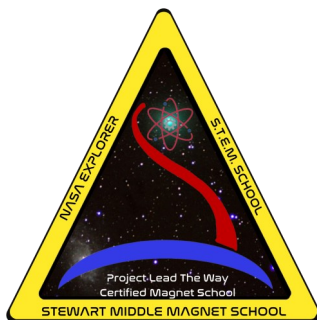


Garland V. Stewart Middle Magnet School



Summer
2021

Stewart Middle Magnet
NASA Explorer STEM School

Yellow Jacket Summer Newsletter

A Note From Our Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year.

I hope you are having a safe and relaxing summer. Congratulations on being assigned to a nationally recognized NASA Explorer School focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education. Our theme is *“Going Above and Beyond”*, which signifies our commitment to excellence in education. With the partnership of our parents and teachers working collaboratively, we look forward to an exciting, rigorous and successful school year in our school building.

Thank you for taking this journey with us to go above and beyond.

Enclosed is information for the upcoming school year:

- Supply Lists
- Morning Drop-Off/Afternoon Pick-Up
- Important Dates/Student Calendar
- Dress Code Information
- First Day & Open House Information
- Athletics, & Immunizations
- Cafeteria

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 276-5691.

We are excited that you have chosen Stewart Middle Magnet, the *“Launch Pad for Learning”*!

Sincerely yours,
Baretta Wilson, Ed.D.
Principal

Our Administrators and Office Personnel

Stewart Middle Magnet School

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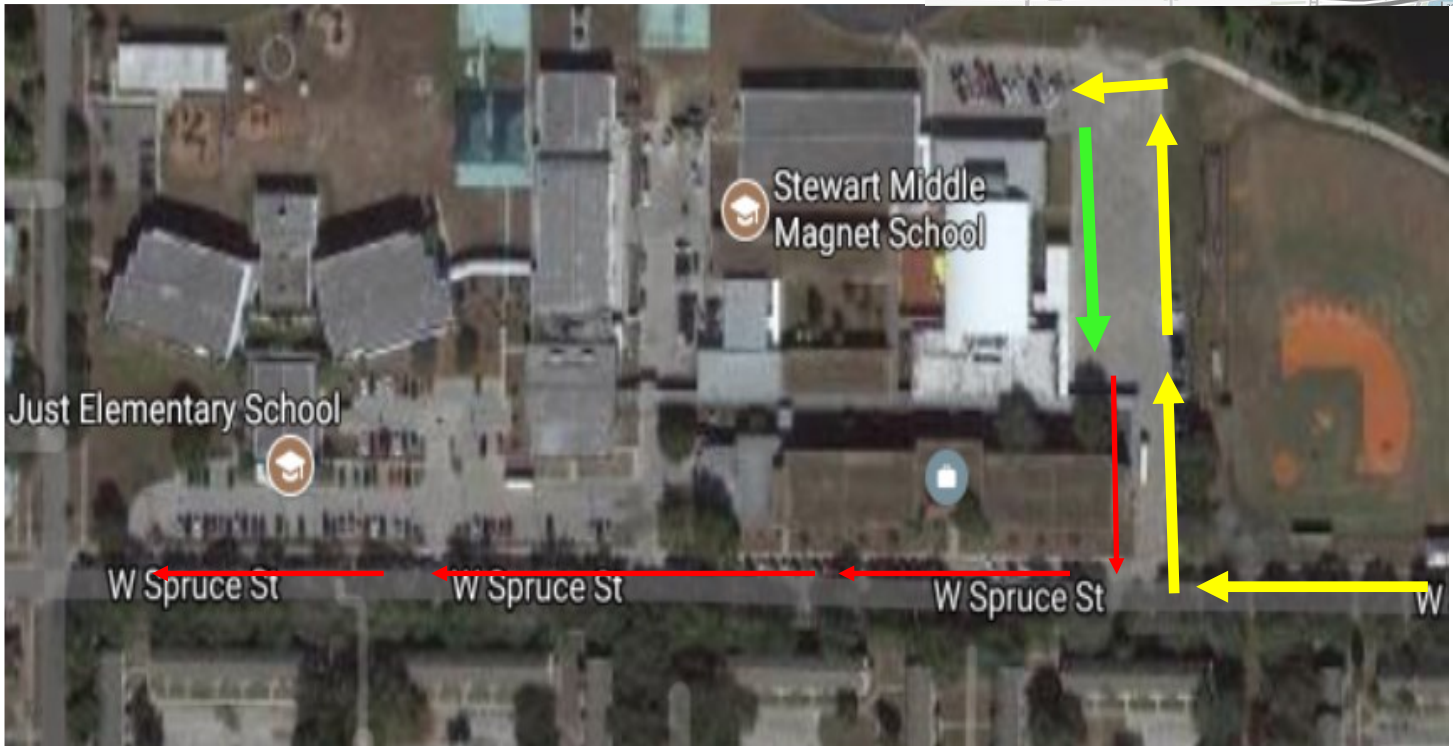
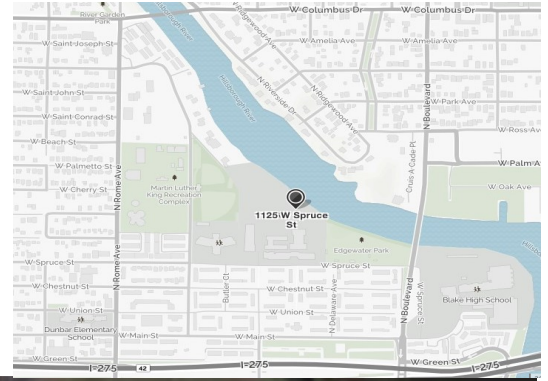
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Earbuds or Headphones (NOT Bluetooth)

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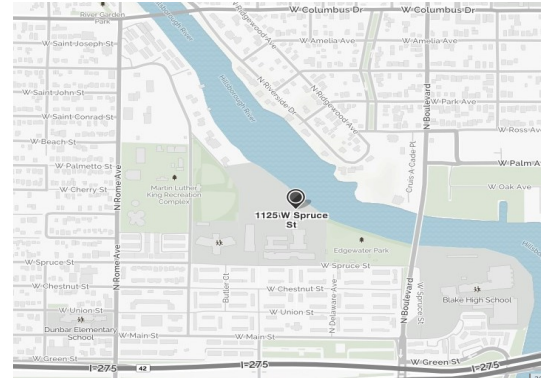


- Cars will enter Stewart's EAST parking lot by the Blake HS Baseball fields.
- Cars will stay in a single file lane all the way around the perimeter of the parking lot. Do not cross in the middle of the circle.
- Students must stay in the car until the bell rings to exit.
- Students MAY EXIT the car when safely by the west side of the parking lot closest to the Gym & portable.
- When exiting the parking lot, cars MUST turn RIGHT onto Spruce Street.

BUSES will be dropping off in front of the CAFETERIA in the morning

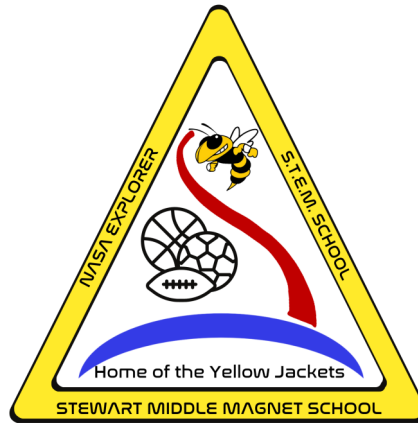
- ONLY Just Elementary parents & busses will be dropping students off in front of Just.

2020-2021 Stewart Car Line Procedures Afternoon—Pick-up



- Cars will enter Stewart’s WEST parking lot between Stewart & Just
- Pull up to the very end of the concrete edging—close to the car in front of you
- Remind you child to watch for your car & have their backpack off ready to get in quickly
- You have the option of being a WALKER to an off-campus pick up location
- DO NO pick up in front of the main office on Spruce Street—there is no crossing guard to ensure your child’s safety
- Remind your student to be on their best behavior due to cars driving and safety
- Please stay to the right side of the street at all times, follow directions of school staff, and yield to other traffic on the roadway while waiting for dismissal

BUSES will be picking up student in the GYM area and will be sharing the same roads in order to make it safely to the magnet transfer station on time. Please allow bus traffic priority for the safety of all students.



Stewart 's Important Dates

8/6 Open House 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.	10/8 End of 1st Grading Period	1/3 Non-Student Day
8/10 First Day of School	11/3 Election Day	1/17 Non-Student Day
9/6 Labor Day - No School	11/11 Veterans Day	2/18 Non-Student Day
	11/22- 11/26 Fall Break	2/21 Non-Student Day
	12/17 End of Semester 1	3/11 End of 3rd Grading Period
	12/20- 12/31 Winter Break	3/14- 3/18 Spring Break
		3/21 Non-Student Day
		4/15 Non-Student Day
		5/27 Last Day of School; End of Semester 2



****Dates for Athletic Events Will Be Provided At A Later Date**

Stewart Middle Magnet Dress Code

2021-2022 School Year

Shorts, Pants, Dresses, and Skirts

Solid beige, khaki, or black

- Pants, shorts and skirts must be worn so that the waistband properly fits at the waist or is secured by a belt.. Pants must not be ripped or torn.
- Shorts, skirts and dresses must be fingertip length when the student's arms are held at their sides in a normal position

Shirts, Blouses and Sweatshirts

Solid white, black or gold

Long or short sleeved polo style with collar

Long or short sleeved oxford style with color

- Shirts must be tucked in at the waist at all times
- Undershirts must be the same color as the shirt and must be tucked in at the waist
- Though Hoodies are allowed—head coverings are Not Allowed at any time

Shoes

Closed-toed Shoes with enclosed heels (back straps are acceptable)

- Sneakers or athletic shoes are appropriate.
- Shoes with strings must be tied
- No Slides

Hair Style

- Hair should be clean and neatly groomed
- Hats and head coverings are Not Allowed at any time

OPTIONAL Friday Dress

- Stewart Spirit Shirts (must be tucked in)
- Blue or Black jeans without writing, rips and images

Cold Weather Dress

- A collared uniform shirt must be worn under sweaters or sweatshirts—no images or writing
- The collar must be visible
- The uniform shirt must be tucked in at the waist.

Long Sleeve Shirts

Solid white, black or gold—no images or writing

Sweatshirts/Hoodies must be solid white, black or gold—no images or writing

- Long sleeve shirts may be worn **under** the uniform shirt
- Both shirts must be tucked in at the waist.

First Day, Grades, Open House

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 10th IS THE FIRST SCHEDULED DAY FOR STUDENTS.
THIS WILL BE A REGULAR UNIFORM SCHOOL DAY.**

Regular school hours for students are from 8:25 A.M. to 2:25 P.M on Mondays. 8:25 A.M. to 3:25 P.M. Tuesday - Friday. Arrangements must be made for students to be at school and picked up on time.

Students should not report to campus before 7:45 A.M.

Students must be picked up by 2:25 P.M. Monday and 3:25 P.M. Tuesday - Friday.

Students that can not be picked up by 2:40 P.M. Monday and 3:40 P.M. Tuesday - Friday

Students that need to register for the after school HOST program. The online registration is at: <http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/doc/1418/host-before-and-after-school-summer-care-programs/documents-forms/onlineregistration/>

A parent can be charged by the HOST program for not picking up their student at the appropriate time.

**At this time masks are optional, we will send additional information if this changes before school starts.

ASSESSMENT

Student progress will be evaluated periodically throughout the nine weeks. We are asking for parents to check Canvas at least every two weeks, if not more to help your student with their grades. Midterm and Final Exams are given in all courses plus cumulative tests.

The following assessment procedures will be used to evaluate the progress of our students this year. We all must work together to ensure that each child is achieving success in these areas.

GRADING SCALE

A = 90-100

B = 80-89

C = 70-79

D = 60-69

F = 0 -59

**Stewart's Open House
Friday, August 6, 2021
12:30 to 5:30 P.M
More information to follow**

Athletics at Stewart



Stewart has enormously successful athletic teams.

ALL students enrolled at Stewart have an opportunity to participate in any of the sports we offer:

Basketball 1st Quarter
Volleyball 2nd Quarter

Upcoming Sports:

Track

Soccer

Flag Football

All necessary forms and paperwork are available on the Stewart website: Planet High School

<http://Stewart.mysdhc.org>

Click on the *Sports* link.

Athletic Insurance for your student can be paid for online. This is a one-time fee which covers your student for all sports played throughout the school year.

Any questions you may have about the upcoming sports seasons or paperwork can be directed to Jana Lazo (813) 276-5691 x226

Come out and make our school proud by becoming a Yellow Jacket athlete this year!

MEDICATIONS

Students bringing medication to school must have a “Parental authorization for Student to Self-Medicate” Form on file. Only prescription medicine will be administered at school.

Medicine must be delivered to school in the container in which it was purchased (dispensed). The label must indicate the student’s name, name of medication, physician’s name; Medication must be brought to the School Nurse. Please refer to the Student Handbook for questions.

Immunization and Medication Information

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5	56,758	4,730	2,365	2,183	1,092
6	65,046	5,421	2,711	2,502	1,251
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mail:	U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
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Estimados padres/representantes legales:

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ESCALA DE INGRESOS PARA COMIDAS A PRECIO REDUCIDO para el año escolar 2021-2022					
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15. ¿QUÉ SUCEDERÍA SI MI INGRESO NO FUERA SIEMPRE EL MISMO? Haga una lista de los pagos que usted normalmente recibe. Si frecuentemente recibe pago por horas extra, inclúyalos, pero no incluya los que recibe ocasionalmente. Si perdió el trabajo, o se han reducido sus horas o salario, use su salario actual.
16. ¿QUÉ SUCEDERÍA SI ALGUNOS DE LOS MIEMBROS DE LA FAMILIA DEL HOGAR NO RECIBEN NINGÚN INGRESO? Si no hay ingreso para reportar, asegúrese de marcar el encasillado que dice "None" (ninguno) para cada miembro que no recibe ingreso. Si no lo marca y escribe un "0" en cualquier encasillado o lo deja en blanco, de todos modos, usted está afirmando (certificando) que no existe ningún ingreso para reportar.
17. ESTAMOS EN EL SERVICIO MILITAR. ¿REPORTAREMOS EL INGRESO DE MANERA DIFERENTE? El pago básico y bonos que reciba en efectivo tendrán que ser reportados como ingreso. Si recibe concesiones de valor de dinero en efectivo para vivienda fuera de la base militar, comida, ropa, tendrá que incluirlo como ingreso. Sin embargo, si su vivienda es parte de la iniciativa de privatización de vivienda militar (*Military Housing Privatization Initiative*), no incluya la concesión de vivienda como ingreso. Cualquier pago adicional por combate como consecuencia de despliegue militar, también se excluirá del ingreso. Los miembros de la casa desplegados al servicio militar son considerados parte de los miembros de la casa. Los miembros del servicio militar desplegados se incluirán en la sección de *Household (Integrantes del hogar)*, pero reporte solamente la porción de su ingreso que se les concedió a nombre de ellos para la familia.
18. ¿QUÉ SUCEDERÍA SI NO HUBIERA ESPACIO SUFICIENTE PARA TODOS LOS MIEMBROS DE LA FAMILIA EN LA SOLICITUD? Llame al **Centro de Solicitudes de Comidas Saludables al 813-840-7066 para obtener instrucciones**.
19. ADMINISTRO UN GRUPO HOGAR (GROUHPOME). ¿COMO DEBO APLICAR PARA LOS NIÑOS BAJO MI CUIDADO? Contacte al **Centro de Solicitud al 813-840-7066** para recibir instrucciones.

Si tiene preguntas adicionales o necesita ayuda para llenar la solicitud de beneficios de comidas escolares, llame al **Centro de Solicitudes de Comidas Saludables al 813-840-7066**.

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