



Stone School Snippets

Elementary Report Card Pilot Designed to Improve Communication with Parents

Addison School District 4 will pilot a new standards-based report card in grades K-5 for the 2009 - 2010 school year. The new report card will be called a student learning profile (SLP), which will assess students on learning standards that are identified for each content area. By providing more specific descriptions of the learning expectations and evaluating students on each individual standard, parents can see where the child's performance excels and where it needs to improve.

What is Standards Based Reporting?

- Standards-based reporting provides parents clear information about what their child has learned, what they are able to do, and what they need to learn in relation to the standards.
- This system provides an easy-to-understand student progress reporting tool that merges a traditional format with new standards-based measures.
- Student progress is reported in relation to expected levels of performance at that time.
- Achievement and effort are reported separately.
- Not all report card standards are assessed each term.
- Student achievement is measured in a variety of ways: through observation, questioning, reviewing assignments, testing or evaluating projects, and performance.

Students in 3rd through 5th grades will also receive letter grades each trimester, based on their proficiency in meeting the standards for each content area at that point in time. A student's effort and assignment completion will also be reported separately in each content area and are not reflected in the content area grade. Students will continue to be evaluated on their work habits and social skills.

All elementary schools will participate in this pilot in at least one grade level per building, thus some report cards within your school will look different. An important part of this pilot will be parent education and feedback. Parents of the students who are in these pilot classes have been informed about the new report card and the process of how each standard is assessed and communicated. All other K-5 classes will continue with the traditional report cards for the 2009/2010 school year. The goal of the report card pilot is to identify any areas of improvement necessary prior to launching the new report card for **all K-5 classes for the 2010-2011 school year.**

Questions about the report card pilot may be directed to either your elementary school principal or Dr. Bhavna Sharma-Lewis, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, at 630/458-2500 or bsharma-lewis@asd4.org.

Christine L. K. Pfaff, Principal

September 3, 2009

Dates to Remember

- 9/7 - No School Labor Day
- 9/9 - ACPTA Mtg @ ITJHS, 9:30am
- 9/15 - Parent Information Night
- 10/1 - Robert Crown Parent Information Night, Army Trail at 7pm, for 5th Grade parents
- 10/2 - Early Dismissal
- 10/5 - Mid-Trimester reports to go home today

**-Stone School Tigers -
Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be Responsible**

Recent Cool Tools

- 8/31 - All School Expectations Review
- 9/8 - Fire Drill Expectations
- 9/14 - Hallway Expectations

Online Free & Reduced Meal Applications.

- Faster, Easier, More Efficient
- Immediate determination
- Paper forms are still available in the office

<https://www.freereducedlunch.com/test/Application/start>

ABSENCE: If your child is going to be absent, you must call in the absence. We have 24 hour voice mail.

Call: 628 - 4054

Kelly Miller Circus Tuesday, September 22, 2009 At 4:30pm & 7:30pm

Mark your calendar to attend the District 4 Educational Foundation for Excellence. All profits support educational projects in District 4 schools.

Tiger Stripes Kick Off Assembly

On Monday, 8/31, students and teachers enjoyed a back-to-school kick off assembly which highlighted Stone's Tiger Stripes program sharing school expectations and incentive prizes. This year, Academy Award winners will have the choice between a Tiger Stripes T-shirt or nylon back pack for their prize. Children's Memorial Hospital also attended the assembly for a check presentation ceremony. Stone students presented CMH with a check for \$10,151.

Please join us for Parent Information Night Tuesday, September 15, 2009

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| 6:30 - 6:40 | Welcome & General PTA meeting in the Gym |
| 6:45 - 7:15 | Session #1 Report to your child's classroom |
| 7:15 - 7:30 | Break - Visit the library for PTA information & to meet Officer Brucal our APD Partner Officer |
| 7:30 - 8:00 | Session #2 Report to your child's classroom. This is a repeat of Session #1 to accommodate parents with more than one child. |

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Communication Between Home & School

It's important to keep the lines of communication open between home and school. Every two weeks, Snippets is published as well as other important flyers and information. In an effort to reduce paper use, we are encouraging families to check the Stone School website for the bi-monthly Snippets publication. We understand however, that not all families have access to the internet or that you may prefer to receive a hardcopy.

Whether you are willing to assist us in reducing paper use or you prefer/need a hardcopy, please complete the appropriate form below. Please know that hard copies will be given to the youngest child in the family.

Thank you for taking the time to let us know which manner works best for you.

~The Office Staff

I will check Snippets **online** at <http://www.asd4.org/schools/stone/index-stone.htm>

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Student Name _____ Grade _____
Please list only your **youngest** child

Teacher _____

Parent Signature: _____

Please return to your youngest child's classroom teacher by September 18th.

If you would like to receive a **hardcopy** of Snippets, please complete this box.

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Money went to oncology