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## Outstanding Student 2017-2018



A student is selected each year to represent Stevens Primary School as their Outstanding Student. This student was honored by the School Board at their April 10th meeting and gave a brief speech.

The Stevens Outstanding Student is selected for their recognizable qualities in the areas of scholarship, leadership, sportsmanship, and service to school and community.

This year's Outstanding Student is *Jahki Burget*. Jahki was introduced to the School Board where he made a short speech sharing his experiences while at Stevens.

Congratulations to our Outstanding Student!



Congratulations Jahki! We are very proud of you!!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 30 - May 2	Book Fair
May 7	School is in Session Snow Make Up Day
May 17	Grade 3 visits to either Lyco Valley or Curtin Intermediate School, depending where they will attend 4th Grade
May 24	Kindergarten Field Trip Reptiland and Riverside Park
May 24	Grade 3 Field Trip Camp Susque
May 25	WOW Event School Wide Positive Behavior
May 28	Memorial Day No School
May 29	School is in Session Snow Make Up Day
May 30	Grade 1 Field Trip T & D's Cats of the World Penns Creek, PA
May 31	Field Day Grades 2 and 3
June 1	Field Day Kindergarten and Grade 1
June 1	Grade 2 Field Trip Bald Eagle State Park
June 6	Grade 3 End of the Year Assembly
June 6	Last Day of School Early Dismissal at 12:05 pm

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SUMMER

## PTA NEWS



Our **BOOK FAIR** started April 30th.



The hours are:  
April 30 from 9:15 AM to 3:00 PM  
May 1 from 9:15 AM to 3:00 PM  
May 2 from 9:15 AM to 12:00 PM

This year they can be purchased on-line as well.



## ATTENTION ALL PARENTS!

We are looking for people to join our PTA Team.

Nominations are currently open for Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for the next school year. All nominees must have their clearances done by the start of the school year. For more information, check out the Stevens Primary School PTA Facebook page.

Consider joining our team to ensure our students continue to experience all the fun events the PTA sponsors.

If you'd like to run for an office or nominate someone, please attend our next PTA meeting. It will be held on **May 3rd at 7 PM in the Stevens Conference Room.**

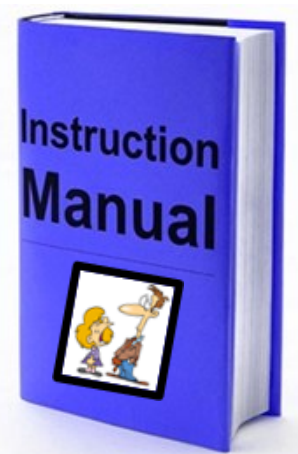
Hope to see you there!



# Counselor's Corner

Sometimes it would just be easier if kids came with an instruction book and a warranty! But, they don't. So, without the instruction book, adults have to help children figure out for themselves how to operate in the world. A big piece of this is to help kids deal with their feelings. Adults can probably count more than one time when we've let our emotions tell us to do something dumb!

Reflective listening can help us show kids their feelings are important and to express them constructively. Reflective listening is an attitude and a skill. As an **attitude**, listening reflectively shows your child that you value him/her, because you are paying attention to their words and their body language. As a **skill**, there are some concrete steps you can take to acquire the skill of reflective listening:



1. **Establish eye contact.** Stop other tasks- this doesn't take very long! Sit down on a chair, bend down or pick the child up, but get at their eye level so you can listen with your full attention.
2. **Hear and define the feeling.** Listen with full attention. Ask yourself, 'What feeling is he/she trying to describe?' Then give them the word for that feeling.
3. **State the feeling.** Now use the feeling you've defined in a sentence. You may have to try a couple times before you're actually able to name the correct feeling.

Here is an easy format to start with - "You feel (*name the feeling*) because (*state the reason behind the feeling*)."

## Examples:

"You feel scared because Mikey got hurt."

"You feel angry with yourself because you made a mistake."

"You feel excited because your cousin is coming over."

"You feel tired and grumpy because you worked really hard."

Once you have reflected back the feeling and the problem that created that feeling, you can help your child find a solution. Remember, sometimes there is no "solution" to a problem and that is OK! Reflective listening + sympathy can be a powerful comfort on its own. It shows love and acceptance – which is way more important to growing up than an instruction manual!

## Homeroom Assignments 2018-2019

Many factors are considered when we establish homeroom assignments for the upcoming school year. As in the past, all homeroom assignments will be posted on our main doors one week prior to the first day of school.

Learning Support students are notified of their assignments by personal letter.



Congratulations to our awesome Third Grade girls for completing their practice 5K for Girls on the Run and embracing the theme "*you are stronger than you think*". Family members, peers, and faculty members cheered our girls on!

## Warm Weather Dress

Warm weather is upon us. Please remember: If the clothing of your child is inappropriate for school to the point of interfering with the educational process, (for example, where other students are distracted from learning, or the teacher is distracted from doing his/her job in an effective manner), the child may be asked to return home to change clothing.

In warm weather, clothing should not be too tight or too short. Children should not wear any clothes to school that have offensive pictures or words on them and/or interrupt the educational process.

Dress inappropriate for school includes, but may not be limited to: short shorts (shorts must be at least mid thigh in length), halter tops, spaghetti straps, floppy footwear, shoes with wheels (heellies), revealing clothing or any clothing or ornament that disrupts the educational process. It is recommended that students wear loose fitting clothing on warm days. Shoes must be appropriate to avoid a safety hazard on stairs and waxed floors. Shoes that do not cover the heel and toes such as flip-flops, high heels, and/or clogs do not provide adequate protection and increase the chances of slips, falls, foot injuries and thus are not permitted.



**Please keep these thoughts in mind when your child dresses for school.**



Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Grove took some 2nd Grade students to Leighton Place to sing and dance with the residents. They had a wonderful time!



Everyone had a great time at Family Fun Night on April 13th!!



Stevens had a WOW Event (School Wide Positive Behavior) on April 27th. Thanks to Mrs. Griswold and Mrs. Nelson for organizing *Drums Alive*. It was very LOUD and lots of FUN!!!

