



**STAPLEY JUNIOR HIGH**

# **SABERCATS NEWS**

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Stapley Community News

## **A Note From The Principal,**

The weather has been so beautiful this fall that it is hard to imagine winter break is almost here. The winter holiday traditionally brings both lists and celebrations to mind so we will join in with some of our own. Stapley students have accomplished much in this first semester and will continue to grow throughout the spring. The following student accomplishments have all been achieved during the first semester at Stapley:

- \*The number of students on Honor Roll remains very high and reflects the hard work of the students and effective teaching in our classrooms. Congratulations!
- \*The number of students with perfect attendance and no tardies is 173, the highest in three years.
- \*Girls Volleyball had a very successful year with measurable growth from the start of the year to the final game. The girls cross country team took first place this fall and the boys cross country finished third. The cheerleading squad performed terrifically this fall including performing outstanding routines during games and at pep assemblies. Our Football team showed enthusiasm and character throughout the year. Even though the wins didn't stack up the boys grew into fine young football players. The girls and boys tennis team's finished their seasons with winning records. National Academic League has won every regular season game and reigned as the city champs for the past three years.
- \*Stapley students and parents again were recognized for their charitable donations to food banks. Another exceptional year of giving.
- \*Band, Strings and Chorus students have delighted audiences with their concerts and continue to grow with each performance.
- \*Stapley Drama classes were outstanding in their performance of "Locomotion, Commotion, Dr. Gorilla and Me."
- \*Stapley students continue developing tight relationships with staff and have grown new relationships with peers in each of the three grade levels.
- \*Individual students have had a chance to shine through their roles in Student Government, National Junior Honor Society, Photo club, Hiking club, Good Morning Stapley Announcements, C.I.A. club, Builders club, Baseball club, Football club, SJH club, Magic club and French club.
- \*Winter sports are currently underway with our students participating in Girls and Boys Basketball, Wrestling, and National Academic League.

Accomplishments like these give you a feeling for the fine effort put forth by our student body. We are all grateful for the talented students that walk through our doorways every day. The Stapley staff is looking forward to building on these accomplishments throughout the spring.



***Ken Erickson, Principal***

## Got Drugs?



America is very much a pill-oriented, quick fix society. Today's teens are getting mixed messages. When taking pills, it is important to balance the risks, and benefits of each drug. Over-the-counter medicine usage is on the rise, and many kids reach for a pill to take care of every pain or discomfort, even when these ills are minor. Needless administration of drugs can lead to unnecessary side effects. Kids today are not aware of the long term consequences of frequent medications. Lifestyle changes, such as diet and exercise, can offer profound, safe, and natural fixes for many of their complaints. It is the policy of the Health Office to encourage kids to eat well, exercise regularly, and get adequate sleep. In addition, the school nurse functions within the framework of an educational institution and adheres to its policies.

## Traffic Flow and Campus Safety

The Stapley Safety Committee, in conjunction with our building security, *Gary Puls*, *Linda Maresca*, and *July Horne*, have been working on the traffic flow issues around the campus. These issues include student drop off and pick up, maintaining our fire lanes and bus drop off areas for both regular routes and special education routes.

The parking area in the front (south) of the building is used as a drop off and pick up area for our special education buses. These are limited parking spaces. We have redefined those spaces for visitors and handicapped. This will free up some spaces for visitors. Once again, curbside parking is not allowed in this area. This is a fire lane and a ticket may be issued for stopping in this area. Please, if you need to drop off a student, do so in the back lot. The front lot is for drop off and pick up of handicapped students only. When dropping off and picking up students in the back parking lot, please follow the signs. Please do not park and wait for your child in the traffic lanes; proceed to the parking lot. The volume of traffic, both automotive and pedestrian, at the end of the school day is so great that we are concerned for your child's safety. If everyone follows the rules, our traffic flow and safety will be improved.

The intersection of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and Hermosa Vista is dangerous for our students. Please remember to obey school zone speed limit signs which instruct all drivers to remain under the 15 m.p.h. limit.

**Our purpose is to provide a safe situation for all our students. We appreciate your support.**



### Extracurricular Activity Donation

<b>Extracurricular Activity Donation</b>		Phone No. _____
Contributor/Taxpayer _____		
Address _____		
STREET	CITY	STATE      ZIP CODE
<b>School Name(s)</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Total Amount Contributed</b>		→
The above payment is eligible for the Arizona state income tax credit as allowed by Arizona Revised Statute §43-1089.01. For tax year 2006, the tax credit is limited to \$400 for married couples and \$200 for individuals. A receipt will be mailed to you for tax purposes. Donations are nonrefundable by the school district. Please consult your personal tax advisor to determine the application of the credit.		
Please make checks payable to: <b>Mesa Public Schools</b> Send to: ECA Tax Credit, Mesa Public Schools, 63 East Main Street, 101, Mesa, Arizona 85201-7422		
<b>Paying by Credit Card</b>		
Paying by credit card – please go to our secure site <a href="http://www.mpsaz.org/pay">www.mpsaz.org/pay</a> and select ECA State Tax Credit Donate On-Line. If you do not have Internet access, please complete this section.		
<input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard	<input type="checkbox"/> VISA	Card Number _____
Expiration Date: _____	Signature _____	

## Builders' Club News

Builders' Club is a service group on campus which is sponsored by the local Kiwanis Club. The club members and their sponsors select projects to help the needy in our community. This worthwhile club sponsors many different events for the members.

Builders' Club has been busy recycling paper at our school. We donated pies for Thanksgiving to the Salvation Army to feed the hungry. We joined our efforts with the Superstition Kiwanis and gave lots to the cause. We are now doing Christmas for some special Christmas angels in need.

Si necesita comunicarse en **Español** acerca de la escuela o preguntas de matricula, por favor llame al 472-2781 y pregunte por **Mrs. Frances Hernandez.**

### NEWS FLASH

Please visit [www.ideal.azed.gov](http://www.ideal.azed.gov) for excellent *state prepared* AIMS review and practice tests!

## Chemical Spraying

Mesa Public Schools requires all schools to provide adequate notice prior to pesticide application, which is done by an outside contractor. In accordance with ARS 15-152, the District is required to:

- Provide instruction for students who will be absent because of pesticide application on school property.
- Post the areas scheduled to receive pesticide application. Maintain written records of pesticides application and notification

The Stapley groundskeeper sprays an herbicidal product such as Roundup for weed control. All campus lawns and sports fields will be spot sprayed during the school year on Thursdays and Fridays as needed. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the use of pesticides and herbicides at school, call the school office.

## Give Us Your Best Shot!

This year the photo department is challenging all parents and students to submit their favorite photographs (digital or print) taken at Stapley events. This includes all events and club activities that students are actively involved in. We want this year's yearbook to reflect a wide variety of events, students, and activities. If you are submitting a photograph or digital image, please include the name of the photographer, the event, and date. Photographs will not be returned, so you may want to consider digital images. If you are submitting a digital image, please make sure the camera is set at the highest resolution and shot with a camera over 3 mega pix. Images can be emailed directly to the yearbook staff at [rldahlk@mpsaz.org](mailto:rldahlk@mpsaz.org) or copied to a CD. So get those cameras ready and get shooting!

## Great holiday gift idea

"Stormbreaker" by Anthony Horowitz.

This year's One Book  
Stapley



## No Balloons Please

Balloons made of latex can cause a latex sensitive person to react merely by being in the same room with a balloon or passing one in the hallway.

Stapley JH is one of the only Mesa schools that strive to be latex free.

Individuals with latex allergies can have a mild reaction such as an itchy, red, swollen rash that appears only on the skin when actually touched by latex. Severe reactions involve blocked airways, swelling of the throat, drop in blood pressure and life threatening consequences. We have individuals with both types of reactions at Stapley.

Latex balloons are not allowed at Stapley.

## 2006-2007 Stapley Boys Basketball Team.

Jonathan Boehme  
Tyson Lane  
Matt Gulbrandsen  
Jordan McLelland  
Tylor Hardy  
Nathan Perkinson  
Brad Heap  
Reece Scurr  
Parker Ipsen  
David Shockey  
Brent Izenberg  
Colton Winward  
Devin Izenberg, manager  
**John Huckelberry, Coach**



## 2006-2007 Stapley Girls Basketball Team

Jacqueline Arbid  
Katie Glauser  
Dashia Enos  
Jessica Garza  
Angela Graves  
Briaunna Guthrie  
Whitney Hardison  
Tasha Jondahl  
Shelby Jones  
Calleen O'Neall  
Jordan Purdue  
Sadi Rensch  
Hailee Vuncannon  
Marissa Jimenez, Brooke Reeves  
Jessica Ruffenach, Julia Rhieu  
managers  
**Lori Stockman, Coach**

## Intramural News Flash

### Softball Clinic!!

December 26th – 29th: at Mesa High School for 7th and 8th grade girls. Cost to be \$40.00 per participant (there will be limited fee assistance available – need to contact Recreation Department for more specific information). Skill development time with tournament on the last day. Registration forms will be available on site very shortly.

### Could Soccer make a comeback?

If student interest (7th & 8th grade boys and girls) is sufficient and program details can be worked out, soccer may return to the Mesa intramural program.

If all can be accomplished, we may see soccer become our third season – right after the conclusion of season two, flag-football / volleyball, ending on March 7th. It would be a short season, maybe only five weeks, and only to test the waters for future planning and implementation.

If you think you would be interested, please e-mail coach Sesich at [rasesich@mpsaz.org](mailto:rasesich@mpsaz.org). We are trying to get an idea of numbers for tentative planning.

Due to increasing athletic costs there is an admission charge for all freshman sporting events.

Adults/Students without ID	\$2.00
Students with ID	\$1.00
Students with Activity card	No Charge

## Intramural Sports - Season TWO Flag Football for the Boys and Volleyball for the Girls

**Season runs from January 22<sup>nd</sup> thru March 7, 2007.**

**Registration starts December 18<sup>th</sup> and runs thru January 18, 2007.**

[Fees: \$36.00, \$18.00 (Reduced Lunch), and \$9.00 (Free Lunch)].

**Orientation meeting for all parents and all participants will be on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, @ 3:45pm in the Stapley Cafeteria.**

**7<sup>th</sup> grade teams** will have their 4:30 games on Mondays beginning February 5<sup>th</sup> and will practice on Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning January 24<sup>th</sup>.

**8<sup>th</sup> grade teams** will have their 4:30 games on Wednesdays beginning February 7<sup>th</sup> and will practice on Mondays and Tuesdays beginning January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**ALL Boys Flag Football Games will be played at City of Mesa's Red Mountain Soccer Complex.**

**ALL Girls Volleyball Games will be played at a site yet T.B.D.**

**Questions? See Coach Sesich, Boys P.E. Department, @ 472-2833 or at [rasesich@mpsaz.org](mailto:rasesich@mpsaz.org)**

## 2006-2007 REGISTRATION TIMELINE

### High School (Mountain View & Westwood)

- January 10 Mountain View counselors here during English classes,  
 January 19 Westwood counselors here during 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> period in the career center.  
 January 16 Mountain View Parent Orientation and Information Night (7:00 p.m., Mountain View auditorium). Direct questions to **Joan Shotts** (472-6915).  
 January 18 All registration forms for **Mountain View due** (Turn into English class).  
 January 22 Westwood Parent Orientation Night at Westwood  
 January 23 All registrations forms for **Westwood due** (Turn into counseling office).  
 January 30 Red Mountain Information night (6:30 Red Mt auditorium). direct questions to the **Counseling office** (472-8030).  
 February 2 Open Enrollment forms due. (Return to your high school of choice).

### Stapley JHS (Registration through English classes).

- January 29 7<sup>th</sup> grade going into 8<sup>th</sup> (registration packets explained and sent home).  
 January 30 8<sup>th</sup> grade going into 9<sup>th</sup> (registration packets explained and sent home).  
 February 1 Stapley Parent Information Night (6-7:30 p.m., auditorium).  
 6:00-6:30 p.m. incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders.  
 6:45-7:15 p.m. incoming 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders.  
 February 5 All registration forms needs to be turned into English classes.

### Feeder Elementary Schools

- January 22-26 Stapley counselors will go to elementary feeder schools to explain and distribute registration forms to 6<sup>th</sup> graders who will attend Stapley next year. Registration needs to be returned to the elementary school by February 5th .  
 Counselors will return to elementary schools on February 6<sup>th</sup> to pick up completed registration forms.

## NON-DISTRICT-SPONSORED TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY

French teacher Mary Evans and TSA Tours proudly announce the Europe 2007 tour, Mediterranean Mosaic, a tour of Spain and France. This two week tour features the soulful magic of Madrid, Toledo, and Barcelona, followed by the incomparable beauty of the Provence area of southern France and the French Riviera. There's even a three day Paris extension. For information, e-mail Mrs. Evans at [mevans@mdlp.org](mailto:mevans@mdlp.org).

## 2006 -2007 Student Council Roster

### Student Body (9<sup>th</sup> grade)

*Taylor Allen – President*  
*Annika Huish – Vice President*  
*Leslie Ward – Secretary*  
*Jessica Flynn – Treasurer*

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Officers & Representatives

*Matt Gulbrandsen – President*  
*Marla Borchardt – Vice President*  
*Kristina Babos – Delegate*  
*Marissa Stoker – Delegate*  
*Chandler Willman – Delegate*  
*Jessica Glauser – Representative*  
*Shelley Buchannon – Representative*  
*Brooke Waldie – Representative*  
*Aaron Forrest – Representative*

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Officers & Representatives

*McKay Randall – President*  
*Jessica Ahlstrom – Vice President*  
*Ashley Fillerup – Delegate*  
*Natalie Fielding – Delegate*  
*Alex Stinson - Delegate*  
*Lindsay Landvatter – Representative*  
*Savannah Stapley – Representative*  
*Emily Clifford – Representative*  
*Michael Kiene – Representative*

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Officers & Representatives

*Abby Tucker – President*  
*Paige Tingey – Vice President*  
*Meghan Fiero – Delegate*  
*Hannah Jackson – Delegate*  
*Cami Shreeve – Delegate*  
*Jessica Curtis- Representative*  
*Andee Waldie – Representative*  
*Kelli Wickerman – Representative*

*Advisor: Dana Dobson*

## Family & Consumer Science News

Our students are the best...They enjoy learning and applying what they learn to real life experiences. Thanks parents for your good students.

**Introduction to Family** classes have learned about basics of food preparation the first nine weeks. Students have now completed their first sewing project the *Drawstring Tote Bag*. Students did a great job for first time sewers. We will now be starting on our "jams". We are all excited and can't wait to see the finished garment.

**Foods, Choices & Cultures** experienced Indian Fry Bread presented to them by their very own classmates, Leasha Emerson, Celestine Pedro, Christal Carmona, and Kyrilee Wood. The demonstration was very well done and the Fry Bread was excellent. In the very near future, students will be exploring cultures from around the world and tasting some of the cultural foods.

**Life Skills** has learned about money management, along with goal setting and applying these skills to their own lives. We are now into the foods portion of the class, studying nutrients, healthy food habits and enjoying the different foods prepared in class. This is a teen survival class...the skills learned here help students throughout their lives.

## Counselor Classroom Presentations

**Seventh** grade students were educated to recognize aspects of bullying and harassment. They were taught the steps to take if they are harassed or if they see others being harassed.

**Eighth** grade students formulated tentative career and educational goals while planning their four years of high school during the DECISIONS UNIT. Students learned decision-making and goal-setting skills that may be applied in both academic and personal arenas.

**Ninth** grade students reviewed diploma options and credits and updated their four year plans in preparation for tenth grade registration in January.

## Reach For the Stars

Stapley students demonstrated their commitment to remain drug, alcohol and tobacco free at the Rock Climbing Wall. On Thursday October 26, during all three lunches, students gained entrance to the wall by signing pledges to be drug, alcohol, and tobacco free. Over 300 pledges were signed.

## Open Enrollment Deadline Nears

Students who plan to switch schools or continue with open enrollment status during the 2007-2008 school year have until February 2 to apply under the MPS Open Enrollment Program. If openings are anticipated, selection is based on criteria established by each school administrator. Applicants who are accepted will be notified prior to May 31. If space is insufficient, applicants will be placed on a waiting list. Excess capacity will be reviewed during the third week of the 2007-2008 school year and quarterly. Obtain more information and an application at your school or at the District's Community Relations Department, 63 East Main Street #101 (472-0223) or [www.mpsaz.org](http://www.mpsaz.org).

**BAND IS KOOL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** Our December concert is Thursday the 7th at 7:00 pm. Come and support the band students with an evening of great music. Remember to check our web sight often as there is important information for all.

## Ninth Grade Project Mesa Education for Sexual Awareness Information

This year all ninth grade students will have the opportunity to attend Project M.E.S.A. It is a four-day presentation taught during science class periods. Project M.E.S.A. continues to be an abstinence only program. In two of the four sessions, boys and girls are taught **separately**. The curriculum presented will encourage sexual abstinence before marriage and emphasize the possible consequences of teenage sexual activity, including pregnancy and STDs (sexually transmitted diseases). In the remaining two sessions, the boys and girls are taught together. These lessons focus on dating violence, respect for one another, and healthy relationships. The exact order of each session may vary due to availability of space to accommodate the students.

Ninth grade instruction for Project M.E.S.A. is an **Opt-Out** program. Opt out requires parents who **DO NOT want their child to participate in these classes to notify the school**. We know this is a very sensitive topic and encourage you to discuss it with your child. We want you to have a complete understanding of the program so you can make an informed decision regarding your child's participation.

To help you further make your decision regarding this class, teaching materials will be made available at Stapley Junior High on December 4, 2006. To review these materials, please call Ms. Hernandez 472-2781.

The 9<sup>th</sup> grade Project Mesa program consists of two 2-day sessions. The first session will be held January 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in the auditorium. The second session, February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> will be in science classrooms. For any further questions, contact Kay Russell 472-0266 at the Science and Social Sciences district office.

### **BULLETIN, BULLETIN, BULLETIN**

Please check in the bookstore for misplaced items that may belong to you. Any items left at the end of the semester will be donated to needy families.  
Thank you.

**Mark your calendars  
Spirit Days:  
Every Wednesday  
Wear  
your Stapley shirt!!!**

### **Scare Fair**

Thank you to all the parents who made the Scare Fair another great success. Our clubs were able to raise money and our students had a great time. It seems that every year it gets bigger and better. A special thank you to **Karen Zaharis** for all her hard work in overseeing the event. We appreciate all your efforts.



### **Call Homework Hotline**

If you need some help with elementary, junior high or high school math, one service of Mesa Public Schools is Homework Hotline, where you can get help with your math problems.

Homework Hotline is available throughout the school year. MPS teachers are on the phone and on camera with access to math textbooks used at every school. Homework Hotline hosts also pose problems of the day for prizes.

For telephone assistance, you can call Monday through Thursday, elementary students call between 4-7 p.m., while junior high and high school teachers are available from 5-8 p.m. Call 472-0093.

If you prefer on camera answers to your questions, tune to cable TV channel 99 and call 472-0093, Monday and Wednesday. Elementary programming is available from 6-6:30 p.m. and secondary instructors will be on camera from 6:30-7 p.m.

The MPS Educational TV Department sponsors Homework Hotline.

## Block and AA Sophomore English Tests

Attention any ninth grade student (currently in the advanced or regular English programs) interested in testing for the Accelerated Sophomore English Program: According to the MPS District Course Description Catalogue, students must take an entrance exam to qualify for AA Sophomore English (offered at all high schools) or the Sophomore Block Program (offered at Mesa High, Mt. View, and Red Mt.) The essay test will be offered once at each of the high schools. It is recommended that students take the test at the high school they expect to attend, but they may take the test at any site. The essay test will be offered according to this schedule:

Tuesday, December 5	Skyline Cafeteria 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
Tuesday, December 5	Red Mt. Cafeteria 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
Thursday, December 7	Mt. View Cafeteria 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
Thursday, December 7	Westwood Cafeteria 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
Saturday, December 9	Dobson Cafeteria 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
Saturday, December 9	Mesa High Cafeteria 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Students will be tested on the organization, clarity, and depth of thought of an original persuasive essay. They should bring their own paper, whiteout, dictionaries (not electronic), and thesauri. It is imperative that any student who wishes to apply for the honors English program attend one of these testing sessions.

Students will also complete an application, including a section of recommendation which teachers will complete. These forms will be available from the students' English teachers. In addition, AIMS and Terra Nova scores will be used as an indicator for placement.

Registration for the 2007-2008 school year will take place at Stapley by the end of January for current ninth graders. High school counselors, who will be registering students, will have a list of those qualified through the entrance exam and other factors.

For further information, call **Mrs. Miller at 472-2715.**

## NAL MEMBERS 2006-2007

Congratulations to the 2006-2007 NAL team!  
This year's team members are:

Preston Alder	Jayne Gosney
Katie Biegel	Kendra Grimes
Jay Brooks	Keith Heiner
Matthew Brown	AJ King
Scott Carter	Kyle Nelson
Will Cutshall	Tyler Ratledge
Paige Davis	Lynn Reinger
Connor Gadek	Sarah Toller
Olivia Gardner	Jacob Washburn
Team Manager: Brittany Price	

This year has the makings of yet another Championship team! Games are played most Wednesday's after school beginning in January, so come and cheer the team to victory.

A special thanks to **Coach Jacob Davis**, Assistant Coaches Cheryl Stone & Mark Knudsen, judges Sheri Gold-Foreman and Darleene Miken, scorekeeper Pam Sarbo for all their efforts.

## SIAC

All School Improvement Advisory Council meetings are held from 4:00 to 5:00 in the Stapley conference room. We invite you to attend. Upcoming meetings are February 5, March 5, April 2, and May 7.

## WRESTLING TEAM

### Brian Viola, Coach

Jacob Cahoon, Dallas Clark, Jorge Davalos, Jacob Desimone, Kyle Hitchcock, Tate Huber, Tyler Johnson, Ryan Jones, Preston Larson, Broc Leonhardt, Ian Manuel, Alex Martinez, Landon Meadows, Joel Perez, Kenneth Person, Tyler Reeves, Isaac Thruston, John Wilson, Benjamin Wolfe.

## GO STAPLEY CHORUSES!

The Stapley Choruses started the year with an excellent concert in October and are looking forward to future performances! Some of our upcoming events include:

Dec. 4*	Mon	7:00 p.m.	Stapley Auditorium	All
Dec. 5	Tues	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stapley Assemblies	All
Jan. 19	Fri	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stapley Auditorium	Adv.
Mar. 6*	Tu	7:00 p.m.	Stapley Auditorium	All
Mar 8	Th	7:00 p.m.	Mt. View Area Festival	Adv.
May 4 (5?)	Fri/Sat	All Day	ACDA Festival Flagstaff	Adv. (Int)
May 8*	Tu	7:00 p.m.	Stapley Auditorium	All
May 9	Wed	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stapley Assemblies	All

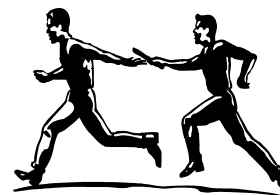
If your son or daughter has not yet tried chorus, encourage them to take part in this program to enhance their junior high experience! It is very important to get into the chorus program early and to learn the basic skills that are necessary to move on to more advanced groups. Studies show time after time that students who are actively involved in the performing arts do better in their academic classes.

Keep sending in those inkjet cartridges to Mrs. Colburn! Help the Stapley Choruses and help the earth, too. We appreciate it greatly. Many thanks to those who have been sending them to school.



Don't forget...there is still time to make an ECA donation to the Stapley Choruses this year and we really need your help! We are trying to raise enough money to purchase a 5'9" Grand Piano for the Stapley Auditorium. The cost for this will be approximately \$15,000. Please consider helping us! Make a donation that will help Stapley students for many years to come! Donations may be turned in directly to the Stapley Bookstore, mailed, or made on-line at the Mesa Public Schools Website. Make sure that you designate "Chorus" as the recipient. Please check the MPS website for details or call **Mrs. Colburn at 472-2808** if you have any questions.

Mesa Public Schools  
Encourages all interested 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Boys and Girls to Participate in Our City-Wide  
**JUNIOR HIGH TRACK MEET**  
Boys- Thursday, February 15, 2007  
Girls- Thursday, March 8, 2007  
@ Mesa High School @ 4:45pm  
(District will provide bus transportation to and from)



\*\*See Coach Sesich (Boys P.E.) for registration information.\*\*

## **A Message from the School Psychologist**

### **Keeping Teens Safe on the Internet: Guidelines for Parents**

More than 30 million children in the United States use the Internet on a regular basis and often they are better at using the Internet than their parents and teachers. However, the Internet can be very dangerous. In fact, the results of a recent national survey indicated that one in five youth is sexually solicited over the Internet annually. Social networking or blogging sites such as MySpace, Friendster, Xanga, and Facebook may be putting your teen in danger.

### **Parent Strategies for Internet Safety**

- Establish a parent-child Internet use contract.
- Place computer in a public location such as a den as opposed to a child's bedroom.
- Discuss the dangers of face-to-face contact with someone met online.
- Teach your child to avoid sending personally identifying information (e.g., real name, address, school, telephone number, photos, family member names) via the Internet.
- Install privacy filtration software (e.g., Net Nanny5).
- Supervise/monitor Internet friends.
- Monitor the amount of time your child spends online and frequently check the computer's Web browsers, which provide information on the websites that have been accessed.
- Set the Internet browser security feature to "high."
- Know your child's passwords, screen names, and all account information.

### **Teen Strategies for Internet Safety**

- Never give out your home telephone number, address, or school name over the Internet.
- Never give out any information about your family, such as where your parents work or the names of your brothers or sisters.
- Don't use your real name in chat rooms and always use a "nickname."
- Never meet someone you have talked to on the Internet unless your parents approve and come with you to the meeting.
- Never send pictures of you or your family over the Internet without your parents' permission.
- Don't open email or download files from strangers.
- Tell your parents if anyone is threatening you or using bad language.
- Always keep in mind while talking to people on the Internet that they are strangers and some strangers can be dangerous.
- Obey your parents' rules about being on the Internet, including obtaining their permission to sign on and download material.

Jane E. Ahler, Ph.D.  
School Psychologist  
Stapley Junior High School

Adapted and modified from National Association of School Psychologists article [Keeping Children Safe on the Internet: Guidelines for Parents](#)

## CTE (Career & Technical Education) COMPUTERS/BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

Do you enjoy learning on computers? Do you enjoy a challenge? Do you want to improve your reading and problem solving skills? Do you want to improve your ability to follow written and oral directions? Do you like to work independently with guidance? Do you like to work or learn about various software programs such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Keyboarding software, Online Testing software, etc. Consider signing up for a Computer-Business class for the 2007-08 school year. The classes below are very valuable for junior high, high school and beyond!

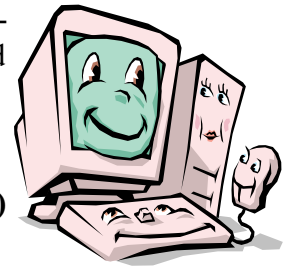
### **CB02 Computer Essentials (7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, or 9<sup>th</sup> graders)**

Students will learn computer applications and concepts needed for success in junior high, high school and beyond. This is a hands-on course in which students will improve their keyboarding and numeric keypad skills. Emphasis will be on word processing (Word) and Internet Explorer with an introduction to spreadsheets (Excel), presentations (PowerPoint), desktop publishing (Publisher) and Voice Recognition software.

### **CB03 Computer TICS**

**(Technology Integrations Into Core Curriculum Standards)**  
**(7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, or 9<sup>th</sup> graders) Prerequisite CB02 or CB10**

CB03 is a hands-on course which reinforces state academic standards. Students will use technology in conjunction with subject area content. Activities will include word processing, internet research, reports, PowerPoint presentations, Excel spreadsheets, charts and graphs.



### **CB04 Web Creations**

**(Technology Integrations Into Core Curriculum Standards)**  
**(8<sup>th</sup>, or 9<sup>th</sup> graders) Prerequisite CB02 or CB10**

In Web Creations, students will learn how to create dynamic, yet vibrant, web destinations using web authoring software. Students will have the ability to work in a single environment to quickly create, build, and manage websites and Internet applications

## **Stapley Students Earn Service Hours**

During the summer many Stapley ninth graders served our community in a variety of positions, earnings hours towards the graduation honor in service learning. Those students who complete 150 hours of unpaid service during their four years of high school will receive a special seal on their diploma and have the hours recorded on their diploma.

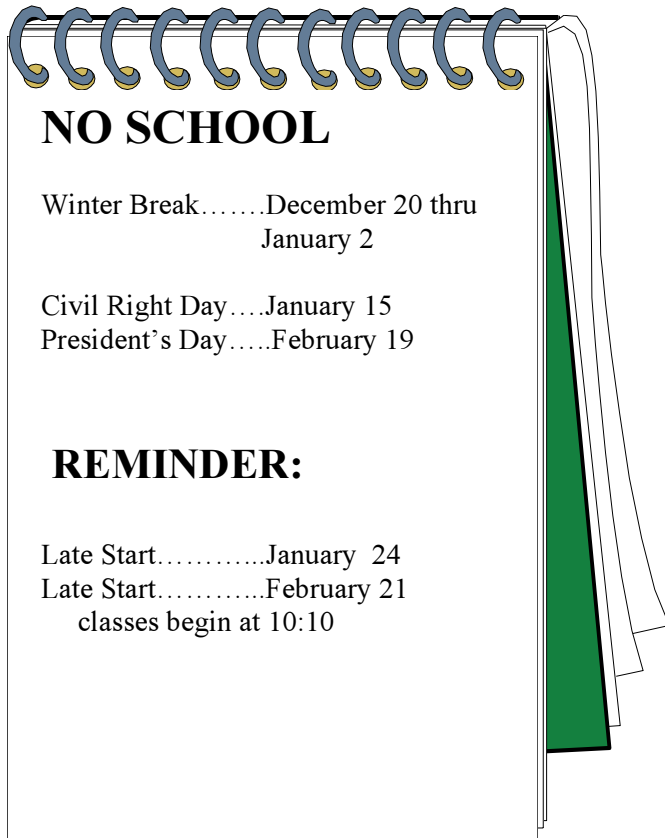
Getting accepted to your college of choice is becoming increasingly difficult. Colleges are looking for students who have excellent grades and who are involved in their community. Admission and scholarships can be assisted by those who have a record of service.

Currently 21 students have returned their summer cards. These students are working on a variety of activities such as: lifesaving activities, working with senior citizens, animals, hospital aides, Boy Scouts of America projects, museum work, and church-sponsored projects. In addition to these individual activities, there are clubs that are hard at work such as **NJHS, Student Council, Builders' club, Band, Orchestra, and C.I.A.**

If you are out there doing one of many activities that will improve our communities, **GET RECOGNIZED!** The important work you are doing will help your future. Sign up today!

Remember to turn in your time card to your service learning coach and to attend the Spring Reflections.

If your son or daughter is interested, please call Stapley's service learning coach, **Pamela Sarbo at 472-2718** for program information or stop by room 118 for applications, a list of agencies, or project ideas.



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