

Helen J. Happenings

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/
Guardians,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year. It is so exciting to begin another year with many familiar faces, and several new ones!

This year we will continue to focus on several areas that relate to our vision at HJS which is to prepare students to become participating members of their communities. As we continue to work on daily living, communication, vocational, social, and functional academic skills, please inform your child's teacher if you are experiencing struggles at home as we can assist with developing those skills here at

school and in the community.

We are so excited to continue our Parent Involvement Days at HJS. If your schedule permits, please join us for as many of these events as you can. While Come Meet Your Teacher was again a huge success, we hope to have more families join us for our upcoming Parent Involvement events.

Please also help us welcome some new staff members to HJS: Ms. Claudia Maldonado in Elementary, Ms. Eleanor Gagarin in Secondary, Mrs. Kelly Larson, returning to HJS in Middle; and Ms. Taylor Pfatenhauer in Second-

ary. We also have seven new support staff: Mrs. Harieta Handeva, Mrs. Deborah Sanchez, Ms. leish Melton, Ms. Lilia Castaneda, Mrs. Fredelyn Frank, Ms. Sarah Rojas, and Mr. Anthony Schultz. While these are new faces at HJS, each staff member brings a wealth of experience to us and we are so fortunate to have them join us.

We look forward to a full year of progress and celebrations!

Life is Special at Helen J. Stewart School,

Dr. Patti & Mr. Rick

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Here to Help:
Dr. Patti Schultz
Principal

Rick Fuller
Assistant Principal

Jazmin Espino
Office Manager

Paulette Ford
E. S. Clerk

Dee Lyon
Facilitator

Melanie Crowley
Nurse

Attendance Reminders



Student success depends upon regular school attendance. Help us with your child's success by making sure he/she is here daily, unless ill. Please try to schedule doctor and dentist appointments after school. Remember to follow the absence procedure when your child is ill: Call school and/or send a written note signed by the parent or guardian within three days of the absence. Unexcused absences may be reported to law enforcement as educational neglect or truancy. Please do not send your child to school if they have been vomiting, running a fever, experiencing diarrhea, have discolored nasal discharge, or other ailments.

Please do not send messages through your child's bus driver. It is very difficult to obtain the information.

HJS...Committed to Excellence

Helen J. Stewart Vision

Helen J. Stewart School embraces the vision that all students can develop the skills necessary to become participating members of their communities.

Helen J. Stewart Mission

Helen J. Stewart School provides students with learning activities to develop daily living, vocational, communication, social, and functional academic skills. We believe the use of a comprehensive Community Based Instruction program is essential to the generalization of these skills.



Veterans Day

World War I, known at the time as The Great War, officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For

that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars." An act approved on May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as Armistice Day. Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the

greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines, and airmen in the Nation's history, the Act of 1938 was amended by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Precautionary Measures

The Clark County School District suggests the following precautionary measures for parents and their children. Parents are urged to have frank discussions with their children about the following:

1. Teach your children, regardless of age, their full name, your full name, their address, and phone number.
2. Explain the dangers of being abducted and/or molested.
3. Explain that private parts of their body should not be touched by anyone, and if that happens, to report it immediately.
4. Police officers are to be trusted for help; explain that police can always be identified by their marked car or motorcycle and their uniform.
5. Emphasize the importance of staying close to a parent, relative, or friend when away from home.
6. Explain the importance of noticing and remembering identifying characteristics of strangers, such as their height, hair, eye color, voice quality, clothes, and unusual marks. Also stress the importance of remembering the vehicle description, such as color, size, and license plate number.
7. Stress the importance of protesting and running away if a stranger tries to take your child/children somewhere.
8. Never accept candy, money, or gifts from strangers.
9. Never go into a garage, shed, or alley with a stranger.
10. Never get into a car with a stranger. If a stranger asks for directions, be polite but do not go near the vehicle. If a stranger gets out of his/her vehicle, run away immediately.
11. Parents should occasionally accompany their child/children to school and monitor the area they are traveling.
12. Parents should know who their child/children normally walk to school with and the route they normally take.

Congratulations Top Turtles!!!

August

Michelle A.	Denis S.	Dhomeniq C.
Angie A.	Micjail S.	Joe Anthony D.
Nicole B.	Casey S.	James D.
Derick F.	Ceilia T.	Sterling E.
Azure I.	Ryan T.	Isai G.
Kenelle J.	Nture T.	Camilla J.
James K.	Bryan V.	Matthew K.
Stephen L.	Janae W.	James L..
Kenny L.	Angel Y.	Aaron L.

September

Benjamin L.	Sanjay B.	Luis L.
Damian M.	Breanna B.	Ashley L.
Jacob M.	Nathan B.	Malachi M.
Brianna P.	Aaron B.	Jose O.
Isaac S.	Aldon C.	Matthew P.
	Jacob C.	Frank P.
		Casey S.

Perfect Attendance

1st Quarter:

Nathan B.	Jose G.	Ben L.	Brianna P.
Tyler C.	Isai G.	Cesar L.	Mason S.
Jimmy C.	Taylor H.	Luis L.	James S.
Joe Anthony D.	Ramon H.	Malachi M.	Issac S.
James D.	Kenelle J.	Deon M.	Micjail S.
Sterling E.	Reuben J.	Harley M.	Students received an award and a certificate.
Derick F.	Matthew K.	Jacob M.	
Sindian G.	James K.	Leo M.	

Thanksgiving Day

Following the Mayflower's arrival at Plymouth Rock on December 11, 1620, the Pilgrims suffered the loss of 46 of their original 102 colonists. With the help of 91 Native Americans, the remaining Pilgrims survived the bitter winter and went on to a bountiful harvest in 1621. In celebration, a traditional English harvest festival lasting three days brought the Pilgrims and Native Americans to unite in

a "thanksgiving" observance. George Washington proclaimed this event a national holiday in 1789, Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving to be the last Thursday in November in 1863, and Congress sanctioned it as a legal holiday in 1941.



Helen J. Stewart Calendar

CCSD

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October:

31 Halloween Festivities

November:

6 Election Day (No School)

7 Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)

12 Veterans Day (No School)

13-16 Spirit Week

16 Homecoming Day

19-23 Thanksgiving Week (No School)

December:

3 Tree Decorating

7 Western Day

21 Santa Day

24 Winter Break Begins

January:

7 Winter Break Ends-Classes Resume

What happens to my child when I am not at home to meet their bus?

Students with a disability that require a high level of personal care and/or assistance will, in the majority of cases, be transported to Variety School by CCSD bus transportation. After the bus driver has made every effort possible to transport the student home, the bus driver will place a notification

on the front door of the home notifying the parent of the location of Variety School. If the student has not been picked up from Variety School by 6:00 PM, the student will be transported to Child Haven (Child Protective Services) by CCSD School Police. Parents may be assessed fees (child

care, transportation, ect) upon picking up their child at the after school care program.

