



Stanley Community School News: May 2026 Edition

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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 in room 40/The Tiger Den. 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 enjoy playing against Mr. Binnix and with one another using new chess sets and times!

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 a toss it-tower game. 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.

Arts & Crafts Table- Thursdays – Recess


Our students are getting creative with everything from sparkly markers to origami!

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

Tigers Care Club (Kindness Club) – moved to Tuesdays during Recess

This month, we are painting more kindness rocks to add to our rock garden. The rocks will be dedicated to our fantastic Stanley teachers and staff. The students will discuss other ideas for the kindness club.

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! Lucky students loved making tote bags.

The fun continues this month! We'll be creating more cups and pencil pouches and hats for the 6th graders!

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. They are having a great time just being able to play the game.

A Big Thank You: We have three 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 will try playing Dragon Tails and maybe try jumping rope skills. We might try bubbles and chalk again too- they had such fun and were so respectful to the volunteer.

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:

 **714-663-6484**

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Tips of the Month

- **AVID TIP: Study Tips and Strategies for Home**

***Create a "Launchpad" Routine:** Help your student set up a consistent, quiet space with all their supplies ready. Even 15–20 minutes of focused work in the same spot each day builds a powerful habit.

***The "Teach-Back" Method:** Instead of just reading notes, ask your student to explain a concept to you as if *you* are the student. Teaching someone else is one of the most effective ways to solidify learning.

Parent Connection Corner: Growth Mindset vs Fixed Mindset

1. The Power of "Yet"

One of the simplest ways to shift a mindset is by adding one small word. When a child says, "I can't do this math problem" or "I'm not good at soccer," encourage them to add "yet."

- Action: Create a "Yet" poster for the fridge. Every time someone in the family feels frustrated by a challenge, they have to rephrase it: *"I don't know how to do this... yet."*

2. Praise the Process, Not the Result

Instead of focusing on "being smart" or "being talented," highlight the effort, strategy, and persistence that went into a task.

- Try saying:
 - "I noticed how you kept trying different ways to solve that puzzle!"
 - "I love the colors you chose for this—you clearly put a lot of thought into it."

3. Share Your Own Mistakes

Kids often think adults are perfect. Modeling a growth mindset by showing how you handle your own "fails" is incredibly powerful.

- **Dinner Table Talk: Start a "Mistake of the Day" tradition.** Share something you messed up on, what you learned from it, and how you'll try differently next time. This normalizes mistakes as a necessary part of learning.

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-You Don't Want to Miss!

- **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 June 8. Register Today- Call 559.278.0719 fresnostate.edu/parentuniversit
- **GG Family Resource Centers-** We are closest to Brookhurst FRC and Westminster.
- **Brookhurst FR: Community Resources:** Obtain information on available resources and services in the community such as food assistance, clothing, parenting classes, citizenship classes, tutoring, and mental health counseling. **May 6 from 9:00-10:00am.**
- **Career Exploration and Work Based Learning through Career and Technical Education (CTE).** **May 12 from 9:00-10:am at the Brookhurst FRC.** 9821 William Dalton Way. GG 92841
- **Magnolia Park Family Resource Center** has so much going on!- The FRC offers counseling, parent education, family support services, emergency assistance, Domestic Violence Personal Empowerment Program, and so much more. Call for more information **714-741-5222** or MagnoliaParkFRC@factoc.org
- **Dad & Me In Motion** event at **Magnolia Park FRC.** **May 16 from 9:00-1:00 PM.** Call to register: **714-741-5222.**
- **AltaMed: Dental Care for Families-Magnolia FRC.** **June 1, 16 & 29 and July 14 & 27.** Make an appointment today: **714-338-0513.**
- **The Power of my Voice** Support Group- Free 4-week support group facilitated in English, focusing on how to identify, create, and implement healthy boundaries. Starts **May 7. Thursdays from 5:30-7:00 PM at Magnolia FRC. Childcare is provided.** Call to register and learn more. **714-741-5222.**
- **Financial Empowerment Workshop Series-** Thursdays from 9:30-11:00am. Starts **May 14, 21, 28, June 4 & 11. Sessions will be offered in Spanish.**
- **Growing Up Garden Grove-** Free program for parents or caregivers with children to 5 years old! gugg@bgcgg.org or call 714.741.5222 (Office) or 657.877.1921 (Cell) for more information.
- **Free Development Screening on Friday, June 26** at the **Magnolia Park FRC** from **8:30AM-12:30PM.**
- Join us for **Garden Grove Unified School Districts 60th Anniversary Celebration** on **Friday, May 15 from 4-8PM** at **Bolsa Grande High School Stadium!**