

The Stokes Banner

September 23, 2016



Important Dates

September 24: French vs. Spanish Parent/Staff Soccer Game AND Asado Family Celebration
October 5: Walk and Roll
October 5: PTA Meeting
October 7: First Friday Coffee/Parent Workshop
October 10: No School, Indigenous Peoples Day
October 17: Community Campaign Begins
October 27: Whole School Fall Outing
October 29: Taste of Stokes

The Community Campaign

The Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Campaign (formerly the Family Campaign) is coming October 17-30. The Community Campaign is one of two big school-wide fundraisers that Stokes School holds annually. This year the fundraiser will take place over the course of two weeks as we aim to raise \$30,000 for the school's Activities Fund. The fund helps to support special art, music, and wellness activities, as well as field trips like the Fall Outing, Hard Bargain Farm, the Virginia Beach trip, and the Study Tours to Martinique and Panama. \$30,000 is the difference between what these activities cost, and the money that the school is traditionally able to raise to pay for them. From October 17-30 we will come together as a community to help make up the difference. We ask that each family contribute \$100 to help us reach our goal. After your donation is made your family will be entered into a raffle for the remainder of the campaign for some very exciting prizes. Let's reach our goal as a community!

Spend Your Saturday Afternoon With Your Stokes Family

Join us for a celebration of Hispanic culture in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, beginning with the parent/staff French vs. Spanish Soccer Game at 3:00 PM at Turkey Thicket. The famous basketball rivalry will continue out on the soccer field as the two teams compete for bragging rights. From there, we will move on to the Asado at Stokes School from 5:00-7:30 PM. Bring your favorite Hispanic dish to share (enough for 10 people), and enjoy delicious food, dancing, arts and crafts, special guest speakers, and salsa lessons. See you Saturday!



Celebrity Chef Films Pilot at Stokes School

Last Friday a portion of the pilot episode of the television show FRESH—a vegan cooking show, was filmed at Stokes School. The show featured some of our fourth and fifth grade scholars who had the opportunity to cook with DC's own vegan celebrity chef, Lauren Von Der Pool.

"I was nervous about being on TV while we were waiting for it to start, but once we got started it was fun," Melanie (5F) said.

Aiden (5S)'s favorite part of the afternoon was getting to eat the finished product. "The food was really good," he said. "We ate honey mustard kale salad. I liked it because it was sweet... it was like crunchy candy!"

We will keep the Stokes community updated with information on how to view the episode as it becomes available.