

# The Stokes Banner

September 16, 2016



## Important Dates

September 15: Hispanic Heritage Month Begins  
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 29: Taste of Stokes

## Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month began on September 15 with an opening ceremony during morning line-up. There will be events to celebrate Hispanic Heritage throughout the month including the French vs. Spanish Parent/Staff Soccer Game on Saturday, September 24, at Turkey Thicket from 3:00-4:30 PM. After the game there will be an Asado potluck celebration at Stokes School from 5:00-7:30 PM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend, and to bring their favorite Hispanic dish to share. Additionally, Learning Specialist Everett Richardson will display photographs from his trip to Cuba throughout the month. Mr. Richardson's work was previously on display at the Anacostia Arts Center, and will be on sale during the Asado. If you have questions regarding Hispanic Heritage Month please e-mail [bobbyc@ewstokes.org](mailto:bobbyc@ewstokes.org).

## Box Tops for Education

Clipping Box Tops is an easy way to help earn money for Stokes School. Each one is worth 10 cents. Last School year we earned \$1,029.80 as a school from the Box Tops that Stokes families collected and brought in. This year's goal is \$1,300. To help, all you have to do is look for the pink Box Tops on hundreds of General Mills products, clip them out, and send them to school with your scholar. You can also encourage your work place and friends to do the same! For additional information including a list of participating products, go to [BTFE.com](http://BTFE.com). For more information on the Box Top collection please e-mail Meron Benn at [bennfam5@gmail.com](mailto:bennfam5@gmail.com).



Each week during the first trimester pre-k studies a different color, and ends the week with a color themed party. Above: pre-k scholars are ready to enjoy their Red Party!

## 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 daily raffle for the remainder of the campaign for some very exciting prizes. Let's reach our goal as a community! Please e-mail [abbys@ewstokes.org](mailto:abbys@ewstokes.org) with questions regarding the Community Campaign.