PM
- ❖ Oct. 27 Bookmobile
- ❖ Oct. 28 Harvest Faire
- ❖ Oct. 31 Wax Museum, Minimum Day

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- ❖ Nov. 2,9,16 Hot lunch
 - ❖ Nov. 3 Visitor Day - 8:45
 - ❖ Nov. 15 Tech Museum Trip
Board Meeting, 6-7 PM
 - ❖ Nov. 17 Bookmobile
 - ❖ Nov. 18 Thanksgiving Feast
Minimum Day
 - ❖ Nov. 21-25 Thanksgiving Break

News

ORDERING PICTURES

Pictures are available for viewing online. Please return order forms by Monday, October 10th. Mrs. Vasquez will be back at Stellar on the morning of Friday, October 14th to pick up order forms and to shoot "re-takes", if any are requested by you.



HARVEST FAIRE DURING SCHOOL

Once again, our neighbor across the parking lot, King's Kids Preschool, has invited us to their Harvest Faire. On Oct. 28th students and staff will attend the faire from 11:00 –12:30. There will be free games, prizes, and more. Pizza, nachos, popcorn, cotton candy, juice and water will be for sale (all items \$1.00). Students may also bring a bag lunch. To purchase a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch you MUST turn in \$4.00 to Stellar, in an enve-





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lope with your name and “pumpkin” written on it, by Thursday, Oct. 20. Prize donations of nut-free candy and non-scary fall stickers may be brought to Stellar office by Oct. 20. Parents are welcome to join the fun! The preschool is looking for a couple more volunteers to run a few game booths.

WAX MUSEUM-OCT. 31



Wax Museum packets have come home. Please read through the packet with your child. These packets will guide students through their project step by step. Mark your calendars! Be sure to join us on

Monday, October 31st starting at 11:15. Moms, Dads, siblings, grandparents and friends are invited. Each student will give an oral report, in costume, on the patio, followed by a 12:30 dismissal.

VISITOR DAY RE-SCHEDULED

The October 6th Visitor Day has been rescheduled for **October 13th**. Visitors wanting to learn more about Stellar are welcome at 8:45 AM. Classroom observation is followed by a brief visit with the Director. Visitors should call the office to register.

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 Parents Class at Morrissey-

Compton, Redwood City. “**Attention: How it Impacts Learning and Ways to Help Your Child Improve**”. Thu, **October 6**, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. [\(650\) 322-5910](tel:6503225910)

FREE Parent Classes, Children’s Health

Council, Palo Alto (650-617-3812)

- Upcoming Topics (6:30-8:00 PM)
 - October – **ADHD**
 - November – **Dyslexia. Suicide. The Brain.**
- Full Schedule at chconline.org/community-education

BAY HILL HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Bay Hill High School in Berkeley educates high schoolers with learning differences. They invite you to an Open House on **Saturday, October 8th** at 1:00. Info: www.bayhillhs.org

Board Meeting

- **Tuesday, Oct. 18th, 6:00 PM**, in the Stellar Office. Parents and students welcome.

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