



Stanley Community School News: April 2026 Edition

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The Attendance Challenge for the Month: March “Roar”ness!: What an incredible championship round! While Mills’ class put up a strong fight, **Crites’ class** pulled ahead to become our **March Roariness Attendance Champions!**

Thank you to all our Tigers and their families for participating and making this challenge such a fun way to celebrate the importance of showing up to school every day. Crites’ class will be notified of their special prize soon!

Morning Breakfast Themes Continue: 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. Our students are eager to use the new chess sets and timers that were generously donated through Donors Choose. Students enjoy playing against Mr. Binnix!

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

Students in grades 1–6 are enjoying structured recess activities such as badminton, velcro toss-and-catch, and relay races. 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.

More Volunteer Information on the Following Page!

Check it out!



Arts & Crafts Table- Tuesdays & Thursdays – Recess


Our students are getting creative with everything from sparkly markers to origami! Over the next few weeks, we are diving into our **"No Place for Hate"** activity: *Bee an Ally for Kindness and Inclusion*. Students will share messages of kindness on paper honeycombs and bumblebees.

Volunteer Opportunity: If you'd like to help manage the arts table during recess, we'd love your support!

Tigers Care Club (Kindness Club) – Wednesdays during Lunch

This month, the "Kindness Club" is busy crafting **motivational backpack clips** with glitzy beads and bows. During testing week, club members will "sneak" these onto backpacks to give their peers an anonymous boost of encouragement!

Join Us: Ask your student if they've joined the club! We are always looking for more parent volunteers to help with these projects—the more the merrier.

 **Crafty Wednesdays during Lunch Recess-** A huge thank you to our parent volunteer for sharing her amazing art supplies and talents! Recent raffle winners have had a blast decorating tumblers, hats, and pencil pouches.

The fun continues this month! Tickets are handed out randomly to students who arrive at school on time—so encourage your student to be here daily for a chance to win.

Want to help? If you'd like to volunteer at the craft table, please let us know!

Flag Football Clinic: Fridays during Lunch Recess

It's been a fantastic month of flag football! Our students have been highly engaged, showing great respect for the game and staying mindful of the rules during friendly matches and drills. We are so proud of their sportsmanship!

A Big Thank You: We have two amazing volunteers currently mentoring our students and organizing the fun. If you'd like to join them in helping with this activity, please reach out!

TK/Kindergarten Fun Fridays

Our TK and Kindergarten students are having a blast during Friday recess! This month, they'll join our **"No Place for Hate"** initiative by coloring kindness bees. They will also enjoy outdoor creativity with chalk art, bubbles, and water painting.

Join the Fun: We already have one wonderful volunteer, but we'd love more hands to help with these active stations. Please let us know if you can join!


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.

Let me know if you have other activities you would like to try with our students too!

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!

Tips of the Month

- **AVID TIP : Master the “Three-Pass Method** to stay confident and focused:

Successful test-taking isn't just about what you know, but how you manage your time! Encourage your student to use the **Three-Pass Method** to stay confident and focused:

1. **First Pass:** Answer all the easy questions first. This builds momentum and ensures you get points for what you definitely know. Answer all the questions though!
2. **Second Pass:** Go back to the questions that made you pause. Use "Process of Elimination" to cross out answers you know are wrong.
3. **Third Pass:** Tackling the "Brain-Busters." If you're still stuck, look for clues in other questions—sometimes the answer to one question is hidden in the text of another!

AVID Goal: Organization and Inquiry are key! Taking a deep breath before each "pass" keeps the brain sharp and ready.

Parent Connection Corner: Conversation Starters

This month, as our students focus on being "Kindness Allies," try asking your student these questions at home to reinforce what they're learning at the Arts & Crafts table:

- "What is one way you saw someone being a 'Kindness Ally' at school today?"
- "If you could design a motivational clip for a friend, what would it say?"
- "What's one thing you're proud of accomplishing this week?"

Home-School Partnership: We value your feedback! If there are specific topics or resources you'd like to see featured in this corner, please reach out to us.

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** April 2026- No Cost Virtual Classes-Starts week of April 27. Register Today- Call 559.278.0719 fresnostate.edu/parentuniversit
- [GG Family Resource Centers](#)- We are closest to Brookhurst FRC and Westminster.