

# The Stokes Banner

September 9, 2016



## Important Dates

September 12-16: Scholastic Book Fair  
September 15: Back to School Night (French)  
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  
October 10: No School, Indigenous Peoples Day  
October 17: Community Campaign Begins  
October 29: Taste of Stokes

## Back to School Night

The French classes will have their Back to School Night on Thursday, September 15. The evening will start with an optional session on the IB transition and Math Investigations curriculum from 5:00-6:00 PM in the Dining Room. There will also be tables in the courtyard from 5:00-6:15 PM with information on the PTA, curriculum, development and communications, specials classes, and family engagement. The first classroom session will begin at 6:15 PM, and the second session will begin at 7:00 PM. Parents are asked to enter through the back gate to keep Oakview Terrace clear during after care pick-up time. If you need to bring your scholar with you to Back to School night, childcare and dinner will be provided at no additional cost.

## Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the library from September 12-16, from 9AM-6PM. The Book Fair will stay open until 8PM during Back to School Night so feel free to stop by before you head out. There will also be a French Book Fair hosted by Bonjour Mama in the courtyard during the French Back to School Night.

## Upcoming Community Events

Three popular Stokes School community events are coming up on the calendar: The Asado/Soccer Game on September 24, and the Taste of Stokes on October 29.

The Asado is a family friendly, potluck celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month from 5:00-7:30 PM. There will be dancing, music, arts and crafts, and special guest speakers. The whole school community is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Prior to the Asado there is a Parent/Staff French vs. Spanish Soccer game planned from 3:00-4:45 PM at Turkey Thicket. More information on the soccer game will be forthcoming.

The Taste of Stokes is an annual fall festival centered around wellness and our community from 10:00 AM-12:30 PM. Guests will have the opportunity to sample cuisine from local restaurants and food vendors, learn more about gardening and composting, participate in physical activity, and consult with representatives from local health organizations. We hope to see you at both events!



## 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!