



## 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.

# MONTESSORI MESSENGER

## Teacher Tribute - A Special Thank You

As this school year comes to an end, we would like to acknowledge all of the patience, hard work, and dedication that our teachers put into each and every day for our students. This school year has been full of uncertainty, yet our teachers persevered so our students could attend school during a time when most of the country spent the year learning from home. We cannot thank the teachers at ABC-Stewart enough. This school year was only successful because of all of you and your passion for educating the future of our community. Thank you for shining your light during a year of gloom and thank you for being the amazing team that you are. To honor you all, we asked some parents to share their thoughts with us. We hope that this shows just a little of the appreciation our parents have for your hard work.

**ABC-Stewart teachers and staff,  
You did it! And we applaud you. During a school year  
in which many students across the nation had no  
choice but to learn from home, you showed up,  
provided a safe and loving learning environment,  
and maintained as much normalcy for our children  
as you possibly could. You have proven, once again,  
the ABC-Stewart staff is the best around. Thank you.  
Thank you. Thank you. We are very grateful.**

**Annette and Ryan Moravec**

**While moving from e-learning to in person school,  
Riya got all the love and support needed at her  
young age for these transitions. Mr. Larry  
celebrated Riya's 5th birthday online, luckily, I was  
able to record that, it is the most watched video in  
our family. Big thanks to the ABC Teachers and  
Staff for all your hard work and flexibility for the  
entire 2020-2021 school year. Kudos to you all!**

**Thanks,  
Meenu Tomar**

**Paulina loves Mrs. Bachmeyer and Mrs. King!  
This first year at Horizons, she learned so much  
and she's going to school with a lot of  
excitement! We're thankful for all the hard  
work, dedication and kindness as well as all the  
smiles and great moments 🌟 Big thank you to  
all of you for your amazing work with the kids!**

**Bilyana Blandin**

**Arash has turned into a kid who is very outspoken  
and willing to try new things from a kid who was  
shy. It's because of all the amazing teachers in the  
ABC classroom who understand each kid is unique  
and learn at their own pace.**

**Sayali Mangire**

**The teachers have been fantastic! They've gone  
above and beyond in all aspects. I couldn't  
imagine entrusting my daughter to any others -**

**THANK YOU!**

**Brian and Elizabeth Kuehner**

# Thank You!

# Teacher Tribute Continued

*I would like to thank each of the teachers my children have had this year- Mandy + Rachel as well as Amy, Carly, Torrie + Lorna and of course you Stef, for going above and beyond in their daily school routine. They have kept us all in the loop + strived to keep everyone well while continuing to educate our children in person. Even when we had to go to eLearning, they all stepped up above and beyond. I am so grateful to you all from the bottom of my heart.*

*-The Kmetz family*

*Dear Teachers, Thank you for your dedication to the students in Children's Garden and all the children at ABC-Stewart. We want to express our gratitude for all your efforts this past year to keep the children safe and allow them to have a "normal" school year. You are all phenomenal!*

*With appreciation,  
The Lehnert Family*

*Our teachers are the heart and soul of this community, I am deeply thankful for your everyday teachings and for your tenderness while addressing our children; Us Parents also learn this by watching you. Our teachers are a print that will live within our children through their adulthood. Thank you for choosing this path and for going through this pandemic showing such resilience and strength. This is of course extensive to our Entering Director whom we love so much. Thank you, Mrs. Stafford! You are the best example for our children, and I love to see how Nadia looks up to you.*

*Monica Ontiveros*

*Thank you!! Thank you to all the teachers who nurtured our kids during this unpredictable time. I cannot express the gratitude I feel. You provided a safe, fun, and positive environment. Both kids have grown not only academically, but into more confident kids. Thank you,*

*Veronica and Kyle Turner*

*Thank you seems insufficient for everything the teachers and staff at ABC-Stewart did this year. Starting from day 1, with the thorough planning to ensure kids' safety, and everything the teachers and staff did day in and out to engage kids in a safe learning environment. You gave Bryce a sense of normalcy during unprecedented times, and continued to foster a love of learning. Our family is grateful for everything you did. Enjoy your summer - you deserve it! - The Segers*

*We have two great kids at ABC Stewart, and they are both thriving from the guidance of their teachers, but we recognize that success has happened one moment, one day, one year at a time. So, thank you ABC Stewart teachers for your sincere dedication to every moment throughout this year. We already look forward to next year.*

*Jon Bachmeyer*

*"Grateful" does not even begin to describe how we feel about our ABC Stewart teachers and staff. We are honored to have such beautiful souls nurturing and teaching our children/the next generation. Our sincerest thanks to all the teachers for your hard work through what seemed like an impossible year!*

*Amy Lamb*

*I really appreciate all the efforts put in my ABC teachers to make the year as normal as possible in spite of all the restrictions and all innovative and creative ways they have used to conduct all the extracurricular activities for kids. We love their motivation and positive spirit that they pass on to students. Thank you!*

*Regards, Uma*





# Walk-A-Thon Update

The Walk-A-Thon was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who planned, donated and participated! We raised just over \$20,000 for the school!

## The Pies were a Hit.....Check out the winners

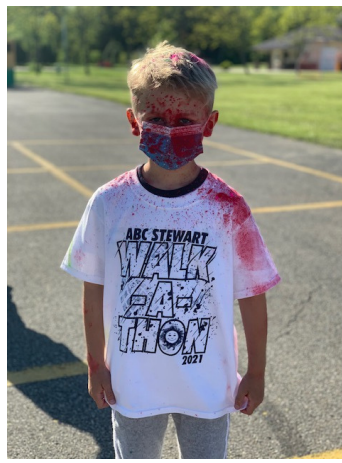


## The kids loved the color! Look at these smiles....





# Walk-A-Thon Continued





## We Need You: Share your Favorite Lunch Recipe



We want your favorite school lunch recipe. Traditional recipes celebrating your culture are strongly encouraged. We want to celebrate the diversity of our Stewart family through food in next year's newsletter. Please email them to [veronica.jolene@yahoo.com](mailto:veronica.jolene@yahoo.com) by June 20th with the subject ABC Stewart Newsletter



## Teacher Feature: Sarah Brumburg

I grew up on a dead end, dirt road in rural Pennsylvania, and loved it. Here, you could find me catching crayfish in “cricks” or running barefoot through the PA wilds. When I got a bit older, every Sunday or Monday I would be waving my terrible towel with the Steelers or eating foot long hotdogs watching the Bucs most likely lose in the summer or enjoying a good scrum at the Igloo with the Pittsburgh Penguins. After I left home, I graduated from Thiel College with a degree in International Business and Business Administration. No longer a student, I packed up my apartment, my partner, and my cat (who still hogs the bed today), and we all traversed through Ohio into Indiana. Since then, I have managed to collect 1 ½ more cats, 1 dog, and 6 chickens.



I decided that business was not where I wanted to be, that I needed a more impactful career. I started working with children in 2010 as a Therapeutic Support Staff with a behavioral agency. I continued this line of work into Indiana where I found myself at Columbus Behavioral Center. I worked the second shift and needed a mental break myself. I applied at a small school, North Star Montessori. Not knowing about Montessori, I soon learned that I loved it. I started there with the young toddlers, and worked my way up to the 3-6 classroom, where I found my niche.

During my time there, I had 2 sons of my own, Ronald (8) and Demetri (5). Continuing my Montessori journey, I brought the philosophy into our home. It was during Covid that I decided to have a quick waltz with homeschooling, using the Montessori Method to the best of my ability. Also, during this time, I became a mom again, fostering a sweet baby boy. To add to the chaos of the pandemic, I also took a position at ABC-Stewart as your Splendid Days teacher. Have a great summer, see you next year!



We are excited to celebrate the end of this school year with our 6th grade graduates!

### Ogden

#### What are your favorite things about our school?

When I was in Children's Garden, our teacher Mrs. Rockhold brought in different animals that we got to raise, like butterflies and watch them grow. When we go out to recess, we started this new game called Hot Ball. A lot of the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders have been doing that and we really enjoy that. I just like all the kids here and I like the teachers and it's been a fun time.

#### What are you looking forward to in 7th grade?

I am going to the AC program, checking that out and seeing what I will do there. Meeting new people, seeing new friends. It is a bigger school, so more people. And sports, I am going to do some sports.



### Audrey

#### What are your favorite things about our school?

Something I like about the school are the people here. Whenever I talk to my mom about the school she went to, she would always say she was one of the only Asian kids there. So I really like how there is a lot of culture and a lot of diversity here and there are a lot of friendly people to make friends with. I have had a lot of friends over the years, some that have left and some that have stayed. I just really enjoy it here.

#### What are you looking forward to in 7th grade?

Something I am looking forward to is getting to learn the school. Mapping it out in my brain. I really enjoy when I figure things out.



### Graham

#### What are your favorite things about our school?

I liked how it is so easy to make friends and everybody knows each other. You get to know your teachers more than in public schools. Everyone is so friendly and nice here.

#### What are you looking forward to in 7th grade?

Making new friends and there are going to be so many more new things to do, like new sports and new classes.



### Ben

#### What are your favorite things about our school?

Here at ABC Stewart everybody was kind of like a family. You always have a joke with every teacher and every kid. In public school some kids don't even know other kids, but here everyone is kind of like a family.

#### What are you looking forward to in 7th grade?

I am looking forward to trying new sports and meeting new friends.





Please join us this summer for Family Work Day. Multiple projects are planned for all skill levels with any and all help needed. This is a fun filled, rewarding day. The day will be filled with memories as we improve the school through multiples projects. Working as a team allows us to meet more of our Stewart Family and build on the current relationships. The last Family Work Day was in April 2012 after the school got a grant to build a playground. The day was productive and fun. Here is a testimonial from Annette Moravec.

*"In April 2012, ABC-Stewart had a family work day organized as part of the KaBOOM! playground grant we received which required a community build. What a great day we had! We had such amazing support from parents and staff that we were able to get several school projects done while also completing the majority of the builds for both the elementary and preschool playgrounds. An added bonus of the extremely productive day was that it did enhance relationships within the ABC-Stewart community. We all met new families and friends. We joined together to better the school we love and the place our children spend so much time. The day reminded all involved that ABC-Stewart School is a very special place and community!"*



**More information  
will be emailed  
this summer!!**



Math Bowl, facilitated by Autumn Hileman, provides a fun environment for students to build upon the math skills they are learning in the classroom, while also developing teamwork.

Students learn how to solve problems and explore topics that they do not have time to explore during regular class time. Prior to competition, students take tests to determine who competes. The top achievers determine the captains along with the placement of resulting four teams. Non- competing members are just as important being the cheerleaders and scorekeepers. Mrs. Hileman stresses that the most important thing to remember about the whole experience is all the cool math you learn along the way in a fun, team environment.



## Mark Your Calendar - Upcoming Events

### Help Support the School This Summer

Venture out to the Farmer's Market on the days below and visit the Laura Jo's Cookie Booth. A portion of each sale on these dates will go directly to the school. Tell your friends and family!

- Columbus Farmer's market May 29 and June 12 from 9am - 12:30 pm
- Nashville Farmers Market: June 27th from 11am - 2pm

### Important Dates for Next School Year

- August 5th evening: Open House for all classes
- August 6th: Two's Orientation - One on one time for each student to meet the teachers and become familiar with the room. The exact time that your child will attend school will be emailed in July.
- August 9-13th: Orientation Week - Classes in each school will be broken down into smaller groups to familiarize the students with the classroom, teachers, and routines. The exact days and times that your child will attend school during this week will be emailed in July. Splendid will be open during the week but will close early on Monday for Elementary Parent meeting.

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