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From Your Stoneleigh PTA President

Hello again Stoneleigh Families and Friends,

I am sure you are all as elated as I am that Spring is finally here and that we can say goodbye to the long cold days of winter. Spring is a busy time of year for our PTA. This month the Nominating Committee, comprised of Denise Supensky, Vicki Damanti, Kim Deinlein, Amanda Konradi and Laura Letchtzin, has begun its search for a new PTA President as my two-year term is almost complete. It is time for someone new to step in and make a difference.

If you or someone you know would like to be the person to make a difference in the lives of the children at Stoneleigh and you would like information on becoming the next PTA President, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee as they have just begun their search and would love to hear from you.

Our school has been busy this month! Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders have been working diligently during MSA testing and deserve recognition for a job well done. Also this month, our families filled the school during Art Night, which was a testimony to its success! All the children were eager and excited to perform on stage for their parents. The music was magnificent!

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Dates to Remember

MARCH

16-31 MSA Testing, Grades 3-5

APRIL

3 Third Marking Period Ends, **Schools Close 3 Hours Early**

10 Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m., ESS Building

6-13 Easter/Spring Break, **Schools Closed**

14 Schools Reopen

15-17 PreK, Kindergarten, and New Student Registration

17 Family Social Event – Puppet Theatre and Pajama Night, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

20 Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee (SECAC) Meeting, Greenwood, ESS Building, Room 114, 7:00 p.m. Topic: Conversation with Dr. Hairston

20-24 Third Grade Poet in Residence with Marvin Klaussen Landis

21 Stoneleigh STEM Fair

27 Distribution of Report Cards

28 Steel Drum Concert, 7:00 p.m. at Stoneleigh

30 Rescheduled Picture Day, Individual & Classroom

April 25 – May 1 MSA Science Testing Window, Grade 5 Only

MAY

1 Rescheduled Picture Day, Individual & Classroom

4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week

6 Assembly: Snowday, An A Capella Musical Holiday

7 Indian Journeys: A Fourth Grade On-Site Field Trip

11 Kindergarten Conference Day – **No Kindergarten Classes**

12 Instrumental Music Concert, 7:00 p.m. at Stoneleigh

14 Stoneleigh PTA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library

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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Newsletter Information

Would you like to see your information printed in the April 23 edition of the newsletter? Just send your articles/information by **April 17** to Sheri Buttarazzi at sbuttarazzi@gmail.com. Editing for space/content may occur. Thanks for contributing!

TIDY CORNER



"People aren't lazy. They simply have impotent goals -- that is, goals that do not inspire them." -- Anthony Robbins

Here's a little help from Anthony Robbins in formulating your goals. The tips can be used for organizing stuff, time, finances or **whatever would bring you great satisfaction!!**

#1. State the goal in positive terms. "I will..." is a better approach than "I won't..."

#2. Be specific. How does your outcome feel? How will it look? How does it smell? How does it sound? The more sensory rich your description, the more you empower your brain to create your desire!!!!!!

#3. Establish the Evidence. Write down how you will know when you've accomplished your goal. Even if you are winning, you might feel like you're losing if you don't keep score!

#4. Be in control. Your outcome must not be dependent upon other people having to change.

#5. Is your outcome sound and desirable? Your outcome must be one that benefits you and other people.

Taking these efforts to formulate our specific goals will empower our brains to get the results we want!!!

My goal this week is to clean our garage. I will put away a winter's worth of "put aways". I will take a trip to the dump. I will know I am done when the boys can play ping pong and when Hannah can get her bike in and out easily!!

Happy Organizing! If you have a tip to share please email me at Hartstein@comcast.net.

Chris Hartstein
Professional Organizer/Owner
Home Organizing Made Easy

Volunteer Connection

Walking Wednesday Club

Do you love to learn about far away lands? Do you like to learn new crafts, try new foods and learn new dances?

If your answer was "yes," then you may be Stoneleigh Elementary School's next Walking Wednesday Club Coordinator! We are seeking interested parents to coordinate presentations by guests and guide fourth and fifth graders in an after school adventure to learn about our Walking Wednesday destination. We need parents to help share our adventure information with the school. Learn about a new country or continent or use the curriculum already developed to revisit a place we've explored during a previous year.

For more information contact Beth Miller at emmiller@comcast.net or Denise Kozikowski at denise.kozikowski@gmail.com.

Health and Safety Committee

The Health and Safety Committee is seeking a new chair or co-chairpersons. The Health and Safety Committee is a liaison between the PTA and the school administration regarding issues that affect the health and safety of children attending SES. Past accomplishments of this committee include establishment of the Kiss' n Go drop off line, closing of the parking lot during arrival and dismissal, "Safe Routes to School" improvements to school grounds and surrounding neighborhoods, alerting administration of unsafe playground equipment, improved parking lot lighting, establishing a program to encourage walking to school and publishing newsletter articles raising awareness regarding many issues from how to brush your teeth to car seat safety.

For more Information contact Beth Miller at emmiller@comcast.net.

Kindergarten Roundup

We need parents to help staff the PTA welcome table during Kindergarten Roundup. This is a terrific opportunity for families who currently have a kindergarten student to interact with a new Stoneleigh family registering a child for next year. This is a great way to make a "connection!"

The commitment is only an hour or two on April 15, April 16th, or April 17th.

For more information, please contact Sheri Buttarazzi at 410-377-0646 or sbuttarazzi@gmail.com.

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The art work displayed around the building was incredible, to say the least! Everyone seemed to have a great time, which is one of the goals of our PTA.

We work hard to meet the needs of all of our families, and we hope that you and your family have had an opportunity to participate in some of the PTA sponsored events so far this year. But if you haven't, no worries. Still to come is the Science Fair, a Puppet Theatre, and TV turn-off week. There is even more to come in the months of May and June, and we hope to have even more opportunities for your family to join in the festivities as the year comes to a close.

Enjoy your Spring Break and remember, if you or someone you know wants to make a difference in the lives of the children at Stoneleigh, please consider becoming our next PTA President! Stoneleigh needs you!

Kelly Friedman
PTA President

Free Speaker at Dumbarton Middle

“Giving a Fish a Bath: The Untold Story of the Adolescent Mind”

Presented by
Frank J. Kros, MSW, JD
April 20, 2009

7-9:30 p.m.

Dumbarton Middle School

300 Dumbarton Road, Baltimore 21212

Recent discoveries in neuroscience offer exciting insights into how the brains of our teens really work and the special “brainbased” challenges facing adolescents as they mature. Learn the inside secrets of the teenage brain and boost your skills in teaching, guiding, mentoring and motivating the adolescent mind.

If you've ever thought that the adolescent mind could not be understood, this workshop will equip you with the latest insights and information through a fun and transformational experience.

STEM Fair News

Greetings scientists! The project boards have been ordered and will be here soon! They will be brought to your homeroom when they arrive.



There is news of many cool and exciting projects in the works! We are very excited to see all your hard work at the STEM Fair in April.

Spring Spirit Wear is Here

The Stoneleigh PTA is excited to offer new Spirit Wear this spring!! New items include:

- Pink lacrosse shorts with “Stoneleigh Stallions” printed in green writing.
- Gold lacrosse shorts with “Stoneleigh Stallions” printed in navy writing.
- Navy shorts with “Stoneleigh Stallions” printed in gold.
- Short sleeve t-shirts in gold/orange tie-dye with navy “Stoneleigh Stallions.”
- Short sleeve multi-colored tie-dyed t-shirts with navy “Stoneleigh Stallions.”

All new items listed above are available for \$12.00 each.

Order forms for all Spirit Wear will be available soon. In the meantime, please contact Colleen Mahony or Courtney Creamer directly with your order. Please include the item(s) you wish to order and size, student's name and homeroom class, and your contact phone or email for confirmation.

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Go on-line today and check it out!

Thank you for supporting STONELEIGH ELEMENTARY PTA!

So far this year, we have earned \$825 by clipping box tops and sending them to school.



Please continue to send in Box Tops!

★ The Black Cherry Puppet Theatre is coming to SES ★

FRIDAY EVENING APRIL 17th, 2009

6:30-8 PM



Wear your pajamas, bring a sleeping bag/blanket and get ready for a magical evening.

Snacks & drinks will be supplied

Event is sponsored by Stoneleigh's PTA