

ABC-Stewart School

Est. 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



“Let us leave the life free to develop within the limits of the good, and let us observe this inner life developing. This is the whole of our mission.”

-MARIA MONTESSORI

Fundraise with Me For ABC

As a parent, fundraising is a task we are frequently asked to do. It can be painful! Hitting up friends and family to frequently buy things is not always easy. ABC-Stewart is also a not for profit school that depends on fundraising for school operations. The school has done an awesome job coming up with easy ways for us to earn money for the school with our daily activities. As we approach the holiday season, we'd like to highlight some of these EASY ways to fundraise for our school.

Amazon Smile

If your family is like ours, you might be on a first name basis with the UPS or Amazon driver. Amazon Smile allows you to support ABC-Stewart with every Amazon purchase at no additional cost. You will find the same products as on amazon.com, with the added benefit of Amazon donating a portion of your purchase to the school!

To sign up:

- Visit smile.amazon.com
- Sign in with your normal Amazon account
- Select – ABC Learning Centre
- Be sure to make your purchases from this website

You can also setup Amazon Smile on your mobile app:

- Navigate to the Main Menu using the (=) setting at the bottom right corner
- Select Settings
- Then Select AmazonSmile
- Select – ABC Learning Centre
- Shop away!
- Amazon will make you renew this setting twice per year, so check back periodically to make sure this setting is still in place.

Kroger

Your weekly trip to Kroger for groceries can earn money for our school. To set this up:

1. Download the Kroger app and setup your account
2. Click on the three bars in the top right corner
3. Click on Rewards
4. Choose Community Rewards
5. Search for ABC-Stewart School

Laura Jo's Cookies for Kids

Having a party and need some sugar cookies? Searching for a gift for your coworkers or staff? Looking for a special occasion gift? Laura Jo's cookies fit the bill! They have cookies for absolutely every occasion. Even better – 25% of each cookie order is donated to ABC-Stewart. Shop anytime at www.laurajoscookiesforkids.com for local delivery or shipping to all 50 states.

Once you have selected your cookie, be sure to select ABC-Stewart school as your fundraiser.

School Fundraisers

Throughout the year, you will see different school fundraisers. Whether it be donating to a special school project, or participating in one of the school fundraisers such as the Walkathon or Cookoff, we need your support. Please come and participate! These are fun activities for your family that also benefit the school.

Donations

Remember that ABC-Stewart is a not for profit organization, and any contributions made to the school are tax deductible. Consider the school in your charitable giving plan!

We are always looking for new ways to fundraise for our school! Please send any ideas to the school office at abcstewart.office@gmail.com, and thank you for your support. Each and every one of you contribute to making this school a success.



LAURA JO'S COOKIES FOR KIDS

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Thank you to all of the families that participated in the first ever Trunk or Treat at ABC-Stewart! There were 27 “trunks” entered in the event that truly highlighted the creativity of our families at ABC-Stewart. The event was moved inside due to rain, but it didn’t dampen the fun. Kids dashed between tables to discover the next treasure, and were met with overflowing bowls of candy, Halloween goodies, riddles, challenges, and even a game of Nintendo! Participants voted for their favorite “trunk” by dropping in donations for the school, and the winner was....

“SPOOKTACULAR”

Participant Names: Samyra Pramanik – Kindergarten, Vaiga Pattel - Pre-K, Viaan Atre - Preschool

“Our kids associate Halloween with “scary pumpkins”, “zombies & witches”, “spooky ghosts & spiders”, so we decided to go with the “SPOOKTACULAR” theme. We are very grateful to ABC Stewart for giving us our very first opportunity to participate in a Trunk or Treat event.”

2nd Place went to: Superheroes Under Attack

3rd Place went to: Mario

Thank you again to all of our families who participated by decorating a “trunk”, donating to the event, or just coming to join in on the fun! It was wonderful to have the school family together again!



Mike DeArmitt

I first attended ABC/Stewart as a preschooler in the late 1970s when the school was in an old army barracks out by the airport. I have vivid memories of crawling underneath the building after school with Paul Carmichael and finding empty glass bottles from the World War II era. Later the school moved to a bigger (but still old) army building. We were in that building until my sixth-grade year when the school moved to its current location.

I was part of the very first Stewart School basketball team. I remember that the student body got to vote on what our nickname would be, and we chose the nickname “Trojans.” Apparently after I graduated the nickname was eventually changed to the Suns. Our first three years we had no gym, so we played no home games and had to run across a farm field to the National Guard Armory for our practices.

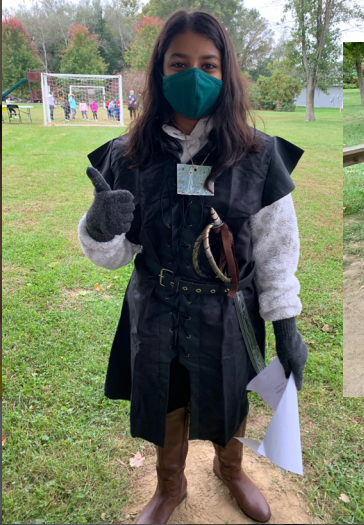
One of my favorite experiences from ABC/Stewart was the fossil trips. We would take a school bus down to southeastern Indiana and hunt for fossils in old rock beds. On the way we would sing songs (led by Mr. Carmichael) and eat frozen ice cream sundaes with wooden spoons. Such vivid and wonderful memories!

One valuable life lesson I learned at Stewart was tolerance, acceptance, and appreciation of people who came from backgrounds and cultures different than mine. Columbus in the early 1980s was not as diverse as it is now, but at Stewart I was in school with children of different religions and races. We were taught to treat everyone with respect, to learn from each other, and to appreciate the heritage of each other’s culture. Having those values ingrained in me at a young age is something for which I am forever grateful.

After graduating from ABC/Stewart I went on to graduate from Columbus North High School in 1990, Franklin College in 1994, and Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis (now the Robert H. McKinney School of Law) in 1997. I have been practicing law in the Columbus area for the past 24 years, with my primary area of focus being the criminal law. The education I received from ABC/Stewart continues to serve me well on a daily basis as an attorney and a community member.

MEDIEVAL DAY

This year ABC-Stewart students participated in Medieval Day! This is a special Stewart day that is a part of our 3 year rotating curriculum. Students were able to participate in hands-on experiences that gave them the idea of what life was like in Medieval times. Students visited stations about writing, cooking, javelin tossing, music, weaponry, animals, archery, catapults, medieval games, and fencing. Thank you to all of our volunteers and staff that made this day possible for our students.



LUNCH GUIDE



Teacher Recommended

As a parent it is always hard to know what items work best for our kids, so we turned the experts their teachers for recommendations. Here is what they recommended:

Re-usable Snack Bags: great for snacks, but also for extra masks. They can also be used as a pencil such or to carry items when traveling. Both recommended brands come in an array of colors/ styles so your kids can pick out their own.

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Stasher Platinum Silicone Food Grade Reusable Storage Bag, Clear (Bundle 4-Pack Small) | Reduce Single-Use Plastic | Cook, Store, Sous Vide, or Freeze | Leakproof, Dishwasher-Safe, Eco-friendly: [HERE](#)

Full Circle ZipTuck, Reusable Sandwich Bag Set, [HERE](#)

Bento Box: The Bentgo box is great for little hands for being the “appropriate child size portions and they can independently open these”. Lunch Bots made of stainless steel stand the test of time and come in an array of different sizes

Bentgo Kids Prints Leak-Proof, 5-Compartment Bento-Style Kids Lunch Box - Ideal Portion Sizes for Ages 3 to 7 - BPA-Free, Dishwasher Safe, Food-Safe Materials [HERE](#)

LunchBots Medium Duo Snack...[HERE](#)

Insulated & Leak Proof Containers: These are easy to open and made of stainless steel to last.

LunchBots 4.5 oz Leak Proof Snack and Side Dish Containers - Set of 2 (4.5 oz) - Spill Proof in Bags and Bento Boxes - Food-Grade Stainless Steel With Silicone Lids - Green [HERE](#)

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LunchBots Thermal 8 oz Triple Insulated Food Container - Hot 6 Hours or Cold 12 Hours - Leak Proof Thermos Soup Jar - All Stainless Interior - Pink [HERE](#)

Water Bottles: For smaller hands, “ones with hands on top are best” offering “better leverage to open.” Little hands “aren’t big enough to get a good grip around tops (without hands) to open.”

THERMOS FUNTAINER 12 Ounce Stainless Steel Vacuum Insulated Kids Straw Bottle, Blue [HERE](#)

Home Ideas: Have the kids help pack their lunch safely with this teacher recommended stool.

Popin Lover Kitchen Step Stool for Kids and Toddlers with Safety Rail, Kids Step Stool Standing Tower Learning Stool for Bathroom& Kitchen [HERE](#)

Pencils: For early writers, these larger diameter pencils are recommended and what they use in school.

[Ticonderoga Laddie Elementary Pencils,](#)
[Dixon Ticonderoga Laddie Elementary Pencils, With Eraser, Pack Of 12 Pencils](#)

Events & Clubs

Elementary Clubs

Spell bowl: Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Drama club: (2nd & 3rd Grade) Monday 4-5 pm

Shakespeare Breakfast Club: (4th-6th grade) Friday 7:10- 8 am (please arrive early)

Dulcimer Club: Friday 4-5 pm

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Events:

11/6-7th: Parent Work Day

11/19: Thanksgiving Feast - Parent involvement yet to be determined

11/22-26th: Thanksgiving Break. Extended & Splendid will be closed.

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