



# ABC-Stewart School

Founded 1969

**Mission:** We seek to educate and prepare each child to make life's journey as an independent responsible citizen of the world.

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# Welcome Back ABC-Stewart Families

We are excited to welcome our students and families back to school for the 2021-22 year! If this is your first year at ABC-Stewart, we welcome you and your family! For all those returning, we are looking forward to seeing you and your children again for another great school year. This summer has been one of change! Stefanie Stafford has stepped into the Director role full time, classrooms have moved buildings, building work has been completed, and we have added new staff to accommodate our growing school. Three of our teachers have moved into new subject areas. We want to provide the best educational experience for your children. Please read this newsletter closely as it has important updates you will want to know about going into the start of school. You will find below a directory of ABC-Stewart staff and their respective classrooms for 2021-22. We look forward to getting to know all of you!

**Director** - Stefanie Stafford

### Preschool Programs

**Saplings (2's):** Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Nolan

**Seedlings (2's):** Mrs. Brumberg and Mrs. Voland

**Children's Garden (3-6):** Mrs. Kiel, Ms. Rae, and Ms. Owens

**Horizons (3-6):** Ms. King and Mrs. Bachmeyer

**ABC (3-6):** Mr. Powell, Mrs. Cockerham, Ms. Signorino, and Mrs. Butler

**Preschool Splendid (before and after):** Mrs. Brumberg, Mrs. Voland, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Rittenhouse, Mrs. Miracle, Mrs. Moore, and Mrs. Nolan

**Administrator** - Rae McQueary

### Elementary

**First Year:** Ms. Lynn, Ms. Lane and Ms. Breeding

**Reading (second year homeroom):** Mr. Maulin and Mrs. McDaniel

**Science (Third Year homeroom):** Mr. Hileman and Mr. Warren

**Culture (Fourth Year homeroom):** Mrs. Hileman, Mrs. Brockhaus, and Mrs. McGill

**Math (Fifth/Sixth Year homeroom):** Ms. Gilliatt and Ms. McConkey

**Stewart Art:** Mrs. Maulin

**Stewart Music:** Mr. Yoder

**Stewart PE:** Mr. Warren

**Stewart Extended (before and after):** Ms. Gilliatt and Ms. McConkey



Volunteer Newsletter Editors: Stefanie Stafford, Veronica Turner, Sheena Seger

# Returning to School - What You Need to Know

## Important Events and Dates:

**Open House - Thursday August 5th, 4:30-6** (open for all families and their friends). Please join us anytime between 4:30-6 to get to know your child's teachers and ask any questions you may have. Masks are required by everyone during this event.

**Preschool Parent Meeting - Thursday August 5th, 7-8 pm** This is a parents only meeting for all preschool students. Please make sure at least one parent attends. Masks are required for everyone.

**First Day of School - Monday August 9th** Please carefully review your child's orientation week schedule. Remember, that Splendid/Extended Care is available from 7:15-6:00 pm daily for your convenience during this week.

**Elementary Parent Meeting - Monday August 16th, 6-8:30 pm** This is a parents only meeting for elementary students. Please make sure at least one parent attends. Masks are required by everyone.

## School Policies:

**Mask Policy** - All students age 3 and up will be required to wear a mask while indoors. Masks will remain optional for vaccinated staff and required for unvaccinated staff.

**Snow Day Policy** - ABC Stewart follows Bartholomew County School Corporation for school cancellations, however, we do not utilize a 2-hour delay. After 5 snow days, we will go to eLearning for any additional snow days.

**Splendid Days Parking** - Please park in front of the school for Splendid Days pickup to avoid traffic pick up for pre-school and elementary at lunch and after school.

**Classroom Location Changes for 2021-22** - Please note there have been preschool classroom changes over the summer, so your child's classroom may not be in the same place when you return to school.

- West Building - Children's Garden, Seedlings, Splendid
- East Building - Horizons, Saplings, and ABC

**School Clubs** - Our school offers a variety of school clubs for preschool and elementary school children. Please watch your email for additional information on these opportunities.



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VOLUNTEERS

We are a small school, and need your help on parent committees. We are looking for volunteers for:

- Newsletter Committee
- Marketing Committee
- Fundraising Committee

No special skills necessary! If you are willing to help out, please email the office at [abctestewart.office@gmail.com](mailto:abctestewart.office@gmail.com). Thank you!

# Alumni Spotlight

## Boyce Stattenfield

I started at ABC in preschool, and although I don't have any specific memories from the early 1970's, I do remember a general feeling of family. Everyone was very welcoming and inclusive and I felt like I'd found my tribe. Unfortunately, after preschool, I was forced to leave ABC only because Stewart Elementary had yet to be created. I managed to make it through to 2nd grade in public school. Then an argument between my teacher and my very liberated mother about why I was being discouraged from working ahead in my math book, combined with news that ABC was going to open a brand new elementary in the coming school year, led to me becoming a Stewart Trojan beginning in 3rd grade.



Some of my fondest memories from Stewart include raising the flag and reciting the pledge of allegiance every morning. Learning grammar from colored wood boxes with Mrs. Mumley. Dressing for history with Mrs. Pearl. Preparing for Junior High school algebra with Mr. Blomberg. Paying more attention to the white patch in Mr. Dunnick's hair than the science lessons, and learning to write for and use the mimeograph machine to print copies of the Stewart Sun school newspaper.

Everything was community based, everyone was giving the best of themselves and helping each other. At the time we were a small gang of misfits, those who didn't do well in public school social society where knowledge and academic ability weren't as celebrated. Some of my other best memories were when the entire school would get together as one. From morning circle time, to Stewart Trojan basketball games, to painting the playground's cement mixer, to even making and painting our giant blue snow whale that was featured in the Columbus Republic.



What I remember the fondest of all, was Mrs. Carmichael. She was on your side, She was there to help, and always with a big smile and very encouraging words. She was someone that never was outwardly angry with students, only occasionally 'disappointed'. I can still feel the pit in my stomach from the few times I let myself be the source of that disappointment. She and Tom weren't role models as such to me as a youngster, but they certainly are now that I am a father with grown children, looking forward to the grandparenting years. I regularly find myself thinking that I can only hope to have such a positive and far reaching effect as the teachers and staff of ABC Stewart have on entire generations of our small little corner of the world.



# Recipe Corner

## Chocolate Chia Pudding

Adapted from eatingbirdfood.com

Start school out with a sweet and healthy treat. Chia seeds are filled with Omega -3 fatty acids, fiber, antioxidants, and protein. This smoother version of chia pudding is a hit with kids.

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup unsweetened vanilla almond milk
- 6 TBS chia seeds
- ¼ cup maple syrup or honey
- 2.5 TBS cocoa powder
- ⅛ tsp salt
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- optional toppings: fresh berries, shredded coconut, nuts, chocolate chips

### Directions:

1. Add all ingredients to high powered blender. Start at low setting and progress to high. Blend until chia seeds undetectable and mixture is smooth.
2. Enjoy right away with favorite topping



## ABC-Stewart Parent Work Day



This summer, the school hosted two parent work days on July 17th and July 24th. Our wonderful parents spent their Saturday painting the classrooms for Children's Garden, Horizons and Saplings. The new paint gave fresh life to the classrooms. We wouldn't be able to do these types of projects without your support. Thank you all for your time and your supplies. It was a great chance to get to know other parents while serving the school we love.



*Thank!  
You!*

