# Jim Stone Elementary Weekly Blueprint

#### February 8, 2019

# Upcoming Dates

February 12: PTO Social @ Noon 3rd & 4th Grade Musical February 18: Out for President's Day February 21: Julia Robinson Math Festival 5:30-7 February 26: United Way Tax Assistance

Night 5-7

We read 465 books through our reading incentive program in January. Keep bringing in reading logs for prizes!



#### **Character Word for February**

#### per·se·ver·ance

to persist in an idea, purpose or task despite obstacles

# **PTO** Social

#### Tuesday, February 12

**@ Noon** Text to 501-366-8640 to RSVP by February 8

#### **Everyone is Welcome!**

Valentine Party Schedule Thursday, February 14 Kindergarten: 1:00 First Grade: 9:30 Second Grade: 10:00 Third Grade: 1:30 Fourth Grade: 1:45



### Make-A-Wish Days

Week of Feb. 11: We will be selling candy grams for \$1.00 each day - more details coming

Feb. 22 Make a Wish Dance Party: \$5.00 - more details coming

# **PTO Spirit Days**

Help us raise money for sound systems in the classrooms. Each dress up day is \$1.

February 28: Western/Cowboy Day March 29: Tourist Day April 26: Neon Day May 10: Patriotic Day



Jim Stone Elementary was awarded a \$750 grant from Pi Beta Phi to purchase books from First Book. With this grant, we were able to purchase a book for every student in our school. Thank you to Pi Beta Phi for cultivating a culture of learning at Jim Stone Elementary. Please email beginning of year, fall field trip, and Christmas Party pictures to sking32.sk@gmail.com for the yearbook.

#### Attention Parents of current Second, Third, and Fourth Grade Students:

• Recommendations for the Pinnacle Gifted and Talented Program for elementary students for the 2019/2020 school year are now being accepted.

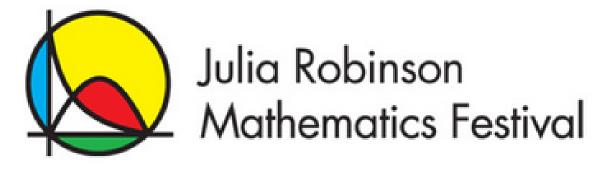
 Parents or guardians who wish to recommend their second, third, or fourth grade child for the G/T program should review all their child's available standardized test scores, their level of motivation for schoolwork, and their level of creativity before making the decision to recommend.

o Parents or guardians planning to recommend their child for G/T should use the online form located on the GT website (http://gt.conwayschools.org /identification-process.html

o The online referral form completed by parents or guardians must be submitted no laterthan Tuesday, February 5.

There will be a parent meeting to explain the testing and placement process on Tuesday, Febuary 5, at 6:00pm in the HS Lecture Hall. Enter the front door and go the right down the hall.

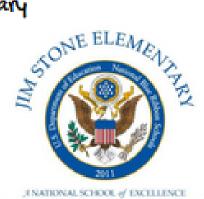
Please note that the nomination process is now done online. Questions contact Starla Grsham, NBCT – greshams@conwayschools.net



#### FEBRUARY 21, 2019 5:30-7:00 Jim Stone Elementary

sponsored by the University of Central Arkansas Math Department and Jim Stone Elementary





Join us for a fun filled night filled with fun collaborative problem solving activities, food, and door prizes!

Please RSVP by returning the information below so we can get an accurate count for food.

Your name:\_\_\_\_\_

Your child's name and grade\_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending

Please RSVP by February 8.

### **Free Tax Preparation** at



**Jim Stone Elementary** 

If your household earned less than \$55,000 last year, you may qualify for our FREE Income Tax Preparation Program.

#### Tuesday- February 26, 2019

#### 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

United Way of Central Arkansas will be providing Free Tax Preparation beginning on February 4, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m, Monday-Friday. Our Drop-off site is located in our office, 1110 West Oak St. (next door to Bob's Grill) and will run until April 12, 2019. Our Super Saturday events in Clinton will be on February 16th and March 30th 9 am - 2 pm at the Clinton Library.

To view a complete list of Super Saturdays events, extended hour options or to schedule an appointment today, go to www.uwcarklfree-tax-prep.

#### What to Bring:

\*For Married filing Joint, both spouses MUST be present \*All Forms W-2 and 1099 \* Information for other income \*Information for all deductions/credits \*A copy of last year's tax return, if itemized last year \*Proof of account for direct deposit of refund \*Social Security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification from IRS (and state, if applicable) notices/cards for you, your spouse, and/or dependents

#### Will Prepare:

\* Wages, salaries, etc. (Form W-2) \*Interest Income (Form 1099-INT) \*Dividends Received (Form 1099-DIV) \*State Tax Refunds (Form 1099-G) \* Unemployment Benefits (Form 1099-G) \*IRA Distribution (Form 1099-R) \*Pension Income (Forms 1099-R, RRB-1099, CSA-1099) \*Social Security Benefits (Form SSA-1099) \*Simple Capital Gain/Loss (Form 1099-B) \*Sale of Home (Form 1099-S)-limited

#### Will NOT Prepare:

\*Schedule C with losses \*Complicated Schedule D (Capital gains and losses) \*Form SS-5 (request for Social Security number) \*Form 8606 (non-deductible IRA) \*Form 8615 (minor investment income) \*Form SS-8 (determination of worker status for purposes of federal employment taxes and income tax withholding) \*Parts 4 & 5 of Form 8962 (Premium Tax Credits)

\* Proof of identification for yourself and/or your spouse \*Total paid to day care provider and their tax ID number \*Birth dates for you, spouse and/or dependents on the return

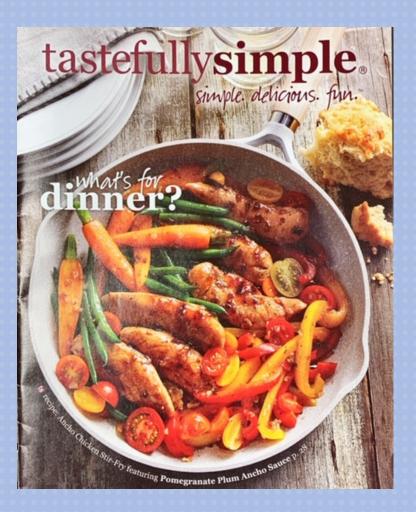
\*Forms 1095--A,B or C (ACA statements) \*For prior year returns, copies of income transcripts

\*Self-employed (Form 1099-MISC)-limited \*Gambling Winnings (Form W-2G) \*Cancellation of Debt (Form 1099-C)-limited \*Itemized Deduction-limited \*Education Credits (Form 1098-T) \*Child Tax Credit \*Earned Income Credit \*ACA Statements (Forms 1095-A, B or C) \*Prior year and Amended Returns limited



Please see a professional preparer for assistance with complicated returns.





Thank you to Wanda Johnston at Tastefully Simple for providing lunch for our teachers. If you are interested in purchasing any products from Tastefully Simple, contact Wanda Johnston at 501-329-7226 Wanda.Johnston301@gmail.com

# **Be a Community Partner**

You can help Jim Stone by becoming a community partner! Ways you can help:

\*Donate \$ or Supplies

Needed supplies are: Books for our Free Book Exchange shelf, unisex sweatpants and shorts for kids sizes 5-14 for the nurse's office, snacks for the classroom, or school supplies.

\*Sponsor Breakfast, Lunch, or Snacks for the Teachers.

If you are willing to sponsor us, we will recognize you through social media and in our newsletter. Help us make Jim Stone Elementary awesome!

#### Camp Invention<sup>®</sup> is coming to Conway Public Schools!

In partnership with the National Inventors Hall of Fame<sup>®</sup> (NIHF), Conway Public Schools is pleased to offer the nationally acclaimed Camp Invention<sup>®</sup> program to children entering kindergarten through sixth grade. It's an exciting, weeklong summer adventure with lessons that explore connections between science, technology, engineering and innovation. Children work together to create solutions to real-world problems and build critical 21st-century skills while rotating through several high-energy, hands-on modules. The week begins on June 10 with Anita Reynolds serving as Director of the ALL-NEW 2019 program, Supercharged!

Here are how young innovators will be spending their time:

- Exploring the electrifying relationship between frequency, circuitry, motors and gears through reverse-engineering and rebuilding their very own remote-controlled robot.
- Unearthing hidden fossils then building ships and innovative equipment to embark on a research expedition to uncover more exciting information about their discovery.
  - Coding and programming robot, Bot-ANN-E, to take on duties and help turn a polluted wasteland into a fruitful farm and successful business.

 Collaborating with the Innovation Force<sup>®</sup>, a team of NIHF Inventors turned action-packed superheroes, to design superhero gadgets and disguises, explore the fields of engineering and fabrication and take on the sinister villain, the Plagiarizer.

Activities give participants the opportunity to explore, discover and achieve while having fun!

Local educators facilitate program modules and enthusiastic high-school students serve as Leadership Interns, ensuring that one staff member is in place for every eight children.

Register using promo code INNOVATE25L to save \$25 (expires 3/22) or PLAY15LISTING to save \$15 (expires 5/10) OFF \$230. Every registration includes a complimentary Camp Invention t-shirt. Availability is limited, so visit www.invent.org/camp or call 800-968-4332 to secure your child's spot today!

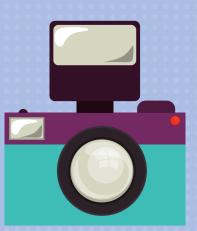


Do you want to feel like a Rockstar? Volunteer!

# Click here to volunteer!

We Need You

Please send photos for the Jim Stone Elementary Yearbook to: sking32.sk@gmail.com





# Jim Stone Elementary Free Book Exchange

#### Located in the Parent Center/Guest Lunch Room

# Take a Book, Leave a Book

If you see a book in the bookcase you would like to read, feel free to take it with you.

Return it to the Free Book Exchange area when you are finished.

## **Give Books**

Keep our Free Book Exchange operating by leaving books for others.