



STEVENS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
PRINCIPAL, VENITA DENNIS

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### FEBRUARY

- 1 WE-PTO 4:00 Virtual
- 9 Early out @ 11:20 a.m.
- 14-18 Trash Bag Fundraiser
- 14 Valentine's Parties 2-2:45 p.m.
- 14 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Fourth Grade Patriotic Program @ 6:30 p.m.
- 21 No School
- 25 2nd Trimester Report Cards

### MARCH

- 7 Pulaski Day No School
- 8 WE-PTO 4:00 Virtual
- 14 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Spring Pictures
- 28-April 1 Spring Break. Students resume school Monday, April 4th.

### Preparing Students For IAR

The state IAR assessments, Illinois Assessment of Readiness, are scheduled for April 2022. All students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will be tested in reading/ELA and math. In addition, our 5th grade students will be tested in Science. The IAR assessments are rigorous and can be difficult. Scores are important to Stevens and the 209U District. Stevens has been rated in the top 10% of Illinois based on our test results. Let's keep it up!

It is important to talk to your child about the significance of putting forth their very best effort on the IAR assessments. Provided below are tips to assist your child in doing their very best on the IAR:

- Make sure your child is in attendance at school on the testing days**
- Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep during the nights prior to testing**
- Provide breakfast for your child the morning of the tests**
- Remind your child to ask the teacher questions if he/she does not understand the directions**
- Advise your child to not worry about the test...simply do the best they can**

You may also visit: <https://prc.parcconline.org/> for more information.

### Outdoor Recess

If it is 15 degrees or above, we will go outside for recess. When the temperature is 14 degrees or below, students will stay in for recess. Wind chill and precipitation are also determining factors. Children should wear boots, gloves, hats, coats, and snow pants when appropriate. If your student wears boots to school, please send an extra pair of shoes that he/she can change into for class. Also, students should have an extra pair of gym shoes at school for P.E. class.

## *4th Grade Patriotic Program*

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be presenting their patriotic program, "This is America" on Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the WMS gym. All visitors must be masked. Please enter Door F and exit the main doors.



## ***Jump Rope for Heart***

Our school is proud to partner with the AHA (American Heart Association) to develop strong hearts in our students. SIS families can donate to the AHA to help diagnose and treat heart related ailments by taking part in Jump Rope for Heart. Jump Rope for Heart will take place February 22<sup>nd</sup> through February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Students will be rewarded for their donations with prizes based on the levels they reach.

### **Long Term Planning-**

Spring Break: March 28<sup>th</sup> through April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Students will return to school Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Easter Break: April 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

Last Day of Student Attendance: May 27<sup>th</sup> with 1:50 dismissal. This date is tentative due to emergency days.

### Bags for Buck Fundraiser

We-PTO will sponsor the Bags for Bucks (Trash Bag) Fundraiser, February 14<sup>th</sup> to February 18<sup>th</sup>. Bags are \$15.00 a roll or a case of six rolls for \$80.00. There are a variety of sizes and uses. The bags are typically stronger than store bought. All orders and money are due February 18<sup>th</sup>. Look for the flyer in February.

## February

- 1 WE-PTO Meeting 4:00 pm
- 9 School Improvement Early Dismissal 11:20 a.m.
- 14 Valentine's Day Party 2:00-2:45 p.m.
- 14 School Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 14 WE-PTO Trash Bag Fundraiser-Orders and money due February 18th
- 17 4th Grade Patriotic Program 6:30 p.m. @ WMS
- 21 Presidents Day - No School
- 25 Report Cards

## March

- 7 Pulaski Day--NO SCHOOL
- 8 WE-PTO Meeting 4:00 pm
- 14 School Board Meeting
- 22 Spring Pictures
- 28-April 1 Spring Break

## April

- 4 School Resumes
- 5 WE-PTO Meeting 4:00 pm
- 5-21 IAR Testing grades 3-5
- 11 School Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 13 School Improvement Day Early Dismissal 11:20 a.m.
- 14 3rd Trimester Progress Reports
- 15 Good Friday—No School
- 18 Easter Monday-No School

## May

- 2-6 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 2 Grade 5 Band Concert 7:00 p.m. @ SIS
- 3 WE-PTO Meeting 4:00 pm
- 9 School Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 27 Last day of student attendance-Tentative
- 27 Field Day/Report Cards-Tentative
- 27 Early Dismissal @ 1:50 pm