



Stoneleigh Elementary School



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From Your Stoneleigh Elementary PTA President

Dear Stoneleigh Elementary Families and Friends,

My original intent with this letter was to provide an end-of-year report card of our PTA, especially since we have been so busy. But quite honestly, I need to take a break! My children are anxiously waiting for me to disconnect from my computer so I can start enjoying our family time and start participating in our Christmas preparations.

I want to ask all of you to do the same! Do less. Take a break. Enjoy the holidays and your precious family time. Thank you for your continued support of our school and its students. There will be plenty more to do when we return to school in 2010!

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Sheri Buttarazzi, PTA President

Save the Date: PTA Winter Party/ Open House Thursday, January 14, 2010

In lieu of the usual January PTA meeting, the PTA will be holding a Winter Party/Open House to celebrate our successes thus far and to brainstorm for ideas for the rest of the year.

This is a PTA Executive Board Meeting/Winter Party Open House, but as always, we welcome new faces. Please join us!

When: January 14, 2010

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Sheri Buttarazzi's home, 7010 Copeleigh Rd

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Dates to Remember

DECEMBER

- 21 School Improvement Team Meeting, Library, 3:30 p.m.
- 23 Winter Break begins, end of school day
- 24-Jan 3 **Schools Closed**, Winter Break

JANUARY

- 4 **Schools Reopen**, end of Winter Break
- 14 PTA Winter Party/Open House (in lieu of meeting)
- 18 Schools Closed, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 22 FAMILY Social –Family Bowling Night
- 28 2nd Marking Period Ends; Gold and Blue Newsletter distributed
- 29 **Schools Closed**, Professional Day

FEBRUARY

- 1-5 PTA Book Fair



Holiday Wishes

PTA would like to extend our wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season to all the families of Stoneleigh Elementary. Have a very Happy Holiday!

PTA 2009-2010 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 Elementary's Shining Stars

Do you have a Stoneleigh Elementary teacher, staff member, volunteer or parent that you think is doing an amazing job and deserves countywide recognition for their efforts at Stoneleigh? Is there a Stoneleigh Elementary PTA program that you think is worthy of "Top Program" recognition by the Baltimore County PTA Council? Is there a Stoneleigh Elementary teacher you believe should be nominated as "Outstanding Educator of the Year?" Then we need you!

The Stoneleigh PTA needs Stoneleigh Elementary School community members to nominate people and programs for countywide honors. We need volunteers to read the nominations and serve on the review committee. We also need a chairperson to work with the 1st Vice President to handle the application and submission process.

The 2009-2010 application will be available in mid-January and the application deadline for all nominations is March 25, 2010. If you are interested in helping to identify Stoneleigh Elementary's Shining Stars, please contact Colleen Mahony at stoneleighpta1stvp@gmail.com or call Colleen at 410-377-8429 with any questions.

Upcoming Family Social Event



**STONELEIGH
ELEMENTARY
BOWLING
PARTY!**

Please join your Stoneleigh Elementary School friends and their families for a night of bowling:

Where: Stoneleigh Lanes
When: Friday, January 22, 2010
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Cost: \$6.50 per player

Come get out the winter cooped-up blues and bowl with some friends!

Newsletter Information

Would you like to see your information printed in the January 28th issue of the PTA newsletter? Just send your articles/information by **January 22, 2010** to Susan Schoenfeld at sschoenfeld@blr.com Editing for space and/or content may occur. Thanks for contributing!

Volunteer Connection

Scholastic Book Fair

The annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held on February 1st and will run all week until February 5th. If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact Lori Terceira at Southernbelle_33@msn.com We will need volunteers starting on January 29th through February 5th.

Stoneleigh PTA 2010-2011 – Nominating Committee

Next Spring, the Stoneleigh PTA will need to elect several new PTA officers. According to our bylaws, the Stoneleigh PTA must establish a nominating committee of five PTA members to nominate an eligible person for each office to be filled. The nominating committee must be identified and voted upon at a PTA Board of Directors meeting and must be elected at least two months prior to the election of officers (which occurs at the end of May).

In January/February 2010, the PTA will begin to recruit PTA members to serve on the committee. If you are interested in serving, please let Colleen Mahony know at stoneleighpta1stvp@gmail.com or call her at 410-377-8429.

Gold and Blue and Creative, Too

This year, we will work with our students to publish our fourteenth edition of *Gold and Blue and Creative, Too*. The PTA is in need of a chairperson to coordinate the efforts of all our PTA volunteers involved in the publication process.

To create *Gold and Blue and Creative, Too* students volunteer creative content. All project administration, typing, editing and layout work is accomplished by parent volunteers. The Stoneleigh Elementary PTA pays for the cost of printing.

If you are interested in taking a leadership role in creating the 2010 edition of *Gold and Blue and Creative, Too*, please contact Sheri Buttarazzi at 410-377-0646 or stoneleighptapresident@gmail.com

Gifted and Talented Program Update: Toolkit Available

Ellen Galvez
Parent Liaison, Gifted and Talented Program

Want to see background information on the Gifted and Talented education program and a list of resources to help you and your child? Check out the newly revised "GT Toolkit" at the BCPS website page for the Citizens Advisory Committee for Gifted & Talented Education (GT CAC) at <http://www.bcps.org/offices/gt/pdf/Toolkit.pdf>.

Continue to watch for further updates from the GT CAC. Several parent members of the CAC met in November with BCPS staff, the first meeting of a joint task force that will be working together to strengthen the Gifted & Talented Program in Baltimore County Public Schools. Among the first topics to be addressed will be the process for identifying students who require Gifted & Talented education services and best practices. The CAC will be planning its own meetings to coincide with the agenda of the task force, so watch for further details on upcoming meetings.



PTA Reflections Program Recognizes Student Artistic Talent

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

Literature

Grades K-2: Audrey Booher and Maia Dalton

Grades 3-5: Georgia Darwin

Photography

Grades K-2: James Buttarazzi, Hannah Lechtzin and Paul Zellerhoff

Grades 3-5: Marlena Buttarazzi

Visual Arts

Grades K-2: Elise Marie Chang, Nicholas Chang and Maeve McGee

Grades 3-5: Clayton Dombeck and Kaitlyn Tracey

Congratulations! Their works are now representing Stoneleigh Elementary in the Baltimore County PTA competition. Good luck!

News From the PTA's Foreign Language Club

Kathy Dalrymple
Parent Liaison, PTA Foreign Language Club

Hola and Bonjour,

It is hard to believe that the PTA Foreign Language Clubs have almost reached their half way mark. The students in Spanish Club have already been practicing basic conversational phrases and have covered colors, numbers, weather, seasons and the alphabet, all in Spanish.

They have also studied about the customs and traditions of different Hispanic holidays, including Dia de los Muertos (Halloween in Mexico) and Las Posadas (Christmas in Mexico). Cultural lessons about various native Spanish speaking countries, such as Mexico, Spain, and Costa Rica have also been implemented.

Mrs. Cline's Spanish Club covered Thanksgiving vocabulary and is in the process of making "Libros de Espanol" (Spanish Books). Also, each week they have highlighted an "Estudiante de la Semana" (student of the week).

Ask your children about what they learned each week to further enhance their knowledge of the language and culture. The *Scholastic* news articles are great ways to make conversation on what they learned that week.

French Club has been busy with a very similar curriculum. They have studied numbers 1-30, colors, greetings, likes and dislikes concerning activities and sports. The students have been exposed to French music, maps of France and all the incredible historical monuments that France has. They have also learned about Saint Catherine's Holiday and studied Fairytales by Charles Perrault. Towson High Schools French Honor Society came to French club and performed the Fables by La Fontaine. What a treat for the students!

Thanks to all the parents for the great snacks that have been provided. If you are not sure of the date please email your student's teacher for the information.

For the families who did not pay in full for the club, a detailed email will be sent next week.

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year to all!

It is not too late register your Giant card!
Enroll on-line at www.giantfood.com/aplus by
December 31st and your school will receive credit
for ALL of your December purchases!

Food Collection for Those in Need in Our Community

The Assistance Center of Towson, located at 120 W. Pennsylvania Ave. opened in 1985 when 14 churches met to explore ways to help to the poor and needy families in our community, ACTC is now supported by 43 churches and provides numerous emergency services including food, shelter, clothing, medicine, transportation, transient help, toiletries and referrals.

We are seeking nonperishable food and also toiletry items. Please bring cereal, canned fruit, tuna, Saltines, peanut butter, jelly, canned meat, spaghetti and sauce, canned vegetables, pork and beans, soup, rice, macaroni and cheese, shampoo, and soap.

The food/toiletries can be dropped off the LAST SUNDAY of each month at the following addresses:

606 Hatherleigh	Bissett Schwanke
800 Ridgeleigh	Susie Jun
715 Stoneleigh	Mary Wynne Eisenberg
705 Stoneleigh	Annie Biser
821 Wellington	Maria Wetherington

Please tell your neighbors about this community project. **We want to make a difference for our neighbors who are struggling!**

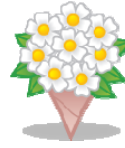


News from the Art Department

Upcoming: Arts Night is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2nd, 2010. Mark your calendar and remember that this is an evening that you must register for in order to participate. Look out for upcoming information in January and February Newsletters.

Original Works Request: Thank you for a successful fundraiser! Now that you have received your order and student work back, students who would like their artwork **exhibited** should send their original artwork back in to Ms. Link.

Because the orders were time sensitive, these artworks did not get a chance to be exhibited in our halls. I would love to have a collection of these works to hang for our school and community to enjoy!



A Big Thank You from the Hospitality Committee

The PTA Hospitality Committee wishes to thank the following people for all of their help during American Education Week. It was a huge success and we could not have done it without your help as hosts and bakers. Thank you so much!!

Sharon Barr	Vanessa Milio
Laure Bowman	Kathleen Neutzel
Karen Coyle	Maita Pang
Kathy Dalrymple	Jill Pinkett
Dana Dalton	Janine Ptak
Rajbeer Deol	Marita Riggs
Ellen Galvez	Beth Sales
Katie Galo	Emily Shifrin
Becky Garvey	Trixie Tracey
Marcie Hipple	Gila Unguru
Nicole Johnson	Elizabeth Voss
Jennifer Langenberg	Sheila Wagner
Sarah Loeffler	Shelley Wiglesworth
Teresa Marconi	Jan Zieger

Also, a big extra thanks to Tim Melton for brewing the coffee very early every morning!!

The PTA Hospitality Committee,
Amy Kline Pattie Durgin Caroline Ennen

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Stoneleigh Elementary is now collecting juice/drink pouches (not juice boxes) to be reused and made into crafts. This will help our school stay green and will earn funding for the school! The program will also help our students to learn about reusing, rather than creating waste.

So please send your empty, clean, and flattened Capri Sun, Minute Maid, etc. pouches in to the school cafeteria. Thank you! Stay green, Stoneleigh!! (For any questions/concerns about this program, please contact Meaghan Slattery msslattery@bcps.org or Jackie Cordasco jcordasco@bcps.org.)

We're sorry to say that Stoneleigh Elementary will no longer be collecting dry cell (regular, non-rechargeable) batteries. Due to MD State Hazardous Waste Laws, it is no longer legal to recycle dry cell batteries, so Staples and IKEA are not taking our donations anymore. Please do not send used dry cell batteries into school anymore.



Walking Wednesday Update

- Number of Walking Wednesday calendars returned by Stoneleigh Elementary students in November: **82**
- Number of miles walked by Stoneleigh elementary students in November: **990**
- Average number of miles walked per student in November: **12**
- Gallons of gas that were saved by walking (based on 25 mpg) in November: **40**
- Amount of money for gas (at \$2.70 per gallon) that was saved by walking in November: **\$107**

Places in the United States "visited" in November in our "Hike across the United States":

Indianapolis, IN St. Louis, MO Kansas City, MO Kinsley and Dodge City, KS.

Please have your children complete and return their Walking Wednesday calendars after each month so we can continue our "Hike across the United States"!

If your child's Walking Wednesday calendar is misplaced, you can download additional copies from the PTA website.

Research shows that physical activity and physical fitness are associated with improved academic performance and mental development in children and adolescents.

So, keep walking Stoneleigh!

Stoneleigh PTA Student Directory

2009-2010 Order Form

Student Name: _____

Grade/Homeroom Teacher: _____



Return this form to your child's homeroom teacher in an envelope marked PTA Directory. **Please be sure to include \$5.00 cash or check made payable to Stoneleigh Elementary PTA for each directory ordered.** Directories will be sent home with your child.

Questions can be directed to Catherine Renggli at 410-377-0132 or stoneleighptadirectory@gmail.com.



Holiday Celebration Contributors

Baltimore's Best Events

Cafe Zen

Ceriello Fine Foods

Daedalus Books & Music

Eddie's

Fractured Prune (Harford Rd)

Grauls

Kathy Fick Designs

Mars

Pizza City

Shoppers Food Market

Stebbins Anderson

Superfresh

Trader Joes

Wegmans

Wells Liquors

Zen West

Thank you for your generous donations and support!

We could not have done it without you!

Please consider sharing your patronage at these businesses to show our appreciation of their support of Stoneleigh PTA.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION – THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who made this year’s Holiday Celebration a success.
This day could not have happened without our parent and student volunteers.

***A special thanks to Co-Chairs Trixie Tracey and Kathleen Nuetzel
for all of their hard work!***

If we missed listing your name below as a volunteer, we sincerely apologize. Please let us know, and we will add you to the next newsletter.

Alyssa Fieo
Aimee Freeman
Alice Horan
Amanda Smith
Amy Kline
Angela Schaeffer
Anne Casale
Ann Geddes
Ann Heller
Ann Jones
Anthony Bosco
Barbara Lund
Beth Tober
Beth Toole
Bissett Schwanke
Bob Harrell
Brenda Bechdel
Cara Denney
Caroline Roberts
Carrie Hartin
Cathy Pascale
Charlotte Huisman
Cheryl Deluca
Chris Hartstein
Claire Myer
Cleo Stamatou
Colleen Mahony
Courtney McGee
Cynthia Weisz
Dan Levy
Deb Blunt
Denise Supensky
Diane Matousek

Diane Topper
Ellen Birkner
Ellen Galvez
Ellen Sheridan
Emma Kaufmann
Erica McConnell
Ercilia Valenzuela-Jerez
Fred Kline
Gina Molling
Hannah Connelly
Heather Steger
Heidi Bunes
Holly Taylor
Ivy McMullen
Jackie Blinke
Jen Mettrick
Jenn Langenberg
Jennifer Cook
John Barber
Kaitlyn Tracey
Katie Burgess
Karen Buch
Keri Scherer
Kim Bandell
Kim Connelly
Kristin Vogel
Kyle Nuetzel
Lee Coyle
Leigh Forbes
Libby Fraker
Linda Hutter
Lisa Darwin
Lisa Fisher
Lori Terceira

Luke Nuetzel
Mackenzie Christiansen
Marisa Sheingate
Mark Mettrick
Marsha Sullivan
Mike McConnell
Melissa Reuland
Michelle Cline
Nancy Grund
Nancy Harman
Nevitt Edwards
Sandi Pilotte
Sara Barber
Sarah Stockard
Shannon Carney
Sheri Buttarazzi
Staci Lanham
Sue Thompson
Sue Yancisin
Susan Schoenfeld
Therese Evans
Trista DiPaula
Wendy Guidera
Mr. Melton
Mr. Street
Mrs. James
Ms. Morgan

**** Everyone who baked a
cake for the cake walk! ****

**AND all of the Room Parents for
fulfilling our volunteer needs!**

Many thanks also to our parent performers: Kate Fleming & Kris Strong (singing), Kim Booher (harp & piano), and Nina Amaya (belly dancing), as well as Mr. Bosco, Ms. Blinke, and the Egan School of Irish Dance for providing excellent entertainment. Thank You!

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION FUN FACTS

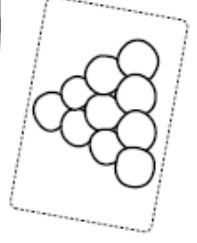
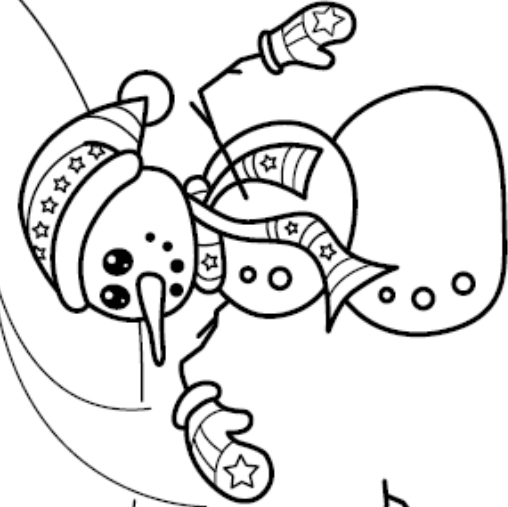
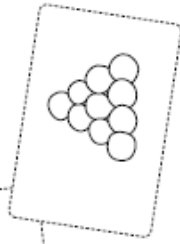
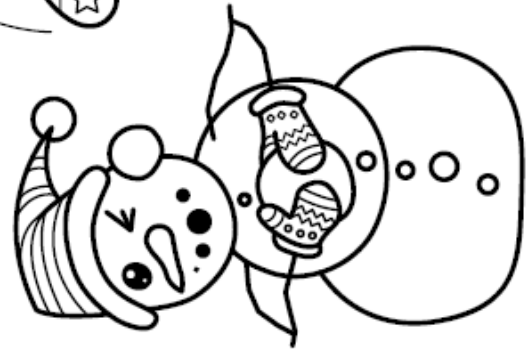
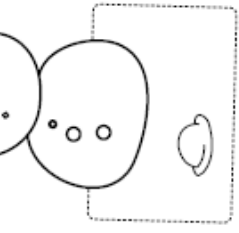
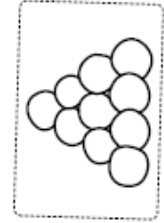
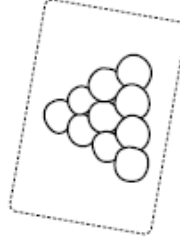
Did you know that it takes:

- 14 committees, 22 committee chairpersons, and three months to plan for the Holiday Celebration?
- 28 volunteers, 40 boxes of graham crackers and 250 cartons of milk (empty) to make the 250 gingerbread houses for the Holiday Celebration?
- 15 yards of material to dress the 200 Bears for the “Dress-A-Bear” activity?
- AND over 100 volunteers to make the Holiday Celebration actually happen!**

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THE HOLIDAY CELEBRATION POSSIBLE!



HOORAY FOR SNOW DAYS!



Paste in a flurry of Box Tops and earn cash for your school!

NAME _____
GRADE _____
TEACHER'S NAME _____