



Stoneleigh Elementary School



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President's Message

Dear Stoneleigh Families and Friends,

Welcome to the third quarter! We have several upcoming events to mark on your calendar. The first upcoming event to start planning for is the STEM Fair. Science projects do not have to be too complicated to be good. In fact, they can be fun! Remember, the best projects involve finding an answer to a question about something that interests your child. The questions that can be asked and answered using scientific methods are typically those that begin with who, what, where, why, when or how. The topic should be observed, data tracked and the outcome measured.

The next important endeavor to make note of is *Gold and Blue and Creative, Too!* This publication includes literary works and drawings submitted by our students. Every student will receive a copy of this publication toward the end of the year. As done in year's past, our children are usually given extra quiet time during the school day to read it, and they are able to attend a special assembly to celebrate their collective creative efforts.

It is amazing to see each year how the students love to linger and read when we send the books home with them. My own kids do not run into the house for snacks as usual. The weather is usually warmer, so when they arrive home after school, they throw their backpacks on the ground and sit in the yard to continue reading what they were trying to read while walking home. It is truly a sight to see. So, please try to work with your child so they can have their own entry in this wonderful book.

More information about the *Gold and Blue and Creative, Too!* and the STEM Fair can be found on our website, www.stoneleighpta.org.

On another note, we are in need of people to volunteer their time to help us run the PTA next school year. It is a wonderful opportunity to be involved at Stoneleigh Elementary. There is a nominating committee in place to fill some of our officer positions.

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Dates to Remember

FEBRUARY

26 Deadline for *Gold and Blue and Creative, Too!* Submissions EXTENDED to March 5th, 2010.

MARCH

- 2 Math Olympics, Stoneleigh Elementary School, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. **(RESCHEDULED)**
- 5 Extended deadline for GBCT Submissions
- 11 PTA Executive Board Meeting, Stoneleigh Elementary School, 7:00 pm.
- 19 Family Game Night & Book Exchange, Stoneleigh Elementary School, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- 25 Gold and Blue Newsletter Distributed
- 26 Spring Break Begins at End of School Day. **Schools Closed March 27th through April 5, 2010.**

APRIL

- 6 **Spring Break Ends, Schools Reopen.**
- 13 Arts Night, Stoneleigh Elementary School **(RESCHEDULED)**
- 16 PTA General Meeting and Family Social Event
- 16 Assessment Day. **Schools Close 3 Hours Early for Elementary and Middle School Students.**
- 20 STEM Fair, Stoneleigh Elementary School
- 22 Gold and Blue Newsletter Distributed

Newsletter Information

Would you like to see your information printed in the March 25th issue of the PTA newsletter? Just send your articles/information by **March 19, 2010** to Susan Schoenfeld at sschoenfeld@blr.com Editing for space and/or content may occur. Thanks for contributing!

Stoneleigh Elementary School PTA

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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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We hope to post a listing of open chairperson positions soon. If there is anything that you are interested in becoming involved with at our school, please contact us and let us know!

Finally, a big thank you to the chairs of the Book Fair, Lori Terceira, Kristin Gooding, and Barbara Lund, and the many volunteers that helped out. The Book Fair was an overwhelming success! Thank you to Mrs. Mooney and Mrs. Warner for their support and for letting us use the library space, and thank you to the many Stoneleigh families that purchased books for their children and for the classroom libraries.

Sheri Buttarazzi, PTA President

Volunteer Connections

PTA Officers Needed for 2010-1011

In May, the PTA will be electing new officers for the next school year. Elected officers are as follows: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The current President and the two Vice Presidents are eligible to serve another year, while the Secretary and Treasurer have both completed their terms.

The Secretary is responsible for recording the minutes of all meetings, filing all records, maintaining a copy of the bylaws, maintaining the membership list and performing other duties as assigned.

The Treasurer is responsible for keeping a full, accurate account of receipts and expenditures (including the reconciliation of all bank statements), making authorized disbursements in line with the budget, presenting a written financial statement at each meeting, making a final report before the newly elected officers officially assume their duties, maintaining the book of accounts and preparing/filing all the necessary tax forms, having the accounts examined and audited accordingly to our bylaws, and other duties as assigned.

If you are interested in learning more about either of these two positions or any of the available positions within the PTA, please contact Colleen Mahony at stoneleighpta1stvp@gmail.com or via phone at 410-377-8429. A Nominating Committee of Colleen Mahony, Ellen Galvez, Sheila Wagner, Trixie Tracey and Sarah Morris will be formally elected at the March Board meeting to develop a slate of candidates for the 2010-2011 school year. We encourage all those interested (or just intrigued) to talk with a Nominating Committee member.

Kindergarten Roundup: Volunteers Needed

The Hospitality Committee is looking for parents to staff the PTA welcome table during Kindergarten Roundup. Parents with students in kindergarten this year make great volunteers for the round up! This is a fun way to connect with new families coming to Stoneleigh next year. Please call Amy Kline 410-377-6392 if you can spare an hour or two of time on April 13th, 14th, or 15th, 2010. Thanks so much for your help!

Website Development

If you are able to use Thesis and WordPress, and if you have time to spend only a few hours making a few changes to our website -- WE NEED YOU! If interested, please contact Sheri Buttarazzi at 410-377-0646 or stoneleighptapresident@gmail.com.



Shining Stars

Volunteer Reviewers Needed for Shining Stars

Do you have a few moments to spare to help our school be recognized for all the hard work it does every day? The PTA needs a few people with a few red pens to read and review Stoneleigh PTA's Baltimore County Shining Star award applications. Reviews will be conducted from March 10-17, 2010. Time commitment is minimal. Rewards are great! Contact Colleen Mahony at stoneleigh1stvp@gmail.com or 410-377-8429 if interested.

Shining Stars Nominees Needed

Best Family-School Partnership, Best PTA Communication, Best Healthy Lifestyles, Best Safety, Best Student Recognition, Best Reading Program.....These are just some of the award categories for which Stoneleigh PTA might be awarded "Top Program". Let us know what you think are Stoneleigh's best programs and help us to win an award. Send thoughts ASAP to stoneleigh1stvp@gmail.com or call 410-377-8429.

Hope for Haiti Update

Once again, the Stoneleigh Elementary community has come through for a great cause. We are pleased to announce that through our **Hope for Haiti Program**, our community was able to raise **\$1365** that will be donated to the **American Red Cross**. We are happy to support this cause and we continue to have **Hope for Haiti!**

Thank you to all that supported this program.

Gifted and Talented Update

Ellen Galvez
Parent Liaison, Gifted and Talented Program

February is Gifted and Talented Education Month in Maryland -- per the February 1, 2010 proclamation of Governor O'Malley! If you are interested in joining the Gifted and Talented Citizens Advisory Council please email Karen Syrylo at ksyrylo@cs.com

For more information and resources check out the websites listed below:

- <http://www.bcps.org/offices/gt/cac.html>
- <http://www.bcps.org/offices/gt/pdf/Toolkit.pdf>
- <http://www.bcps.org/offices/gt/ppt/GT-Parent-Night.pdf>
- <http://www.stoneleighpta.org/parent-information/gifted-and-talented-liaison/>

Please also be sure to mark your calendar with the following important dates:

March 1, 2010 7:00 p.m.: Room 114 of the ESS building, behind BCPS Greenwood headquarters in Towson

- GTCAC Meeting
 - Update from the GT Office on recent developments in the GT Program

March 11 – 13, 2010: University of Maryland at Shady Grove, 9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville, MD 20850

- Conference: Diamonds in the Rough: Smart Kids who Learn Differently
- Visit the conference website at www.richweinfeld.com/diamonds.html

April 15, 2010 7:00 p.m.

- GTCAC Meeting
 - High School issues

May 6, 2010 7:00 p.m.

- GTCAC Meeting
 - Update on GT curriculum items for grades 3 to 12 from the leaders of each curriculum office: Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies.



**Math Olympics
Coming In
March**

You are invited to a very important evening of mathematics for students in grades K-5 at Stoneleigh Elementary School!

**Tuesday, March 2, 2010
(NOTE: Rescheduled Date)**

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Math will be highlighted throughout the school with hands-on activities, math literature, math web sites, and more! Please let the school know that you are planning to attend by completing the Family Math Night RSVP.

We hope your family will be able to join us for an evening of math fun and learning!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Donelan and Mrs. Mansfield,
Stoneleigh Elementary's Math Committee

Hospitality News: Snacks Needed for Math Olympics

The Hospitality Committee is in need of the following donations to make the Math Olympics night on March 2, 2010 happen:

- small water bottles
- juice boxes
- sugar cookies with white frosting (store purchased)
- icings tubes-blue, yellow, black, red, and green
- pretzels or snack bars

Please contact Amy Kline amykline@att.net or 410-377-6392 if you are able to help donate and/or set up the goodies. Thanks so much!!



Remember Your Box Tops!

Clip Box Tops from hundreds of your favorite General Mills products found throughout the grocery store. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents to our school. See the fun winter worksheet for box tops on page 7 of this month's newsletter.

Go to <http://www.stoneleighpta.org/fundraising/> for more information on the box tops program.

Don't wait! Send them in today!

PTA Reflections Program: Baltimore County Results Are In!

We are proud to announce that three of our Stoneleigh Elementary student entries in the 2009-2010 PTA Reflections Program were named winners of Awards of Merit from the Baltimore County judging level for their outstanding interpretation of the "Beauty is..." theme:

- Photography, Primary Age Group:
Award of Merit to **James Buttarazzi**
- Literature, Primary Age Group:
Award of Merit to **Maia Dalton**
- Literature, Intermediate Age Group:
Award of Merit to **Georgia Darwin**

Some facts about this year's program:

- 20 elementary schools participated at the local level
- 369 entries were submitted for Council level judging (272 of them elementary entries)
- 132 entries were selected to receive recognition at the County level: 60 Awards of Excellence and 72 Awards of Merit

While only those entries which received Awards of Excellence will proceed to the statewide judging round, these three Stoneleigh students are being recognized by the Baltimore County judges as exceptional entries. Congratulations!

Call For Nominations

Is the "Outstanding Educator of the Year" Walking Stoneleigh's Halls?

Baltimore County's "Outstanding Educator of the Year" is no doubt walking the halls of Stoneleigh every day. Without your suggestions, however, that Outstanding Educator will never get recognized.

We know we have a wonderful staff here. Please send us an email with your thoughts about who should be recognized.

Send us your stories, quotes, or vignettes that explain why a particular teacher has really made a difference in your child's life and should be recognized. We can use these submissions as the basis for our application and help one of Stoneleigh's own get much deserved recognition.

Please send your thoughts ASAP to stoneleigh1stvp@gmail.com or call 410-377-8429.

Submissions needed by March 10, 2010. Thank you!



News from the Art Department

SAVE the DATE – Stoneleigh Elementary's Arts Night has been **rescheduled to April 13, 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 March.

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 mslattery@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. Please do not send used dry cell batteries into school.



Walking Wednesday Update

- Number of Walking Wednesday calendars returned by Stoneleigh Elementary students in January: **52**
- Number of miles walked by Stoneleigh elementary students in January: **514**
- Average number of miles walked per student in January: **10**
- Gallons of gas that were saved by walking (based on 21 mpg) in January: **24.5**
- Total pounds of carbon dioxide emissions saved in January (based on 21 mpg): **480**

Places in the United States "visited" in January on our "Hike across the United States":

- Salt Lake City, Utah
- Great Basin State Park, Nevada; and
- Berlin, Nevada

Please remind your children to complete and return their Walking Wednesday calendars after each month so we can continue our "Hike across the United States"! We are almost half-way across the county!!

If your child's Walking Wednesday calendar is misplaced, you can download additional copies from the PTA website at <http://www.stoneleighpta.org/news-and-events/walking-wednesday/>

Walking or biking to school is an ideal way to get the Surgeon General's recommended daily dose of exercise (just 30 minutes).

If you are interested in helping with the Walking Wednesday program next year, please contact Cindy at cindybethhunter@gmail.com.

Keep walking Stoneleigh!

Collection for Those in Need in Our Community

The Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC), located at 120 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, 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.

ACTC is seeking nonperishable food and toiletry items for those who are in need in our community. They ask that you please donate 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.

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

606 Hatherleigh - Bissett Schwanke
715 Stoneleigh - Mary Wynne Eisenberg
821 Wellington - Maria Wetherington

800 Ridgeleigh - Susie Jun
705 Stoneleigh - Annie Biser

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

★ Reminder ★

FAMILY GAME NIGHT & BOOK EXCHANGE FRIDAY

MARCH 19th, 2010
6:30-8:00 P.M.

A STONELEIGH PTA-SPONSORED EVENT

Play Bingo & win a prize.

Bring your favorite board game or puzzle and challenge a friend.

Find out what new wonders await you in a book.



Snacks & drinks will be supplied

Please consider donating up to 5 gently used or new children's books for the exchange. There will be a drop off box in the school lobby from March 15th through March 18th, 2010 for collection. All books will be available for a free swap during Game Night.

Books that are not swapped will be donated by the Stoneleigh PTA to the Baltimore County Children's Abuse Center and Our Daily Bread's Library.

Child must have a chaperone. No drop offs please.

Gold and Blue and Creative, Too!



The deadline for submissions to the 2010 issue of Stoneleigh Elementary's *Gold and Blue and Creative, Too!* publication has been extended by one week to Friday, March 5th, 2010!

Don't miss out on a chance to include your student's best creative work, written and/or drawn, in this keepsake publication. There will be a school-wide celebration toward the end of the year when the PTA presents every student with their own copy of *Gold and Blue and Creative, Too!*

ATTENTION FIFTH GRADERS:
You are invited to participate in a cover contest!

All entry forms can be found on our PTA website:

<http://www.stoneleighpta.org/enrichment-programs/gold-and-blue-and-creative-too-publication/>

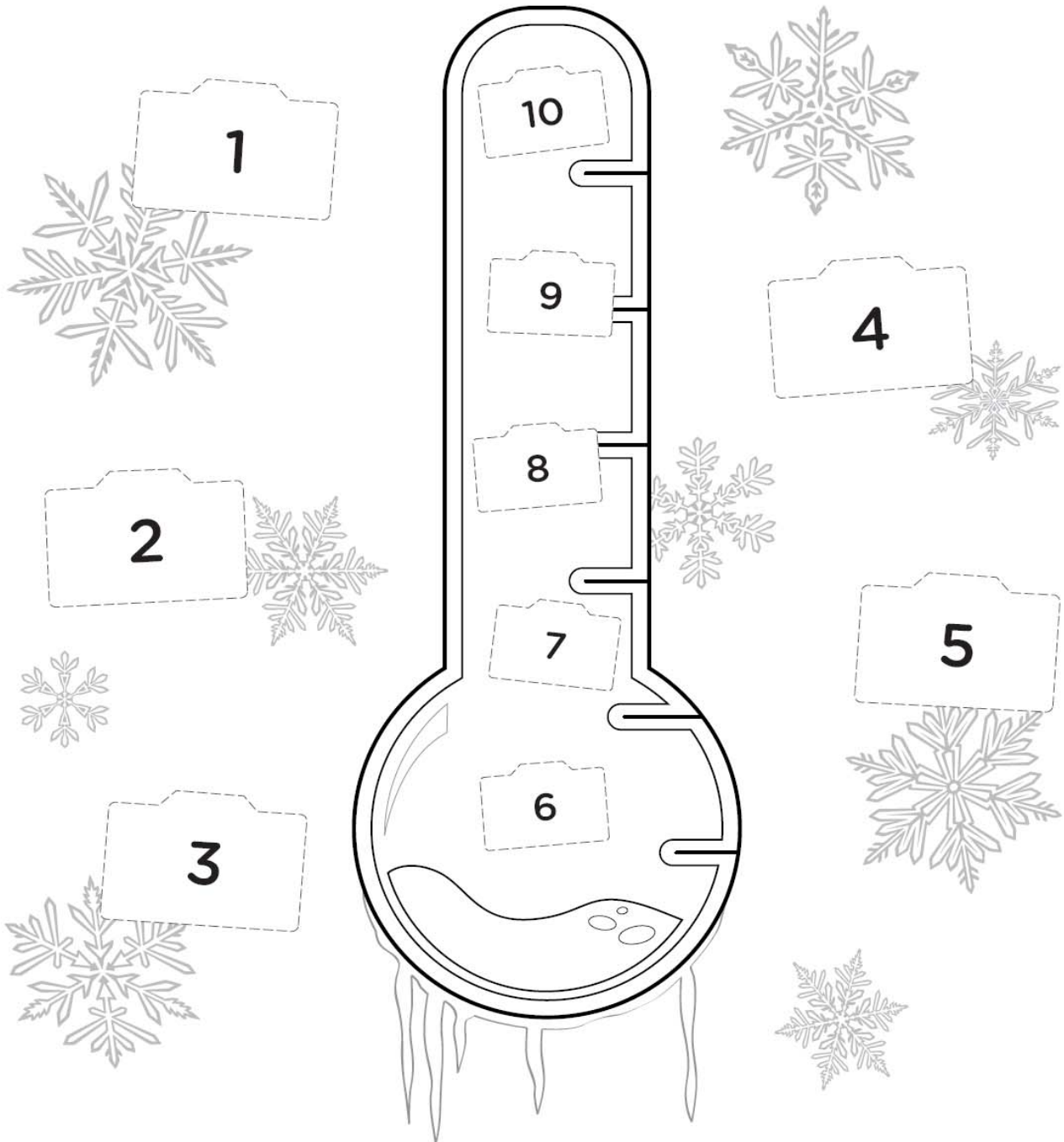
Submissions can be emailed to goldandblue@gmail.com with your NAME and GRADE in the subject line. Please include "with ART" if the student has an art submission to accompany the written submission.

Gold and Blue and Creative, Too!



heat up your school spirit!

The more Box Tops you add, the hotter your school's earnings will be



Name _____

Grade _____

Teacher's Name _____

Thank you for helping! Every Box Top you collect is worth 10¢ for your school.
To see more ways to earn cash for your school, go to www.btfe.com/earn



WINTER CLEARANCE

Stoneleigh Elementary Spirit Wear Order Form

Student Name: _____ Grade/Homeroom: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Total Number Items Ordered: _____ Total Payment Due: _____

Payment must be submitted with order form. Please make checks payable to Stoneleigh Elementary School PTA and write Spirit Wear in the memo line. Questions? Contact Christy or Courtney at stoneleighspiritwear@gmail.com.

2009-2010 Style Stoneleigh Sweatshirt -\$17

	YXS	YS	YM	YL	YXL	S	M	L	XL	XXL	Total Qty	x \$17 =
Pink												
Light Blue												
Navy												

2009-2010 Style Long Sleeve -\$10

	YXS	YS	YM	YL	YXL	S	M	L	XL	XXL	Total Qty	x \$10 =
Pink												
Navy												
Blue Tie Dye												

2009-2010 Style T-Shirts -\$8

	YXS	YS	YM	YL	YXL	S	M	L	XL	XXL	Total Qty	x \$8 =
Navy												
Light Blue												
Hot Pink												

2009-2010 Style Sweatpants -\$16

	YXS	YS	YM	YL	YXL	S	M	L	XL	XXL	Total Qty	x \$16 =
Grey												

Stoneleigh Elementary Winter Clearance Spirit Wear Order Form (page 2)

Stoneleigh Shorts -\$11

	YXS	YS	YM	YL	YXL	S	M	L	XL	XXL	Total Qty	x \$11 =
Pink Mesh												
Flip Flop												
UnderArmour												
Blue Mesh												

Old Style Stoneleigh Sweatshirt -\$12

	YXS	YS	YM	YL	YXL	S	M	L	XL	XXL	Total Qty	x \$12 =
Grey												
Pink												
Navy												
Classic												

Old Style Long Sleeve -\$7

	YXS	YS	YM	YL	YXL	S	M	L	XL	XXL	Total Qty	x \$7 =
Multi Tie Dye												
Purple Tie Dye												
Green Tie Dye												
Blue Tie Dye												
Navy												

Old Short-Sleeve T-Shirts -\$5

	YXS	YS	YM	YL	YXL	S	M	L	XL	XXL	Total Qty	x \$5 =
Multi Tie Dye												
Hibiscus Pink												
Guys Surf												
Pink												
Classic												

Old Sweatpants -\$9

	YXS	YS	YM	YL	YXL	S	M	L	XL	XXL	Total Qty	x \$9 =
Grey												

Aluminum Water Bottles -\$7

	Total Qty	x \$7 =
Red		
White		
Grey		

Car Magnets -\$3

Total Qty	x \$3 =

Canvas Bags -\$1

Total Qty	x \$1 =