



Stoneleigh Elementary School



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President's Message

Dear 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. We are busy planning for Kindergarten Roundup, TV Turnoff Week, the offering of School Supply Packs, and Teacher Appreciation Week. Also, many families have marked their calendars to attend Arts Night and the Science Fair. These PTA supported activities are all in addition to the busy schedules families keep with spring sports and activities!

What keeps my schedule even busier now is planning for the next school year, 2010-2011. This month the Nominating Committee has started its search for key officer positions. It is time for a few new PTA members to step in and make a difference. Later this month, we will also be sending home a list of vacant chairperson positions. I hope that many of you consider taking a leadership role in our PTA during the next school year. The number of volunteers that lend support to each of our activities and programs is countless, so please believe me when I say that a leadership role is not as difficult as one would think. Organization and a willingness to delegate are the only requirements; each chairperson will be given plenty of volunteers to help!

There is a lot of valuable information in our newsletter this month. Please take time to read through it. Also, remember to check [our website](#) periodically for up-to-date school and PTA information. Thank you for supporting our PTA.

Enjoy your Spring Break!

Sheri Buttarazzi

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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Dates to Remember

MARCH

26 Spring Break Begins at End of School Day.
Schools Closed March 27th through April 5, 2010.

APRIL

- 6 **Spring Break Ends; Schools reopen.**
- 8 **Stoneleigh PTA Board Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Stoneleigh Library
- 12 Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee: Educating Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the ESS Building, Room 114
- 13 **Arts Night**, Stoneleigh Elementary School 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- 13-15 PreK, Kindergarten, and New Student Registration, Stoneleigh Elementary
- 15 Gifted and Talented Meeting, Greenwood ESS Building, Room 114, 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Assessment Day. **Schools Close 3 Hours Early for Elementary and Middle School Students.**
- 20 **STEM Fair**, Stoneleigh Elementary School Gymnasium 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- 21 Individual and Group Spring Pictures
- 22 Gold and Blue Newsletter Distributed

MAY

- 3 Report Cards Distributed
- 3-7 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 11 Spring Concert (Vocal Music and Steel Drums), 7:00 p.m.
- 13 **Stoneleigh PTA Board Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Stoneleigh Library
- 25 Instrumental Music Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 27 Gold and Blue Newsletter Distributed (last issue)
- 28 **PTA General Meeting (Elections)** and End of Year Picnic, Stoneleigh Elementary, 6:30 p.m.

Newsletter Information

Would you like to see your information printed in the April 22nd issue of the PTA newsletter? Just send your articles/information by **April 16, 2010** to Susan Schoenfeld at sschoenfeld@blr.com Editing for space and/or content may occur. Thanks for contributing!

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PTA Executive Board: Call for Nominations

The Stoneleigh Elementary PTA Nominating Committee (Colleen Mahony, Ellen Galvez, Sheila Wagner, Trixie Tracey and Sarah Morris) is currently accepting nominations for officer positions on the PTA Executive Board for the 2010-2011 school year. We will consider nominations for any position, but are especially interested in filling the vacant positions.

- President – Sheri Buttarazzi is eligible to complete her term
- 1st Vice President – Colleen Mahony is eligible to complete her term
- 2nd Vice President – Denise Supensky is eligible to complete her term
- Secretary – Kim Deinlein has completed her term, **vacancy**
- Treasurer – Fred Kline has completed his term, **vacancy**
- Membership Chairperson – Sarah Morris is not returning to this position, **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. Colleen Mahony can be reached at stoneleighpta1stvp@gmail.com.

To reach the other members of the Nominating Committee, please refer to your Student Directory.

Sealant Saturday

Sealant Saturday is a community outreach program sponsored by the Maryland Dental Hygienists' Association (MDHA). It provides dental screenings to identify any need for protective coatings on permanent molars for children ages 6 to 14. Sealants are a clear plastic coating applied to the chewing surfaces of permanent molars and have been proven effective at helping reduce tooth decay. *This service is provided without a fee.*

When: Saturday April 17, 2010, 10:00 a.m.

Where: Baltimore College of Dental Surgery
University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB), 650 West Baltimore St. Baltimore, MD 21201, Dental Clinic – 2nd floor. Spanish translator on hand.

Schedule an appointment by contacting Mrs. Leila Liberman at (443) 386-4911 or email Mrs. Liberman at liberman@umaryland.edu. Please provide a daytime phone number where you can be reached to confirm the appointment. Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who will be required to complete a health history form for each child.

Volunteer Connections

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.

Corporate Sponsor Chairperson

Help our PTA solicit sponsorships from local businesses for the next school year. Corporate sponsors donate money, products, or services to help support the many programs that contribute to the success of our students. We need a volunteer to coordinate the overall effort of our many committees when soliciting such sponsorships.

This chairperson would also be responsible for recognizing businesses for their contributions and writing thank you notes. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Trixie Tracey at trixietracey@verizon.net or 410-823-0969.

Cultural Assemblies Coordinator

If you interested in being a coordinator for Cultural Assemblies at Stoneleigh Elementary School, please contact Nina Rutledge-Karim at ninadances@gmail.com or call Nina at 443-834-3191. It's a rewarding position, and a chance to give the students at Stoneleigh Elementary a chance to experience so much!

Attention Current Kindergarten Parents

The PTA Hospitality Committee needs your assistance at the Kindergarten Round-Up. This is a fantastic way to connect with new families coming to Stoneleigh as well as a way to make them feel especially welcome. Please contact Amy Kline 410-377-6392 or amykline@att.net if you can spare some time on April 13, 14, or 15, 2010. Thanks so much!

PTA Hospitality

The PTA Hospitality Committee is busy preparing for two exciting upcoming events, Arts Night on April 13, 2010, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and the STEM Fair on April 20, 2010, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Please contact Amy Kline 410-377-6392 or amykline@att.net if you can assist with donations and/or serving snacks at either of these events.

School Supply Packs

We need one or two volunteers to help collect orders (mid-May to early June) for school supplies and to distribute the school supply packs to Stoneleigh families on Wednesday, August 25, 2010 from 4:00 -7:00 p.m. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Sheri Buttarazzi at 410-377-0646 or email at stoneleighptapresident@gmail.com



Art Department News

Arts Night Is Coming!

Arts Night is scheduled for Tuesday, April, 13, 2010, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. We are celebrating Diversity this year.

This is a delightful evening on which students participate in stations that represent the visual, performing, and literary arts that are focused on multicultural concepts. Similar to Math Night, students must be registered for this event.

Invitations for Arts Night were distributed by classroom teachers on March 11, 2010 and the deadline for registration will be March 26, 2010 (the day before spring break). Don't miss it! Please email Ms. Link if you have any questions at dlinkfiore@bcps.org

Stoneleigh Elementary Students' Artwork Exhibited This Month

At the Walters Art Museum's BCPS Student Exhibit celebrating Youth Art Month, March 2nd through March 7, 2010, the following students' Egyptian Gods and Goddesses art was displayed:

Laney Cornelius, Audrey Booher, Jack Lembke, and Dominic Brooks

At the Towson Library's Tribal Arts Show from March 5th through March 31, 2010, the following students' art is currently being displayed:

First Graders (Aboriginal hand paintings):

Jackelyn Kingsbury, Jessie Maggin-Fitzgerald, Gabrielle Rhea, Raigan Hutter, Francis Demshak Geddes, Wrenny Collamer, Grant Dalrymple, Kristi Merashoff, Jack Skeen, Charlie Shifrin, Emilia Demshak Geddes, Peyton Shetler, Fiona Schwanke, Joe Trovato, Faith Garvey, Kenan Smith, Lariza Medina, Kelly Topper, Gabriel Gordillo, Catherine Slike, Sylvie Wolff, Jonathan Parham, Ben Fireman, Maryrose Gardiner, Sophie Schaeffer, John Fringer, Evelynne Stins, Landon Jones.

Third Graders (African masks):

Sam Beatty, Isabella Casale, Alex Blanpied, Kevin Wassenius, Zach Oddo, Hannah Rhea, Teaira Pitt, Caroline Ready, Emmett Ochrach Konradi, Kylie White, Nicholas Scholl, Max Gadsen, Grace Aberle, Rose Riggs, Lillian Lowenthal.

Congratulations to our very talented students!

Cultural Enrichment Programs

There are two exciting events coming in April sponsored by the PTA's Cultural Enrichment Program:

Poet In Residence

The third grade will have a poet in residence working with them from April 6 through April 12, 2010. Marvin Klassen-Landis, a Maine poet, has been asked back to work with each third grade class for many years now.

Arab and Muslim Culture

On Monday, April 26, 2010, the children will join Egyptian-American Karim Nagi-Mohammed in an engaging, high-energy journey to learn about Arab and Muslim culture through fascinating instruments, folk music and traditional dance. The assembly will be from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 and again from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

To volunteer to chaperone during the assembly, please contact Lisa Darwin at lisadarwin@yahoo.com. If you are interested in attending a workshop on Arabic drumming on Sunday, April 25, 2010, please contact Nina Rutledge-Karim at ninadances@gmail.com or 443-834-3191

Gifted and Talented Upcoming Meetings

The following meetings will be held in the coming months:
⇒ **April 15, 2010 7:00 pm, GTCAC Meeting, Greenwood ESS Building, Room 114**, Topic: High School issues
⇒ **May 6, 2010 7:00 pm, GTCAC Meeting, Greenwood ESS Building, Room 114**, Topic: Update on GT curriculum items for grades 3 to 12 from the leaders of each curriculum office: Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies.
⇒ **June 1, 2010 7:00 pm, GTCAC Meeting, Greenwood ESS Building, Room 114**. Agenda to be determined

Food Collection for Those in Need in Our Community

We continue to collect food and toiletry items for the Assistance Center of Towson.

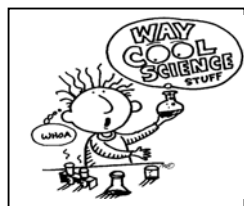
The food/toiletries can be dropped off the LAST SUNDAY of each month at the following addresses: 606 Hatherleigh (Bissett Schwanke), 800 Ridgeleigh (Susie Jun), 715 Stoneleigh (Mary Wynne Eisenberg), 705 Stoneleigh (Annie Biser), 821 Wellington (Maria Wetherington).

Thank you!

Earth Day Goodwill Collection

Clean out your closets and "Go Green"! In recognition of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Roland Park, will be sponsoring our **2010 Spring Goodwill Industries Collection Drive** for five consecutive days, starting Thursday, April 22, 2010 and ending Monday April 26, 2010. Collection hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

So do your "Act of Green" and bring your unwanted household items, clothing, and electronics (including computer components) to the Goodwill truck parked on the upper lot at the Village of Cross Keys Shopping Center. Your donations help support the employment and social services Goodwill of the Chesapeake provides to our local residents.



Stoneleigh STEM Fair News

Tuesday, April 20, 2010
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
in the Stoneleigh Gym

We are looking forward to all of the wonderful STEM Fair projects that were submitted. Some of the project ideas are very creative!

Don't forget to turn in your science board and accessories order form! The order form is included on page 7 of this newsletter.

Forms are due by tomorrow, March 26, 2009!

The Family Social Committee would like to THANK YOU!

All of the wonderful volunteers who helped make Family Game Night, and all of the other PTA events, fun for us all.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to:

Chick-Fil-A	Loyola College
Trader Joes	Starbucks
Peabody Dance Department	Towson University

For their generous donations of snacks, beverages, tickets and prizes.

We appreciate our local community's support of SES!



Walking Wednesday: February Update

- **Number of Walking Wednesday calendars** returned by Stoneleigh Elementary students in February: **58**
- **Number of miles walked** by Stoneleigh elementary students in February: **459**
- **Average number of miles walked per student** in February: **8**
- **Gallons of gas** that were saved by walking (based on 21 mpg) in February: **22**
- **Total pounds of carbon dioxide emissions saved** in February (based on 21 mpg): **429**

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

- San Francisco, CA;
- Los Angeles, CA and
- Las Vegas, NV

We have made it to the half-way point in our hike and have started our trek back to Baltimore, MD.!

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"! 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/>.

As the weather warms up, we hope that our Stoneleigh Elementary families will try to walk more often to or from school or around town!

If health, exercise or the environment is important to you, ***please consider helping with the Walking Wednesday program next year.*** Contact Cindy at cindybethhunter@gmail.com for more information.

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. Go to <http://www.stoneleighpta.org/fundraising/> for more information on the box tops program. Don't wait! Send them in today!

TV Turnoff Week is Coming Up!!!

THE STONELEIGH PTA CHALLENGES ALL STONELEIGH ELEMENTARY STUDENTS TO MARK THEIR CALENDARS FOR APRIL 19-25, 2010 AND KEEP THE TV OFF THAT WEEK.

Children who meet the challenge will receive a reward when they turn in the attached NO-TV voucher signed by a parent.

Over 70 national organizations including the American Medical Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, National Education Association, and President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports support demonstrating to children that they can live without TV for a week. The Stoneleigh PTA offers an annual TV Turnoff week challenge because excessive TV watching:

- harms children's reading skills both by displacing them from their daily lives and by affecting how they learn to process information, and
- contributes to childhood obesity and lack of heart health.

Stoneleigh Elementary School parents who have supported the challenge report many successes.

- We did it! My son wakes up real early everyday and likes to watch Sports Center. He learned to read the sports page a lot more this week.*
- It was hard for them, but they managed. They gave up the Wii for the week!*
- My son balked at first, but found lots of alternative activities – which got us all moving! A full day of the stomach bug on Saturday was a tempting excuse - but he was committed to the cause. Today (Sunday) he cleaned up the basement playroom without prodding or assistance. What a wonderful experience for me (and the rest of the family).*
- We extended this to all screen time as computer use is more popular than TV watching in our household.*
- My daughter found herself reading more books and got ideas for creating pictures. She was also faster in completing tasks and chores.*
- Fourth year we have participated. Luckily we had great weather and spent good time together as a family playing outside, taking walks and playing board games.*
- We don't watch much TV, but we do watch videos. It was hardest on me. My kids did not miss it at all.*
- My son enjoyed finding alternatives to TV: playing outside (golf and baseball), fishing, trains, art and talking. We are very proud.*
- This was great! It was actually a lot easier than we thought it would be. The whole family enjoyed this experience.*

Some suggestions for getting through the week:

1. Send the kids outside. If they need inspiration, download a NWF activity from the PTA Website: 5 involve observation of animals and 3 are crafts.
2. Make a list of all the things you love to do besides watching TV and keep it posted somewhere. Help your kids make lists and post them too.
3. Take photos of your children doing creative things and keep them visible. Display their art work!
4. Get their hearts pumping during their favorite shows: Go for a walk, run or bike ride and, if it rains, freeze dance, play charades, or make a home gym with canned soup or veggies for weights.
5. Have older children keep a journal of their "withdrawal" - makes for good reading in a couple of weeks!
6. Be patient. If you can live through 20 minutes of whining, your children WILL find something to do. "When forced to entertain oneself, one gets quite creative."

NO TV VOUCHER

(Turn in to your homeroom teacher or drop it off at the school office.)

My child/children successfully kept the TV OFF during the week of April 19-25!

Name	Grade	Homeroom
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Parent's signature

Date

Parent Comments:

Science Fair Board and Accessories

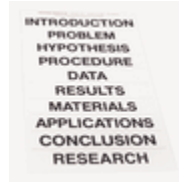
Don't Delay! Order your Science Fair Materials Today!

Display Board



Color:
 Price: \$2.50, \$3.00
 Size: 32"
 Color Choice:
 ✓ White (\$2.50)
 ✓ Black (\$3.00)
 ✓ Red (\$3.00)
 ✓ Blue (\$3.00)

Subtitles



White with
 Black Lettering
 Price: \$0.50
 *Includes 9 Subtitles:
 Problem, Hypoth.
 Procedures, etc.
 *Heavy Card Stock
 *Glues Easily to the
 Board

Title Boards



Top off your board!
 Price: \$1.00
 Color Choice:
 * White
 * Black
 * Red
 * Blue

***Get the whole board for only \$4.50. Just the board alone is at least \$6.00 at an office supply store.**

-----detach and return-----

Student Name _____
 Homeroom Teacher _____

Science Fair Materials Order:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
Display Board	_____	_____	\$ _____
Subtitles	_____	N/A	\$ _____
Title Board	_____	_____	\$ _____
Grand Total \$			_____

Please send payment in a labeled envelope along with this order form to your child's teacher no later than **March 26th**! Make checks to: Stoneleigh Elementary.
 Don't miss out on this great deal!

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PARENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Summer Learning Expo!

How can you support your child's learning over the summer?



Baltimore County Public Schools, in partnership with Baltimore County Public Library and other community organizations, will hold a Summer Learning Expo in April 2010, from 4 – 6 p.m. at the following libraries:

- April 8 – **Towson** (320 York Rd.)
- April 12 – **North Point** (1716 Merritt Blvd.)
- April 13 – **Perry Hall** (9685 Honeygo Blvd.)
- April 14 – **Woodlawn** (1811 Woodlawn Dr.)
- April 15 – **Randallstown** (8604 Liberty Rd.)

Information for ALL ages:

- Reading programs
- Educational camp programs
- Tutoring
- Day trips
- Area parks
- Preparing for college
- Programs at area universities
- Everyday activities to support learning at home

For more information, contact Parent Support Services at 410-887-0365.

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 Shorts -\$11

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

WINTER CLEARANCE

Stoneleigh Elementary Spirit Wear Order Form

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												
Hisbiscus 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 =