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Gold and Blue Newsletter

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Dear Stoneleigh Families and Friends,

I spy children playing outside late into the evening, pools being cleaned in preparation for warmer weather coming, and neighbors cultivating spring blossoms. All these things mean that the end of the school year is almost upon us. This year has been a blur!

Our PTA has enjoyed many successes this year. Let's not forget all of our highly attended, fun family socials, the many cultural enrichment assemblies, and new successful endeavors such as our language clubs. We would not be able to enjoy these successes without the support and generosity of Stoneleigh families and friends. Thanks again to the many people who have chaired all of our successful committees and who have made our PTA a great organization.

At this time, our Nominating Committee is focusing on finding new people to join our PTA Executive Board. I invite you to consider joining the team. Soon a separate flier listing vacating committee chair positions will come home with your child. I invite you to grab a friend and consider taking on a new role within the PTA! Regardless of your work schedule or if you have young ones at home, there is a wide range of suitable jobs. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

I invite you to become an active member of the PTA! Show your children the value of volunteering and the value of their education.

Kelly Friedman
Stoneleigh PTA President
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Dates to Remember

APRIL

- 21-27 TV Turn-Off Week
- 23-25 PreKindergarten and Kindergarten Round-Up
- 25 **Story Teller Night.** 7:00-8:00 p.m., Stoneleigh Library.
- Apr25-May1 MSA Science Testing Window, Grade 5 only

MAY

- 4-10 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5 Distribution of Report Cards
- 6 Board of Education Meeting, Greenwood, ESS Building, 7:30 p.m.
- 8 **PTA Meeting**, 7:30 p.m., Stoneleigh Library
- 12 SECAC Meeting, ESS Building, Greenwood, 7:00 p.m.
Topic: Special Area Teachers & Special Education: Music, Art and Physical Education
- 12 PreK/K Conference Day—no Pre-K or full-day Kindergarten sessions
- 15 Band and Orchestra Concert at Stoneleigh Elementary, 7:00 p.m.
- 22 CAEAC Meeting, Carver Center, 7:00 p.m. Topic: Science & Technology Curriculum
- 26 Memorial Day Observed—Schools and Offices Closed
- 30 End of School Picnic (details to follow)

JUNE

- 10 Schools Close 3 Hours Early for Students
- 11 Last Day of Classes for Students; Schools Close 3 Hours Early for Students

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Calling All Girl Scouts for 2008-2009 School Year

Colleen Mahony and Christine Roberts, the new Stoneleigh Coordinators for Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, are looking for girls interested in getting involved in Girl Scouts and new parents interested in serving as leaders.



If your daughter is interested in joining Girl Scouts next school year as a Daisy (Kindergarten or Grade 1), Brownie (Grades 1-3), or Junior (Grades 4 and 5), please contact Colleen or Christine.

They hope to have informational meetings and new leader trainings over the summer so that troops can begin meeting in September.

Colleen Mahony, 410-377-8429
colleenmahony@hotmail.com

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Girl Scouting serves girls from all racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds. Our mission is simple, "Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place." Assistance with dues or other costs is available upon request and is completely confidential.

Continue Earning Money for Stoneleigh Elementary

Thank you for submitting your Box Tops for Education.

Stoneleigh Elementary earned \$663 for the fall submission. Please continue to send in Box Tops. Look on page 7 for our fun springtime submission page for boxtops!



Giant A+ Bonus Bucks

The 2007-2008 Bonus Bucks program has ended. Because of your efforts and support of this program, we earned \$520. Remember to check back in August at www.giantfood.com to designate Stoneleigh Elementary.

Target

Target will donate up to 1 percent of your purchases made on your Target Visa or Target card. Log on to www.target.com and click on Take Charge of Education. Target makes school donations in March and September each year; Stoneleigh recently earned \$382.

Tidy Corner

by Chris Hartstein

'Start off on the right foot' was a phrase I heard from my mother a



lot growing up. I never really understood what she meant. What was the right foot and where were we going? I've since come to understand that the 'right foot' is the opposite of assumption.

Last week, I was simultaneously asked to cut the strings off my daughter's tangled marionette puppet and help my son choose between colleges. Luckily, I did the puppet first, because I was reminded of how disastrous it can be when we assume we know what someone wants instead of simply asking.

Using the language of goal-setting at home (What do you want here? How do you want to use this toy/ this space/ this time? What is important to you?) teaches kids that rational decision making isn't just for math class.

Organizing things, projects and time all start with sorting. I don't organize a house by leaving things where they lie and you can't organize a project or a decision if you don't look at and sort out your goals.

You're Invited

The Euro Club and Walking Wednesdays invites you to attend a dramatic portrayal of three European Folk Tales.

May 28, 2008

7:00 p.m.

Stoneleigh Gymnasium.

This is a free event open to all Stoneleigh families and their friends.

Important PTA Information

The Stoneleigh Elementary PTA Nominating Committee

(Jacquie Meyer, Denise Supensky, Heidi Bunes, Vicki Damanti, and Colleen Mahony) is currently accepting nominations for officer positions on the PTA Executive Board for the 2008-2009 school year. We will consider nominations for any position, but are especially interested in filling the vacant positions.

President – Kelly Friedman has completed 1 of 2 possible terms, still eligible

1st Vice President – Gail Brashers-Krug is moving to Iowa, **vacancy**

2nd Vice President – Vicki Damanti is still eligible to complete her term

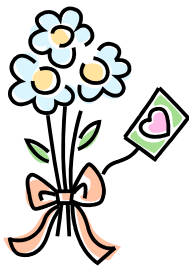
Secretary – Denise Supensky has completed her two terms, **vacancy**

Treasurer – Heidi Bunes has completed her two terms, **vacancy**

If you are interested, have questions regarding the position and its responsibilities, or would like to put forth a nomination, please contact any member of the nominating committee before Wednesday, May 7. (Jacquie Meyer can be reached at 410-825-0833 or jpmeyer@comcast.net. To reach the other members of the Nominating Committee, please refer to your Student Directory for contact information.)

The SES PTA Board will vote on the nominees at the meeting on Thursday, May 8. Nominees will be announced in the May newsletter. The General Membership (all SES PTA members) will vote at the End of Year Picnic on May 30. At that time the general membership will also be voting on the proposed PTA Budget for the 2008-2009 school year.

Coming soon....



Teacher Appreciation Week

May 5th – 9th

Students and parents, let's show our gratitude to the wonderful Stoneleigh Elementary teachers & staff. Remember to say "thank you" in your own creative way.

2008 STEM Fair Participants

First of all, we want to say **CONGRATULATIONS** to **ALL** the students who took part in this year's STEM Fair. We very proud of all our students who participated. **You are all winners!!**

Our 4th and 5th grade winners, Luke Jones and Greg Tolj, will compete in the BCPS STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Fair on Saturday, May 17th at Randallstown High School.

Thank You to our volunteers! **Christine Roberts** (PTA STEM Liason) spent much time organizing the event; **Colleen Mahony** (PTA Hospitality Chair) organized the food and drinks that was enjoyed by everyone, especially the children. Other volunteers included: **Michele Pucak** (Judge); **Bonnie Souter** (Judge); **Steven Moglinicki**; **Julie Kromkowski**, and of course, our first grade teacher, **Mrs. Eibl!**

The following is a list of the students who participated in the STEM Fair on April 22, 2008.

KINDERGARTEN

Distinguished Achievement: Seessa Kauffman (Zimmerman) – “Drinking Flowers”

Laney Cornelius (Bosco) – “Liquids and Density”
Joseph Buttarazzi (Bosco) – “Circuit City”
Colleen Russell (Bosco) – “Sink or Float”
Julia Buttarazzi (Zimmerman) – “Fingerprint Fun”
Van Pelt Collamer (Howard) – “Marble Drop”
Michael Foster (Howard) – “Compass”

FIRST GRADE

Distinguished Achievement: Colin Fales (Slattery) – “Color, Light, Temperature”

Zachary Oddo (Thompson) – “Plants/Liquids”
Ayden Robinson (Spear) – “Growth and Soil”
Vincent Igusa (Hagan) – “Seed Size”
Katherine Buttarazzi (Slattery) – “Vitamin C”
Sophie Poremski (Kessler) – “Project Putty”
Sam Nunn (Kessler) – “Money in Water”

SECOND GRADE

Distinguished Achievement: Ryan Pearce (Mintiens) – “Apples”

Serena Roberts (Mintiens) – “Ice Cream”
Aaron Weeks (Mintiens) – “Grapes in the Sun”
Kaitlyn Tracy (Mintiens) – “What Floats?”
Burke Harman (Gardner) – “Heating the Air”
Julia Chomowicz (Mintiens) – “Float/Density”
Tea Lorsch (LaBue) – “Air Junk”
Peter Mogilnicki (LaBue) – “Limestone”
Sophia Haine (Gardner) – “Picky or Not?”
Simon Kromkowski (Gardner) – “Weather Prediction”
Kennedy Scott-Lynch (Gardner) – “Ice Water”
Mackenzie Christensen (Dzbynski) – “Flotation”



2008 STEM Fair Participants

THIRD GRADE

Distinguished Achievement: Hannah Rueland (Johnson) – “Pully/Lift”

Marlena Buttarazzi (Hickey) – “Reflections: Spoons and Mirrors”

FOURTH GRADE

First Place: Luke Jones (McCracken) – “Angles for Distance”

Natalie Miller (Katz) – “Windmill Wonder”

Sam Loeffler (Gieron) – “Electricity”

Louis Lowenthal (Hull) – “BMI”

Julia Charen (Gieron) – “Floating Experiment”

Madelyn Kaplin (McCracken) – “Jack’s Beanstalk”

Lara Cochran (Gieron) – “Memory”

Ben Starkey (Katz) – “Plant Growth”

Nina Lorsch (McCracken) – “Fruits/Veggies = Electricity?”

Catherine DellaSantina (Gieron) – “Is It Too Sunny?”

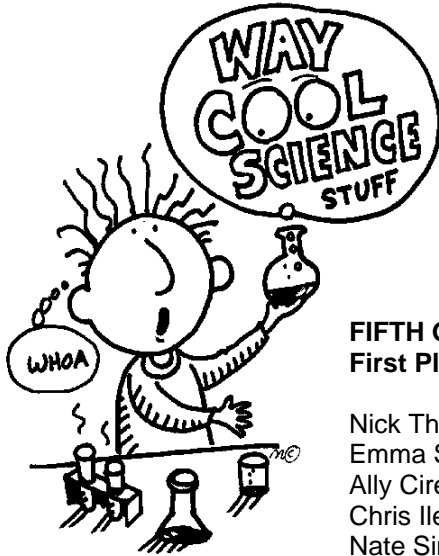
Third Grade Safe Racer winners:

Will Langenberg

Alex Duncan

Sam Shrestha

Karen Prem



FIFTH GRADE

First Place: Greg Tolj (Imerie) – “Stream Analysis”

Nick Thornburg (Yingling) – “Acidity of Soft Drinks”

Emma Stiso (Glassman) – “Magnets”

Ally Cirelli (Imerie) – “Natural Water Purifiers”

Chris Iler (Wisnom) – “Jacob’s Ladder”

Nate Simon (Glassman) – “Bernoulli’s Law”

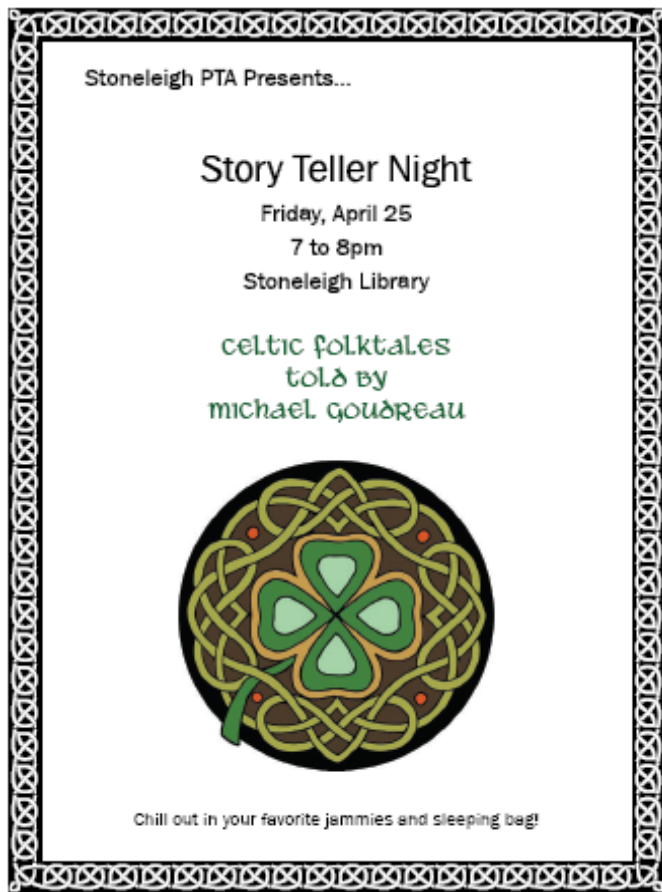
Vincent Mogilnicki (Yingling) – “Liquefaction”

Melanie Kimball (Glassman) – “Plant Growth/Water vs. Land”

Keigan Scott-Lynch (Yingling) – “Electro Magnetic Force”

Aaron Sanzenbacher (Glassman) – “Plants/Air”

Anna Sillers (Wisnom) – “Delicious Explosion”



2007-2008 Student Directory

Each year the PTA produces a directory listing all children in the school, class lists, school/PTA events, important phone numbers and general information. The directory is extremely useful for locating friends for play dates, contacting other parents, or making guest lists for birthday parties.

If you would like to purchase a directory to use for the remainder of the school year and Summer 2008 for those summer playdates, please send \$2.00 (cash or check made payable to Stoneleigh PTA) to school in an envelope. Please be sure to mark the envelope with your child's name, homeroom teacher, and specific request for the directory. A directory will be sent home with your child.

It is not too late to get a student directory.

Beautifying Our Grounds

April 19 was a great day for the grounds at Stoneleigh Elementary School! Many people, including Towson University students, residents of Stoneleigh and PTA volunteers, took part in beautifying the grounds and making a difference in the health of the Herring Run Watershed.

The group planted two trees, weeded the flag circle, and cared for existing trees by redistributing mulch from the over-mulched areas. During the summer, a majority of the flag circle will be covered with clear plastic to kill the invasive weeds growing there. This method of killing weeds, called **soil solarization**, eliminates the need to use chemical weed killers.

Long term plans include: (1) a replanting of the flag circle in the fall, (2) a new storm water recharge basin for the bed along Pemberton Road to reduce

erosion, and (3) creation of a rain garden on the east side of the school.



Many thanks to Jamie Brown, a landscape architect living in Stoneleigh who is designing the new plantings for the flag circle.

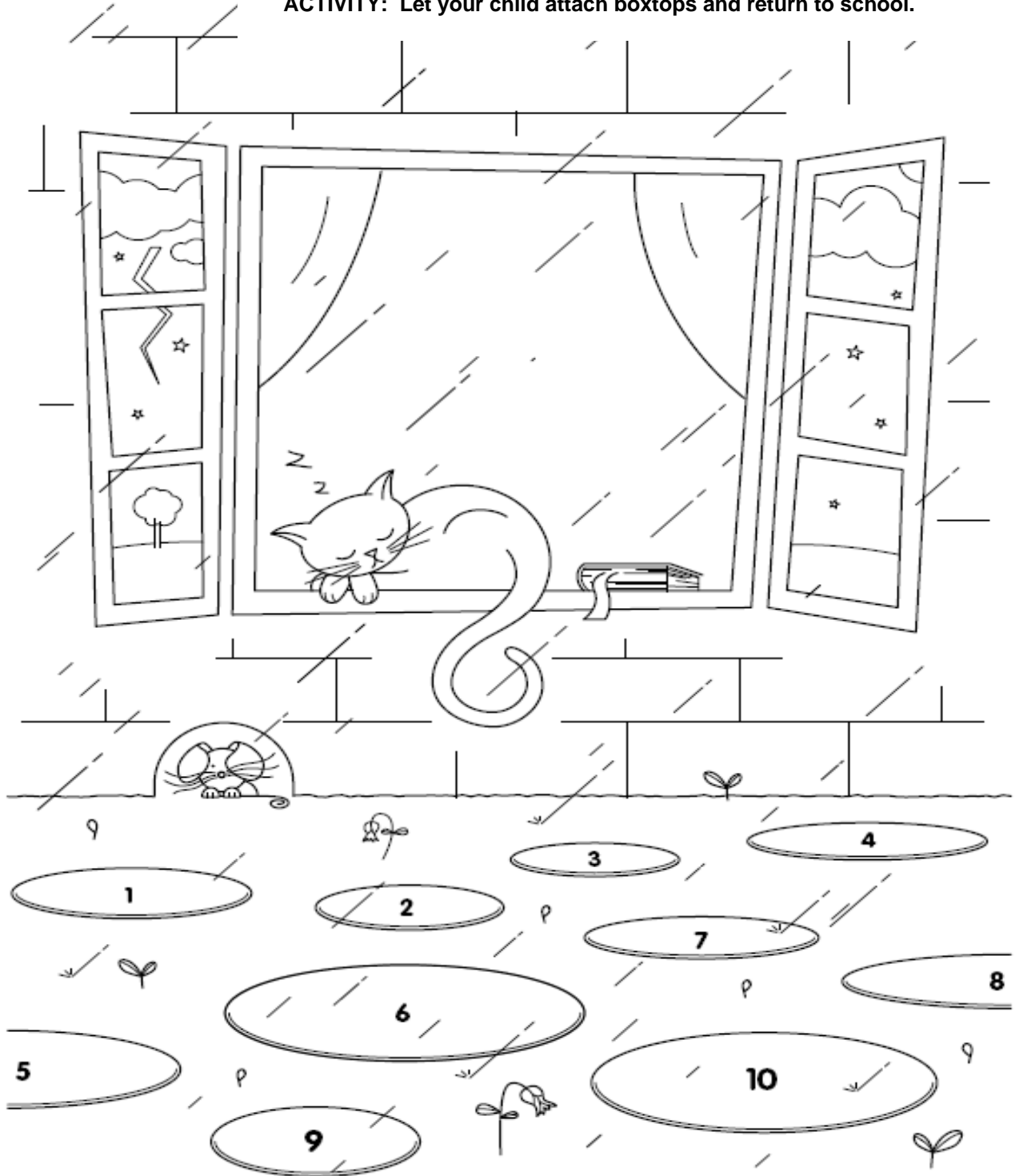
Many thanks to Elizabeth Voss who has applied for a grant from Lowes; this grant will fund our vision for the grounds!

Thanks to **everyone** who came to help out!



April showers...bring May flowers

ACTIVITY: Let your child attach boxtops and return to school.



Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher's Name _____

Thank you for helping! Every Box Top you collect is worth 10¢ for your school.
For more collection worksheets and projects, go to www.boxtops4education.com/activitycenter

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TV TURNOFF WEEK, APRIL 21-27!

The Stoneleigh PTA challenges Stoneleigh Elementary students to skip the TV, computer and video games. Become More Active and Creative People!

Play ball

Read a book

Build a model

Talk to a friend

Learn a new game

Redesign your room

Help your parent cook

Improve your home recycling system

Learn to say the alphabet backwards

(just because)

Jump a rope

Draw a picture

Plant a garden

Learn to stand on your head

Teach someone a joke

Paint

Make a junk sculpture

Dance

TV Turnoff Week Voucher

Turn this voucher in to homeroom teachers or drop off at the school office.

My child/ children successfully kept the TV OFF for TV Turn-Off Week, April 21-27!

Name

Grade

Homeroom

Parent's signature

Date

Parent Comments

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STONELEIGH PTA STUDENT DIRECTORY 2008-2009

NOTE: A new form must be completed annually for each family.

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If you are a returning family to Stoneleigh Elementary School, please complete section A or B below and return this form indicating if you wish to be included or omitted from the directory. Please return your form to the school office by **Friday, May 9, 2008** in order to be included in the school directory next year. Contact Kelly Friedman with any questions, 410-377-8998.

A. I authorize the printing of the information below in the Stoneleigh PTA Student Directory:

Signature: _____ Date _____
Parent/Guardian

Please PRINT information clearly and include names (first and last) and grades for all children attending Stoneleigh in the **2008/09** school year.

Student: _____

Student: _____

Student: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____ Home phone #: _____ Email: _____

Other information/listing requests (include second household information here if applicable):

B. Please do not list my child(ren) in the Stoneleigh PTA Student directory:

Student(s): _____
Last name First name(s) Grade(s)

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian

The Student Directory is produced solely for the use of Stoneleigh Families. The information contained in the directory is not sold or given to any outside companies or agencies.

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Stoneleigh Spirit Wear On Sale Now!

The First Friday's of the month are Stoneleigh Spirit Days,

Remember to wear your

Gold and Blue and show your school spirit!

WE NOW HAVE ADULT SIZES TOO!!



Tshirts*Hooded Sweatshirts*Embroidered Polos*Stickers*Bracelets

Please complete this form and return to your homeroom teacher with cash or a check made payable to Stoneleigh PTA.

Name _____ Homeroom _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please circle the size(s) that you would like to order.

Tshirts

Kids- \$5

Adults- \$10

XS S M L

S M L XL XXL

Hooded Sweatshirts

Kids- \$15

Adults- \$20

S M L XL

M L XL XXL

Bracelets- \$1.00 _____

Stickers- \$3.00 _____

