

# Stewart Shuttle

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## THE PRINCIPAL'S POSITION

### Welcome Back

This is such a wonderful time of the school year. It has been so refreshing to see students during open house and the first days of school speed-walking through our doors so excited. Here are a few highlights as we begin the year:

- A very special welcome goes out to all our new students and families. I sure hope you find this a warm and positive learning environment.
- We are here to do what is best for kids. If you ever have a question, praise, or concern, please feel comfortable in calling the school at 319-653-3244.
- If you are looking to volunteer or have an idea in which Stewart School can partner with you, please give us a call.
- Lastly, just a quick introduction. My name is Adam Miller, and I am so happy to be serving as your child(ren)'s principal this year. I can't wait to get to know the kids on a personal level and continue working together with staff to create a wonderful learning environment at Stewart.

The entire staff at Stewart Elementary will be working very hard to make this the best learning environment we can offer for your child(ren). We look forward to a terrific year and are ready to partner with you to make this a fantastic learning experience.

Live with zeal,

Mr. Adam J. Miller,  
Stewart Elementary Principal

## THE GUIDANCE CORNER

My name is Kelsey Sievers and I am the Behavior Interventionist at Stewart Elementary this year. I am thrilled to be a part of the team at the Washington Community School District. I grew up in Washington and attended school here from kindergarten through high school. I graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a Bachelor of Arts in Family

Services and a minor in Leisure, Youth, and Human Services in 2010. Prior to working at Stewart, I worked as a remedial case worker for a non-profit family service agency in Sigourney, Iowa.

As the Behavior Interventionist, I will work closely with teachers, staff, and parents in order to establish positive relationships with students. I will also provide daily encouragement and behavior support for students by creating individual behavior plans or incentives when they are needed. This position is similar to the position Ryan Gratz did such a great job at last year.

I will be focusing on a proactive, rather than a reactive approach to behavior issues. I want to always strive for open and honest communication with parents, teachers, and staff regarding student behavior plans and special needs. I will check-in daily with at-risk students and attend meetings to give student behavior input.

In addition, I will continue to work with teachers, students, and parents to promote our Character Counts program and manage behavioral issues so that Mr. Miller can focus more of his attention on improving student achievement. I'm looking forward to a great year.

Make Every Day Count!

Kelsey Sievers

## IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 5 -1:10 Dismissal

Friday, October 7 -2:10 Dismissal-Homecoming

\*Homecoming Parade – 2:45

\*Homecoming Pep Assembly

immediately following at the square

Thursday, October 13 – Lifetouch Picture Retakes

Wednesday, October 19 – 1:10 Dismissal

Friday, October 28 – No School; Teacher Work Day

## A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

We are off to a great start this fall!!!!!! For those of you that have new students at Stewart, my name is Shelly Hoffman and I am the school nurse. My job at school is to keep your child healthy and ready to learn. My door is always open so feel free to call me or stop in

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anytime!! It takes a team to make sure students are successful at school. My goal is to keep the lines of communication open with parents.

If your child takes Tylenol at school, you will always get a note home stating the time it was given, along with the amount. If your child is on an antibiotic or any other medication prescribed by a doctor, I will be happy to give it at school. Please just send the medication, in a labeled bottle, along with a note. The note needs to include the time and amount of medication to be given.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to call 319-653-3244 and ask for the nurse and I will do my best to help you with whatever you need. Until next month.....

**-- Character Counts Pillars: Respect, Responsibility, Caring, Citizenship, Fairness, Trustworthiness**

**-- We will continue to update you on Stewart news through the Stewart Shuttle newsletter.**

## MEDIA CENTER MESSAGES

### TO THE BOOK FAIR, AND BEYOND!!!

We invite you to come and visit our Scholastic Book Fair this year. It's guaranteed to be an out-of-this-world reading experience. Our universal mission: encouraging kids to read every day so they can lead better lives. The book fair will be open during regular school hours from October 18 through October 24 if any parents would like to come in to visit, window shop, or purchase books. If you are sending money with your child to buy an item from the fair, please put the money in an enclosed envelope with the amount of money enclosed written on the envelope, along with your signature. This way, we know that your child has permission to buy something from the fair. A receipt and any cash back will be sent home in a sealed envelope, as well.

Conference-time Hours:

October 18<sup>th</sup> 4-8 PM

October 24<sup>th</sup> 4-8 PM

We hope to see you there!

Barb Schreur                      Cindy Gonterman  
Stewart Librarian              Media Center Associate

Notes and Highlights

**-- School supervision will begin at 7:45. Please keep students safe by making sure they aren't arriving at school earlier than 7:45.**

**-- 2011 -2012 Stewart Theme: We are a team: Together we are strong.**

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**Save a Life  
Don't TEXT and Drive**