



Stanley Community School News: March 2026 Edition

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The Attendance Challenge for the Month: March “Roar”ness!: Classes are competing to see who can show up the most each week in March. Every Monday, we’ll announce the winners. Half-time scores will be shared on Thursdays and a poster with the week’s matchups is displayed under the Stanley mural! Winning classes will move forward in the bracket and earn a special prize! Please encourage your student/s to be here every day because their class is counting on them!

Morning Breakfast Themes: Preview the topic with your child.

- **Mon:** *Mindful Monday* - Remember to...
- **Tue:** *Giving Tuesday* - Give a smile, compliment, tell a joke. We also have “Talk About It Tuesday”... We pass out conversation starters/questions for students to discuss at the table.
- **Wed:** *College Wear Wednesday* - Share a fun fact about a future career idea. We also have “Riddle Me This” Wednesdays..I give riddles for the students to read and if they guess correctly, get a prize.
- **Thu:** *Thankful Thursday* - What are you thankful for...
- **Fri:** *We Belong Here Friday* - include a new friend in a game or activity. We also have “Would You Rather” Fridays...I pass out would you rather questions for students to discuss.

Lunchtime Chess Mentoring – Tuesdays

Chess mentoring takes place during lunch recess on Tuesdays. Ask your student if he or she signed up! Mr. Binnix from the Garden Grove Elks Club is sharing his chess expertise with interested students. We are also eagerly awaiting our new chess sets and timers that were generously donated through Donors Choose. The students are very excited—and so is Mr. Binnix!

Structured Morning/Afternoon Recess – Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

Students in grades 1–6 are enjoying structured recess activities such as badminton and Velcro toss-and-catch. These activities have been a big hit! If you are interested in volunteering to help monitor a small group of about 10–20 students, please reach out.

Crafting Tuesdays & Thursdays – Recess and Lunch

Students absolutely love arts and crafts! With just some paper and colorful, sparkly markers, they happily create all kinds of art. Next week we'll be introducing origami! If you enjoy arts and crafts and would like to help manage the arts table, please let me know.

Tigers Care Club (Kindness Club) – Wednesdays during Lunch

Students in grades 1–6 are spreading kindness by making kindness bookmarks and positive affirmation bookmarks. They've also loved creating beaded bracelets! Our two wonderful volunteers have many more creative ideas planned, including making hats, college-themed T-shirts, and modeling clay mugs. Ask your student if they are part of the Tigers Care Club! If you'd like to volunteer, we would love to have you—the more the merrier.

Flag Football Clinic – Fridays during Lunch Recess

Friday, March 6 was our first day of Flag Football for interested students in grades 1–6. Two amazing volunteers helped mentor students and organize the fun. If you are interested in helping with this activity, please reach out.

TK/Kindergarten Fun Fridays

During Friday recess, our TK and Kindergarten students also get to participate in fun activities like coloring kindness bookmarks and making beaded bracelets—just like the older students! We already have a volunteer helping, but if you would like to join the fun, please let me know.

Volunteer Opportunities

Families, if any of these activities interest you but you cannot volunteer on the listed days or commit regularly, please still reach out. These activities are flexible, and we can work together to find something that fits your schedule.

There are many ways to volunteer—it's not only about giving your time. We may also need supplies or materials.

If you are interested in volunteering or supporting our activities in other ways, please contact me:

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Thank you for helping make our Stanley community stronger for our students!

 **New! Pastries with the Principal in April:** Join us for a special morning session in April to learn about the Garden Grove Career Technical Education, [GGUSD CTE](#).

- **Guest Presenter:** Dr. Ulises Garcia
- **Bonus:** Bring another Stanley parent and receive a **free prize!**

Tips of the Month

- **AVID TIP *Organizing Myself!** Students are reminded to make and keep a schedule/routine in the morning and at bedtime. Students are encouraged to ask themselves, “Do I have these 5 things before I go to school/go home?” Some students are using Agendas/Planners to keep organized too.

- **Parent Connection Corner: Focus on the "10-Minute Reset."** Dedicate just 10 minutes a day to follow your child’s lead with no phones—just play or talk. This small pocket of time builds the emotional security they need to handle stress.

Community Resources

- **Stanley Tiger Den Care Closet:** Clothing and food support as needed. Email dredenbaugh@ggusd for information or if you are interested in donating.
- **Father Engagement:** Weekly Zoom classes. Visit allforkids.org/father-engagement-program/ or call 323.369.1573.
- **Westminster Family Resource Community Food Distribution** on 4th Friday every month 11:00-12:30 PM, first come, first serve, at 7200 Plaza Street. Call 714.903.1331
- **Fresno State Parent University** March 2026- No Cost Virtual Classes-Starts week of March 9.. Register Today- Call 559.278.0719 fresnostate.edu/parentuniversit
- [GG Family Resource Centers](#)- We are closest to Brookhurst FRC and Westminster.