



## Stagecoach Elementary

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### January 2018

#### Jan. 3

PTO 4p.m.

#### Jan. 10

Spirit Day

#### Jan. 11

Family Math  
night

#### Jan. 16-25

WY-TOPP  
(Reading,  
Math and  
Writing)

#### Jan.17

DIBELS

#### Jan. 24

Spirit day.  
Wear your  
Stallion gear.

Dear Stagecoach Parents and Community Members,

Happy New Year! We hope your Winter Break and holiday season were exciting and filled with family fun! We are looking forward to a wonderful second semester focused on new learning and daily opportunities to grow our students. We are kicking the second semester off with the review of behavior expectations, goal setting and a strong focus on attendance.

During the second semester, staff at Stagecoach will continue with our implementation of *The 7 Habits of Happy Kids*. One of the things we are being intentional about is teaching students to *Think Win-Win*. Students will use skills to find solutions to their problems. Students will have to think out of the box and look at all angles to find solutions.

Please join us at Stagecoach to either volunteer in the classroom and/or help out your student's teacher by doing work at home. This month on January 11 at 5:30, Stagecoach we will be having a family math night. This will be a great opportunity to learn how to help your student out in math. Studies have shown that parents that are active participants in their children's education, have a higher success rate and connection with their school.

Once again, I am so thankful for the opportunity to work and serve the Stagecoach community! My goal is that we continue growing, so that Stagecoach Elementary is a learning environment where students want to come to learn, grow and thrive.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Martin-Palacios  
Principal

## Habit #4 – Think Win-Win

January 8, 2018

Dear Families,

This month your child will spend time learning about Habit #4 – Think Win-Win. In the fourth story from the book, *The 7 Habits of Happy Kids*, students learned about Lily Skunk, who wants a garden. In the story “Lily Plants a Garden,” Lily shares her love of Mrs. Hoot’s garden with her mother. She really wants to have a garden in her yard and she asks her mother for permission to plant her own vegetable garden. Lily’s mother tells her that a garden is a lot of work, she worries she’ll end up doing most of the work, and she really doesn’t have the time right now. Lily is upset, but decides to write a letter to her mother detailing what she will do to help with the garden. Lily shares the letter with her mom, and her mom allows her to plant the garden. Lily is happy to have her garden, and her mom is happy to have fresh fruits and vegetables for the family. They both get what they want, and it is a WIN-WIN for both of them!

Habit #4 – Think Win-Win is the habit of thinking about others as well as yourself. It is the habit of seeking mutual benefit in all interactions. Sean Covey states in the book *The 7 Habits of Happy Kids*, “...life isn’t just about me, and it’s not just about you – it’s about both of us.” Stagecoach students and staff will participate in a Stallion Round-Up activity where each child had the opportunity to watch an online telling of the classic story, *The Rainbow Fish*. The Rainbow Fish has beautiful shimmery scales that he flaunts and will not share with others (this creates a WIN-LOSE situation where the Rainbow Fish WINS and the other fish in the story LOSE). Eventually the other fish stay away from the Rainbow Fish, who becomes unhappy and lonely (this is a LOSE-LOSE situation where there is no benefit to either the Rainbow Fish or the other fish – neither gets what they want or need). At the end of the story the Rainbow Fish learns that it is best to share, and he becomes happier and happier as he gives away his shimmery scales. This creates a WIN-WIN situation where everyone benefits and gets what they want.

During Stallion-Round-Up students will work to create a handprint fish. All of these fish were then put together into a “family fish tank.” Students and staff were thinking WIN-WIN as they worked, and all participants got what they wanted/needed as they worked together to create the fish tank. We encourage you to stop by and see our Habit #4 – Think Win-Win fish tank display!!!

For tonight’s Home / School Connection please encourage your child to retell The Rainbow Fish to your family OR watch it together online at [www.storylineonline.net](http://www.storylineonline.net) (it’s a 6 minute video). You may want to talk about ways the lesson of the story, thinking win-win, can be applied at home, too. Thank you so much for your support from home and for fostering the leader in your child!

Fondly,

~The Stagecoach Staff

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SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 Off	2 Off	3 PTO 4 pm	4	5	6
7	8 Stallion Round-Up	9	10 Spirit Day	11 Family Math Night 5:30-6:30	12	13
14	15	16 WY-TOPP testing begins No Extended Day	17 DIBELS testing	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Spirit Day	25 WY-TOPP testing ends	26	27
28	29	30	31			