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From Your Stoneleigh PTA President

Dear Stoneleigh Families and Friends,

I would like to start off by offering a very special thank you to Alice Horan and Trixie Tracey for their hard work, diligence and dedication to making our Holiday Bazaar an extraordinary day of fun for everyone! Again this year, our Bazaar was a huge success! The new addition, New To You, was awesome! Thank you to Jill Chomowicz for all of your organizing and hard work! Also, many thanks to all of the volunteers who helped by making treats to sell or by spending time at one of our craft areas or by working in the Kids Only Room. All of these things helped to make the Bazaar a fun filled day for all! This great event would not be possible without the participation of volunteers, so thank you! I hope that everyone had a great time making crafts, buying gifts for friends and family and eating all the yummy treats at the Bazaar. I know that my family had great fun.

As the year comes to an end, we are asking that you please remember the Stoneleigh PTA for your year end donation. Without PTA funding our school would be missing out on many cultural enrichment events, as well as family social activities throughout the year that help to make your child's educational journey through Stoneleigh more enriched, more fun, and more memorable.

Thank you for a great 2008! I am looking forward to seeing you all in 2009! From our families to yours, the Stoneleigh PTA wishes you all a safe and happy new year!

Kelly Friedman
Stoneleigh PTA President

Special Thanks

A special thanks to *Melissa Reuland* for her donation of the bears and their outfits for the Holiday Bazaar.

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Dates to Remember

DECEMBER

- 23 Assembly: Cantaré, A Celebration of Life in Latin America
- 23 Christmas/Winter Break Begins at end of school day

JANUARY

- 5 School Reopens
- 8 PTA Executive Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library
- 8 Stoneleigh Gazette goes home
- 13 Informative STEM Fair Parent Night, 6:30 p.m.
- 19 **School Closed** – MLK Birthday (Observed)
- 23 Family Social Event – TBD
- 26 **School Closed** – Assessment / Prof. Development



Newsletter Information

Would you like to see your information printed in the January 22 edition of the newsletter? Just send your articles/information by **January 16** to Sheri Buttarazzi at sbuttarazzi@gmail.com. Editing for space/content may occur. Thanks for contributing!

PTA 2008-2009 OFFICERS

Please feel free to contact any member of the Executive Board with any PTA related questions or concerns you may have. Thank You!

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STONELEIGH HOLIDAY BAZAAR

MANY THANKS TO THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Trish Lott	Kathleen Nuetzel	Heather Steger	Karyn Brune
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Amy Aloï	Carol Morgan	Sarah Van Tiem	Fred Kine
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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR

It takes 37 pounds of confectioners sugar, 1 parent and 6 hours to make the icing for the Gingerbread Houses. THANK YOU SANDY PILOTTE!

It takes 34 boxes of Graham Crackers, 15 parents, and 200 milk cartons to construct the Gingerbread Houses.

It takes 18 yards of material to cover and decorate the 150 Jazzy Journals.

It takes 15 yards of material to dress the 200 Bears.

It takes 14 committees, 22 committee chairpersons, and three months to plan for the Holiday Bazaar.

It takes 97 parent volunteers to give up part of their Saturday to make the Holiday Bazaar actually happen!

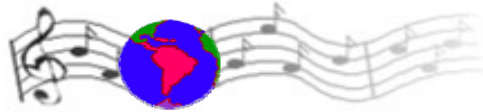
THANK YOU!!!

Holiday Bazaar Committee Members

Anne Casale	Craig Fringer	Sandy Pilotte	Beth Tober
Laura Collamer	Ronna Jablow	Keri Scherr	Beth Toole
Lee Corbett	Mrs. Loos**	Bissett Schwanke	Trixie Tracey
Jennifer Cornelius	Farida Malecki	Marissa Sheingate	Jean-Marie Trivedi
Cheryl DeLuca	Catherine Mecchi	Jamie Smith	Kierney Vandiver
Trista DiPaula	Laurie Moylan	Karen Sorenson	Kristen Vogel
Joyce Duncan	Kathleen Nuetzel	Mrs. Spear**	Cynthia Weisz
Leigh Forbes	Melissa Oddo	Mrs. Thompson**	

**Teacher volunteers

Our apologies if we have omitted someone's name from our list of committee members.



FIESTA! - A Celebration of Life in Latin America

December 23, 2008

Parent and Teacher Follow Up Materials

Parents can increase the value of PTA Cultural Enrichment performances. Ask your children what they saw and what they thought. Below you will find information about the performance and suggested activities.

THE SHOW: Drawing from the musical heritage of the Caribbean, Central and South America, *Cantaré* performs songs in Spanish and Portuguese, while sharing the music's cultural and historical background. Audiences learn about the history of Latin America and the different cultures that shaped their music – Native American, European and African - while becoming familiar with the language, rhythms and musical instruments from the different countries. The music of *Cantaré* communicates the inter-dependency of people and cultures and the rich fusion that results when diverse traditions come together. Cecilia Esquivel and Patricia Vergara are both active on the Washington area music scene and have extensive training in music education, as well as experience performing popular music from Latin America.

SUGGESTED POST-PERFORMANCE ACTIVITIES:

- Ask your child to draw the instruments they saw in the program.
- Listen to more Latin American music and dance to it. Can your child recognize the sound of the instruments?
- Emphasize the concept introduced during the performance that people make instruments with the resources that are available in their environment. Ask your child to find the "hidden instruments" in their home environment (objects that are not already musical instruments). Encourage them to use a variety of elements such as wood, metal, clay, plastic, glass, etc., that will produce sound in different ways: blow, pluck, shake, hit or scrape.
- Prepare or buy foods from Latin America (e.g. pupusas from El Salvador). Try to expand your horizons beyond Mexico. Other kinds of foods that are readily available in our area are Bolivian, Peruvian and Dominican.

SOME SPANISH WORDS AND PHRASES FROM THE PERFORMANCE:

Adiós – Goodbye	Araña – Spider
Bailar - To dance	Buenos Días – Good Morning
Burro – Donkey	Cantar - To sing
Fuerte –Loud	Gozar – To have fun!
Hola – Hello	Suave – Soft
¿Cómo estás? – How are you?	

Call and Response - A musical question and answer style which originated in Africa.

Carnaval – The word Carnaval means “goodbye to the flesh” in Latin and refers to the celebration that takes place before Lent (40-day period before Easter, during which Christians don't eat meat). Carnaval celebrations are widespread in Latin America; the most popular ones are those of Brazil, Bolivia and Puerto Rico. *Mardi Gras* is a similar celebration that takes place in some parts of the US.

Clave Pattern - Main rhythmic figure found in the Latin musical tradition, also found in African music, sometimes with slight variations. Often played on claves (wooden sticks) but may also be played on the wooden shell of a drum.

Cumbia – Popular dance rhythm from Colombia and Central America.

Parranda – Festive music performed from house to house at Christmas time in Puerto Rico and other places in the Caribbean. Similar to Caroling.

INSTRUMENT LIST FROM VARIOUS REGIONS:

Agogô –Percussion instrument originated in Africa. A pair of pitched bells mounted on a flexible rod, used for Brazilian samba and other Latin Music. It is played with a stick in one hand, while the holding hand also opens and closes the rod, adding additional tones by hitting the bells together.

Bombo- large double-headed drum from the Andes made from a hollowed tree trunk with patches made of calf or goatskin, played with two sticks.

Cajón – a wooden rectangular box played as a drum.

Chajchas – rattle made from sheep, llama or goat hooves dried in the sun, oiled and sewn into a wrist cloth bracelet.

Charango – a small ten-stringed guitar made from an armadillo shell.

Claves - sometimes called rhythm sticks in this country, a pair of hardwood sticks which are struck together in particular patterns to provide the rhythmic underpinning or "key" to a song.**Quena** - vertical notched reed flutes originally made from animal bones or bamboo.

Maracas - shakers traditionally made of gourd with beans or seeds inside.

Marimba – xylophone consisting of a number of wooden plates of different sizes and thickness. Underneath the plates are resonators made of gourds.

Zampoñas – panpipes made of bamboo reeds tied together.

PTA Monthly Meeting Schedule



Mark your new 2009 calendars with the following monthly meeting schedule for the Stoneleigh Elementary School PTA.

January 8, 2009
February 12, 2009
March 12, 2009
May 14, 2009

All parents are welcome to attend our PTA Board Meetings. Meetings begin at 7:00pm in the library unless otherwise noted.

The meetings are an excellent opportunity to find out what's happening at our school. During our meeting you will hear from PTA committees as well as school staff.

Introducing our January challenge....

Which homeroom will have the greatest parent representation at the PTA meeting in January?

2008-09 PTA Reflections Program

The PTA Reflections committee is proud to recognize the following students who participated in this year's program, showcasing unique creativity interpreting the "Wow!" theme:

Primary Division, Visual Arts

Audrey Booher
Julia Buttarazzi
Nicholas Chang
Declan McGee

Primary Division, Literature

Katherine Buttarazzi

Intermediate Division, Visual Arts

Clayton Dombek
Shawna Supensky

Congratulations! Their works are now representing Stoneleigh in the Maryland State PTA competition.

Good luck!

Christmas Light Recycling Program

Please consider recycling your old incandescent lights instead of throwing them in the trash!



To find out the where to send your lights, what information to include, and how to package the lights, please visit the following website:

HolidayLEDs.com

We Want to Hear From You!

New Year's resolutions are not for adults only. Even young children can be taught to make some positive changes, particularly those concerning their health, behavior and safety. This New Year help your kids to make New Year's Resolutions and encourage them to follow them all through the year.

Suggested resolutions for school age children:

1. I will brush my teeth twice a day.
2. I will wash my hands after going to the bathroom and before eating.
3. I will clean up my toys/room.
4. I will do my homework in time.
5. I will sleep in time.
6. I will drink milk and water, and limit sodas or sugary drinks.
7. I'll be nice to other kids. I'll be friendly to kids who need friends - like someone who is shy, or is new to my school.
8. I will wear my seat belt every time I get in a car. I'll sit in the back seat and use a booster seat until I am tall enough to use a lap/shoulder seat belt.
9. I will try to find a sport (like basketball or soccer) or an activity (skipping rope, dancing or horse riding) that I like and do it at least three times a week!

We would love to know what New Year's resolution your Stoneleigh student makes for the year 2009. Please submit your student's first name and homeroom teacher along with their new year's resolution by Friday, January 16th to sbuttarazzi@gmail.com. We will publish all submissions in the PTA's January newsletter.

Happy 2009!