

March Newsletter



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration week is March 6th-10th! If your child will be 5 years of age on or before December 1, 2023, they are eligible to register for Kindergarten. Even if your child currently attends Pre-K, they must still be registered for Kindergarten. Please call Natalie Relyea in the Elementary Office to request a registration packet if you have not already received one. This can be returned to the office from 9am-3pm all week, by email to nrelyea@stockbridgevalley.org, via fax 315-495-1901 attn: Natalie Relyea, or you can send it in with your child. Please remember that we need a copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of residency even if your child attends our Pre-K program.

Attendance

March is a great month for uninterrupted learning and fun in our classrooms. Attendance is so important for your child's success this year and in the future. Children should attend school every day on time to maximize their learning experiences. The instructional day begins at 8:00 and ends at 2:35. Of course, if they are sick, please keep them home. We look forward to seeing their smiling faces every day!

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STEAM Night

SVCS is hosting the first annual "STEAM Ahead in the Valley," a night of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math on March 16th from 5:00-7:00 pm. Join us in the Cafeteria area for a train themed evening of investigations and activities the whole family, Pre-K through 12, can enjoy. Each family will travel between train stations to compete in challenges such as target shooting with marshmallow cannons, building a musical instrument, papermaking, natural tie-dying, car races, pop-pop boat races and more. With each station visited a hole punch will be given on the students train ticket which can earn them a prize upon completion. We look forward to seeing you all there to support and experience STEAM based education at SVCS!

Due to a limited quantity, a pizza making station will be available for sign up at the door on a first come first served basis.

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Read Across America Week

Students are celebrating reading the week of February 27–March 3. Students are participating in dress up days and having guest readers come into the classroom on Thursday. If you would like to be a guest reader, please contact the elementary office at 495-4550.

St. Patrick's Day

Leprechauns beware! Stockbridge Valley kindergarten students are hard at work on their leprechaun traps. These traps are something that we all look forward to seeing each year. Be sure to check out the website to keep up on the hard work of our kindergarten students!

Staff Office Hours

Communication between home and the school is crucial to student success. We love to hear from you. Parentsquare messages, emails, notes, and phone calls are all great ways to contact our staff at SVCS. Please know that our goal is to contact you within 24 hours of your message during our staff office hours, which are 8:00am – 3:15pm. Thanks for your continued support!



SVCS PTSO NEWS

A huge thank you to those who came out for a very successful paint night. Our next paint night might include split age groups to target everyone!

The PTSO will be hosting the Spring Social March 31st, 4:30–7pm. There will be games, raffle baskets and a cake walk. More information to come this month. We will need parent volunteers to make it all possible!

Upcoming events:

3/6– 3/10: Kindergarten Registration
3/10: Encanto Movie Night–Spanish Club 6pm
3/14: Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm
3/16: STEAM Night 5pm–7pm
3/17 : Superintendent's Conference Day –No School
3/31 : Character Ed. Assembly
3/31: Spring Social 4:30pm–7pm

Step Up

Develop strength to face something difficult.

*This month we are focused on helping students understand that courage is not a magical remedy for fear. Instead, courage is a choice to push through fear, self-doubt, and anxiety to do things that feel hard or frightening. **We are partnering with you this month to grow your child's courage.***

This month's activities will help your child understand that courage can equip them to make a positive impact at home, in school, and in the community.



1 ENGAGE: Courage Role-Play

Discuss having the courage to do the right thing. As a family, role-play situations with your child where they might have to demonstrate courage. For example, role-play what it would look like if they saw a friend being rude to someone else at school. What would they do? How can courage help them stand up for what is right?



2 EMPOWER: Roles at Home

Create a list of household chores. Assign the various chores to each family member. Discuss any additional tools or support needed to accomplish each job. Have a weekly family check-in to celebrate success in completing each job by taking turns giving each family member an affirmation. Rotate chores and ask what additional support is needed.



3 EXCEL: Try Something New

Ask each family member to share something positive they want to do but have been afraid to try. Discuss what fears are getting in the way and steps to overcome those fears. Encourage everyone to try something new this month. Don't forget to celebrate each family member when they do!

Conversation Starters

♥ Think of a friend at school you consider to be courageous. What are some ways they show courage?

♥ Describe a time when you were fearful at school, but you were able to overcome it because of your courage. What helped you to be courageous?

♥ Think of a recent failure at school. What was a lesson you learned from this experience?