



Stedman
Elementary



January 2015



Our basketball team is ON
FIRE! We are 7-1!

Erika and Anthony Grimes,
Amos Ruffer, Qaedah
Perron...

Thank you for everything
that you do!

Upcoming Games:
Feb 5th @ Stedman
Feb 10th @ AMESS
Feb 12th @ Green Valley
Playoffs TBD

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Save the Dates!

- PAC Meeting Feb 3rd 4:30-5:15
- PTA Meeting: Feb 3rd 5:30-6:30
- CSC Budget Meeting: Feb 3rd: 5:30-7:30
- Coffee with School Leaders: Feb 6th 8:30-9am
- 5th grade field trip to Balarat: Feb. 10 and 11
- Parent Teacher Conferences grades ECE-4:
February 12: 4-8pm
- Black History Month Celebration: February 19th
@ 6pm
- Grades 4-5 to Aspen Santa Fe Ballet: February
23: 9-noon.
- The Cuckoo (musical): February 26th @ 6:30

**GET PAID and HELP OUR
SCHOOL...Become a crossing guard:
See a Stedman secretary for more info.**

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A Historic
Partnership with
Kent Denver
School and
Stedman....

Collaboration!

A group of 20 seventh and eighth graders from Kent Denver School, have been working with Stacey Garcia and her classes for 10 years. The partnership that has been forged with Mrs. Garcia's classes and the students from Kent Denver School is built on experiential learning and making personal connections. Kent Denver students come to Stedman 4 to 5 times over the course of the school year to work with our students on reading, projects, science, and art. Our work together has been so successful that others have joined this year. Check out the recent collaboration with Ms. Malan's kindergarten class!

Kindergarten is studying nonfiction. Students in Ms. Malan's kindergarten class read *The Pinata Maker* as an example of a how to, nonfiction book. To inspire learning and to have the students prepared to write a how-to book, students created pinatas with paper mache with our Kent Denver buddies.

When the Kent Denver kids arrived they first helped students break apart a giant pinata. Then they went to the cafeteria to make their own. Drawing on their experiences actually making a pinata, students will next create their own *How to Make a Pinata* book in class.



School leaders, teachers, parents, and students canvassed around the NNE neighborhood in support of Hallett, Smith and Stedman.

COACH'S CORNER; a word from our Playworks Coach, Coach Lauren:

Hello everyone! It's been a while since we've checked in with Playworks. I wanted you all to know that we've been doing awesome things: giving tons of High-5s, encouraging each other, learning new games and having fun at both Class Game Time and recess.

This Coach's Corner highlights our next big thing... Volleyball league! My volleyball team is co-ed and made up of about twelve 4th and 5th graders. We will have our big Playworks EXTRAVAGANZA on March 7th at Cheltenham and we will be playing in a round robin tournament versus other Playworks schools!

We will have games once per week after that, through March. And volleyball is our new focus for Class Game Time - so all grades and classes are learning volleyball skills and drills/games. Come cheer on the Stedman Knights during their volleyball games, for more information, check with Coach Lauren and the Playworks bulletin board!



An Update on Hiring:

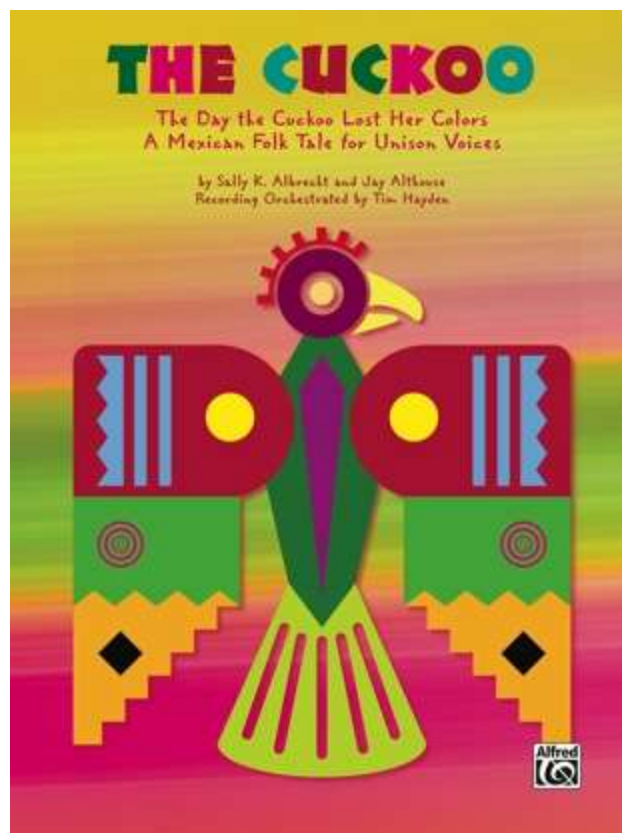
We have offered positions to a new secretary and four para-professionals. We are extremely excited about the individuals that are soon to join our team. One of our new para hires will manage library circulation/check-out after receiving training. A huge Shout Out to our personnel committee for long hours before and after school: Ms. Buggs, Ms. Romero & Ms. Garcia.

***The Cuckoo*, our first of two musicals!**

Folktales are stories that have been passed down from generation to generation in a culture. But just like playing the “Telephone Game” at a party, the stories change as often as they are told and retold. *The Cuckoo* is based on such a tale from Mexico, recounting the relationship between the earth, the animals, and the gods. We can all learn from this wonderful tale, celebrating both heroism and kindness.

On February 26th, at 6:30, please come to the 4th and 5th grade performance of *The Cuckoo*. You will see contributions and collaboration from across the staff and all grade levels.

Ms. McLelland needs guardian volunteers. If you are able, please reach out to her ASAP! THANK YOU!



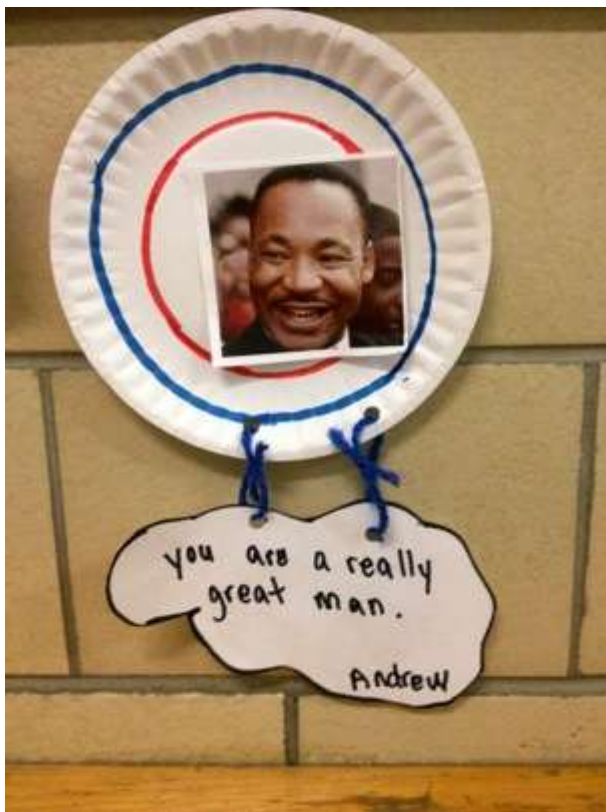
Stedman honors Martin Luther King, Jr.

Recently, Ms. Eno (our Restorative Approaches Coordinator) worked in Ms. Kline's 2nd grade classroom. Students watched two Kid President videos, which talked about celebrating individuality and Martin Luther King, Jr. and we discussed the struggles African Americans faced in the past and now. Students were challenged to come up with 3 ways that they could help improve Stedman's culture. Starting with their classroom, they were encouraged to think about what they think makes them different as an individual and how we can celebrate that as a community....Spread the Love.

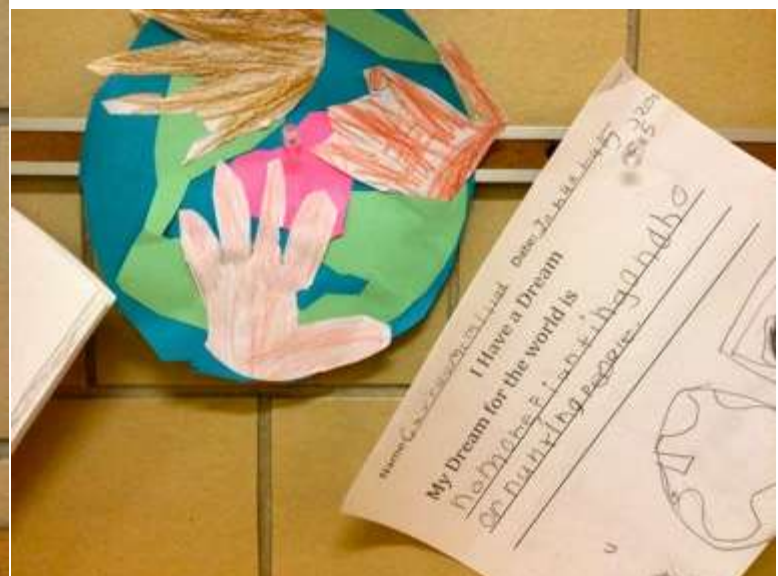
Rafael Ramirez-Sanchez: "I like to math and writing, so I can help people in my class if they are having a hard time."

Ankita Bhujel: "I can spread love in my class by coming to school with a positive attitude."

Nyelah Carter: "I can respect other peoples differences, and share with people that want to play with me."



Work shown was was created by students in Ms. Moran's ECE class (left) and Ms. Lewis' Class (below).



Bones and Tones... Get involved!

Date: Saturday April 25th 11:00-3:00

5th Annual Bones & Tones fundraising
carnival! Live Music, Games, Food, &
Activities for all ages. And NEW this year -
Chili Cook-off Competition

Get Involved

Attend PTA: Tuesday Feb 3 5:30-6:30

Help Plan: riqui2615@live.com

Volunteer: megannyce@gmail.com

Donate: pta.stedman@gmail.com



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Knights Take Flight!

Have you noticed our
wings? Staff wearing
wings represents
positivity and a
commitment to
developing an
empowered school
culture. (In photo: Ms.
Kehn, Ms. Eno and Ms.
Peterson)

