

The Stokes Banner

February 10, 2017



Important Dates

February 16: Friendship Ball
February 20: No School, President's Day
February 27: Teacher Records Day, No School for Students

IB Update

As Stokes School continues to prepare to apply for IB authorization in October of 2018, our teachers are busy increasing the number of IB units taught each school year. Last school year our scholars were taught one IB unit, this school year there will be a total of three, and next school year there will be six (with the exception of pre-k who will do four). Teachers meet weekly on Friday afternoons to plan these lessons. They look at student work and data, meet with instructional support staff, and determine whether everything is being taught in the best way possible. The IB model encourages the entire school to take a collaborative approach to curriculum development, and according to the IB consultant who paid us a visit last spring, we are on track to apply for authorization by October 2018.

Friendship Ball

The annual Stokes celebration of friendship known as the Friendship Ball will take place on **Thursday, February 16th from 6:15 PM- 7:15 PM** in the multi-purpose room. This year's theme, as determined by the Student Government officers, is a pajama party. Scholars are encouraged to come to the dance in their favorite pajamas or sleepwear. Those scholars coming from aftercare must be signed out by a parent or guardian prior to coming to the dance. All scholars must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the evening. The PTA will be selling pizza as a fundraiser, so come hungry!



Annie Jr.

The Stokes Music Department is proud to present Annie Jr. as this year's musical. The spring performances are scheduled for June 2, and 3. The cast will consist of approximately 20 students, and rehearsals are scheduled for Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4:00 PM-5:30 PM. Auditions will be held for first through fifth grade scholars, with a few spots also available to adults. Audition dates and times are listed in the table below. To sign up for an audition time, please go to the music room. For more information, please e-mail Ms. Hood at immanih@ewstokes.org or Mr. Richards at francisr@ewstokes.org.

Date	Time
Friday, February 10 th	1:15 to 3:45
Monday, February 13 th	4:00 to 6:00
Tuesday, February 14 th	11:30 to 12:30
Tuesday, February 14 th	1:40 to 2:50
Tuesday, February 14 th	4:00 to 6:00
Thursday, February 16 th	1:00 to 2:10

Study Tour Fundraiser

A group of fifth grade parents are leading the charge to raise money for the study tours with a Mixed Bag sale. The sale will take place from February 13-March 2. Look out for flyers, samples, and posters coming soon!