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## Gold and Blue Newsletter

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### From Your Stoneleigh PTA President

Our school house has been busy! I am happy to report that our school successfully registered approximately 100 new students last week! The staff and Stoneleigh parent volunteers helped make the registration process very special for our new students.

Thank you to our Family Social Committee for planning a fun night out for our Stoneleigh families! Many Stoneleigh families came out to enjoy the Puppet Theater and Pajama Night last week.

Spring calendars are usually very busy for most families, so please be sure to mark your calendar for two very special events so you don't miss them! Stoneleigh's Spring Concert on Tuesday, **April 28**, is going **GREEN!** Fourth graders will be presenting a mini-musical called River Child: Legends of the Great River of the World. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Steel Drums will be performing, and the Fifth Grade All-County Chorus will perform two of their songs in concert. Please also mark your calendar for the Band and Orchestra Concert on **May 12**.

We are busy planning for another upcoming event that our school will be celebrating during the week of May 4<sup>th</sup>: **Teacher Appreciation Week**. There are suggested activities on page 5 that you can do with your child during this week.

And one final note, the May issue of our newsletter will be the last one for the 2009-2010 school year.

Thank you for supporting our school.

Kelly Friedman, PTA President

### Newsletter Information

Would you like to see your information printed in the May 21 edition of the newsletter? Just send your articles/information by **May 15** to Sheri Buttarazzi at [sbuttarazzi@gmail.com](mailto:sbuttarazzi@gmail.com). Editing for space/content may occur. Thanks for contributing!

[Stoneleigh Elementary School PTA](#)

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### Dates to Remember

#### APRIL

- 20-24 Third Grade Poet in Residence with Marvin Klaussen Landis
- 27 Distribution of Report Cards
- 28 Vocal Music and Steel Drum Concert, 7:00 p.m., Stoneleigh Gymnasium
- 28-29 MSA Science Testing, Grade 5, 10:00-12:00 p.m.
- Apr 30-May 1 MSA Science Testing, Grade 5 (make ups only)
- Apr 30-May 1 Rescheduled Picture Day, Individual & Classroom

#### MAY

- 4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5 Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m., ESS Building
- 6 Assembly: Snowday, A Capella Musical Holiday
- 7 Indian Journeys: A Fourth Grade On-Site Field Trip
- 11 Kindergarten Conference Day – **No Kindergarten Classes**
- 12 Band and Orchestra Concert, 7:00 p.m., Stoneleigh Gymnasium
- 14 Stoneleigh PTA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library
- 29 PTA End of Year Picnic

### 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!

PRESIDENT	Kelly Friedman	410-377-8998
1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Denise Supensky	410-825-6498
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Vicki Damanti	410-583-2174
SECRETARY	Kim Deinlein	410-377-2997
TREASURER	Fred Kline	410-377-6392

## Kindergarten Roundup Thanks

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The PTA wants to thank the current kindergarten families for hosting the PTA station at last week's kindergarten and new student registration. All new students/families visiting the PTA station received a snack and a welcome bag of goodies as well as the opportunity to sign up for summer playground dates to meet other entering students. Parents were also able to purchase spirit wear and sign up to get involved in next year's PTA activities. A definite hit of the station was the PTA's new Stoneleigh Elementary picture frame magnet that came in each student's welcome bag. Ask a new student to show it to you.

Special thanks goes out to the following parents for staffing the PTA table: Tom Fan, Jill Joseph, Emily Shifrin, Jean Marie Trivedi, Jill Chomowicz, Caroline Ennen, Trista DiPaula, Melissa Oddo, Amy Aloj, Anne Jones, Ellen Galvez and Cara Denney. You made all our new students and families feel very welcome. We could not have done it with out you! THANKS!

## Clip Box Tops or Shop Online and Earn CASH for Our School

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Welcome back from Spring Break! We have had a fabulous year with Box Tops! Through your contributions, we have earned over \$825!

I want to challenge each homeroom for the rest of the year to see how many more box tops we can collect. Each teacher will have a box top collection bag. Please bring your collection sheet or bags of box tops to your homeroom teacher, and we will count to see which teacher will be crowned **King of Box Tops** or **Queen of Box Tops**!

See the new collection sheet on Page 4 of the newsletter!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Vicki Damanti at 410-583-2174 or [stoneleighpat2ndvp@gmail.com](mailto:stoneleighpat2ndvp@gmail.com).



## Volunteer Connection

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### Kiss 'n Go Drop Off Line

We are in need of more volunteers to help students safely exit cars when being dropped off in the morning before school. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Vicki Damanti at 410-583-2174 or [stoneleighpta2ndvp@gmail.com](mailto:stoneleighpta2ndvp@gmail.com) with questions or available mornings.



### K-Time Playtime

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We are currently planning to have K-Time Playtime return for its fourth consecutive year this summer. For this event, all entering kindergarteners and their families will be invited to meet and play at the school playground on Wednesday, August 26, 2008, from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

If you are a returning family with a kindergartener registering for next school year, please consider co-chairing this welcoming event. The commitment is only three hours or less. The responsibilities include setting up a small table at the playground with name tags and then greeting families and new students as they arrive to play and meet new friends.

Please contact Sheri Buttarazzi at 410-377-0646 or [sbuttarazzi@gmail.com](mailto:sbuttarazzi@gmail.com) if you are interested in this volunteer opportunity.

~Vicki Damanti, Volunteer Coordinator  
[stoneleighpta2ndvp@gmail.com](mailto:stoneleighpta2ndvp@gmail.com) or 410-583-2174



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**THANK YOU to Superfresh and Whole Foods for donating food and craft supplies to help make our Puppet Theater and Pajama Night a fun time for all.**

## TIDY CORNER



I am being very green and recycling my energies. Here is another tidbit from the clutter support workshop I had this winter. Many of my clients would admit to having some level of adult ADD. I was identified myself as having it eleven years ago. Since that

time (my "someday"), I have added strategy after strategy to be more more effective in life.

Accepting that I perform better with less stimulation is a constant challenge. For me ADD has meant "add"-ing strategies to my life. Whether it's setting an alarm to remind me to remind my daughter to practice piano or choosing to limit my wardrobe, I function better because of the strategies I use. Here are some for you to use around the house.

### ADD Household Strategies

- Build routines for laundry, cleaning and dishes (when, who, how)
- Separate and soak silverware in the sink
- Have all white or limited color/style dishes
- Organize long shopping lists (produce, dairy, bread/pasta, canned goods, meat, frozen)
- Pull all groceries out of bags before putting away
- Establish refrigerator rules – ex. condiments and drinks on door, bread and dairy on own shelf, label to encourage family members
- To add one item subtract 2
- Limit of one or two types of socks per person
- Train family "If you haven't written it down – you haven't told me yet"
- Have "Take me with you" Basket by front door
- Use a clear plastic box on front seat for returns (receipt taped to object)
- Learn from a "Time Tutor" (a friend who gets a lot done)
- Before container shopping measure the space and the stuff!!!
- Consciously choose to limit exposure to junk mail/email, ads/info in newspapers, radio, television, and magazines. Filter to focus!

Decide when *your* "someday" is going to be!

If you think you could benefit from learning more about ADD as it relates to organizing, I recommend you read [ADD Friendly Ways to Organize Your Life](#) by Judith Kolberg and Kathleen Nadeau.

Happy Organizing! If you have a tip to share please email me at [Hartstein@comcast.net](mailto:Hartstein@comcast.net).



Chris Hartstein  
Professional Organizer/Owner  
Home Organizing Made Easy

## CALLING ALL GIRL SCOUTS FOR 2009-2010

Colleen Mahony and Christine Roberts, the Stoneleigh Coordinators for Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, are looking for girls interested in getting involved in Girl Scouts and new parents interested in serving as leaders.



If your daughter is interested in joining Girl Scouts next school year as a Daisy (Kindergarten or Grade 1), Brownie (Grades 2-3), or Junior (Grades 4 and 5), please contact Colleen or Christine.

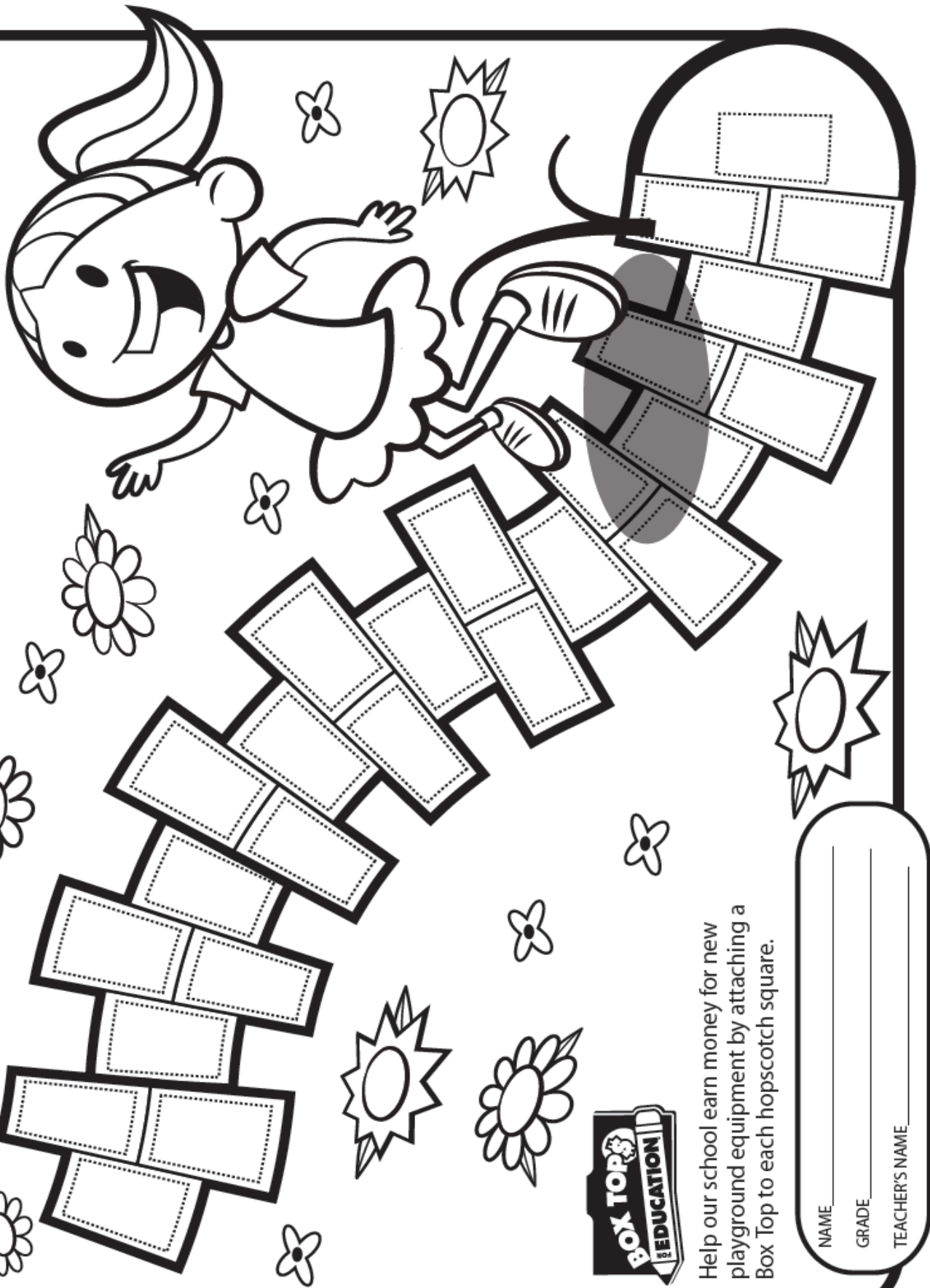
They hope to have informational meetings and new leader trainings over the summer so that troops can begin meeting in September.

Colleen Mahony, 410-377-8429  
[colleenmahony@hotmail.com](mailto:colleenmahony@hotmail.com)

Christine Roberts, 410-377-7371  
[croberts6@bcps.org](mailto:croberts6@bcps.org)

*Girl Scouting serves girls from all racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds. Our mission is simple, "Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place." Assistance with dues or other costs is available upon request and is completely confidential.*

# HOP TO IT!



Help our school earn money for new playground equipment by attaching a Box Top to each hopscotch square.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
GRADE \_\_\_\_\_  
TEACHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

## Important PTA Information

### The Stoneleigh Elementary PTA Nominating Committee

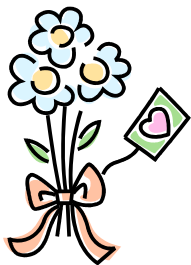
(Denise Supensky, Amanda Konradi, Kim Deinlein, Laura Lechtzin, and Vicki Damanti) is currently accepting nominations for officer positions on the PTA Executive Board for the 2008-2009 school year. We will consider nominations for any position, but are especially interested in filling the vacant positions.

- President** – Kelly Friedman is moving, **vacancy**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** – Denise Supensky is eligible to complete her term  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** – Vicki Damanti is eligible to extend her term  
**Secretary** – Kim Deinlein is eligible to complete her term  
**Treasurer** – Fred Kline is eligible to complete his term

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 before Wednesday, May 13. (Denise Supensky can be reached at 410-825-6498 or [stoneleighpta1stvp@gmail.com](mailto:stoneleighpta1stvp@gmail.com). To reach the other members of the Nominating Committee, please refer to your Student Directory for contact information.)

The SES PTA Board will vote on the nominees at the meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2009. Nominees will be announced in the May newsletter. The General Membership (all SES PTA members) will vote at the End of Year Picnic on May 29. At that time the general membership will also be voting on the proposed PTA Budget for the 2009-2010 school year.

*Coming soon.....*



## Teacher Appreciation Week May 5th – 9th

***Students and parents, let's show our gratitude to the wonderful Stoneleigh Elementary teachers & staff. Remember to say "thank you" in your own creative way.***

***Thank you notes, homemade cards, or freshly cut flowers from the yard are all simple ways for us to show our appreciation. Remind your child to be on his or her best behavior and think of other creative ways to show your appreciation for the outstanding Stoneleigh staff all week!***

### Stoneleigh Elementary Spirit Wear Order Form (as of 4/2/09)

**Hibiscus Fitted T-Shirt (\$10)**

Pink x-small Small Med Large  
Blue x-small Small Med Large

**Classic Blue/Gold Horse T (\$5)**

Youth L XL \*Youth XL = Adult S  
Adult Small\* Med Large XXL

**Hawaii T-Shirt (\$10 Youth, \$12 Adult)**

Pink x-small Small Med Large  
Adult Small Med Large XL 2XL  
Blue x-small Small Med Large  
Adult Small Med Large XL 2XL  
Grey x-small Small Med Large  
Adult Small Med Large XL 2XL

**OrangeYellow Tie Dye T-Shirt Blue Writing (\$12) NEW!!!**

Youth Small Med Large

**Yellow/Multi Tie Dye T-Shirt with Blue Writing (\$12) NEW!!!**

Youth Small Med Large

**Tie Dye Long Sleeve T (\$12 Youth, \$15 Adult)**

Blue XS S M L XL  
Adult L XL 2XL  
Lime Green XS S M L XL  
Adult S M L XL 2XL  
Purple XS S M L XL  
Adult S M L XL 2XL  
Yellow/Multi XS S M L XL  
Adult S M L XL 2XL

**Navy Blue/White Long Sleeve T (\$12 Youth, \$15 Adult)**

Youth XS S M L XL  
Adult S M L XL 2XL

**Classic Blue/Gold Horse Sweatshirt (\$15 Yth, \$20 Adult)**

Youth Large XLarge  
Adult Small Med Large Xlarge 2XL

**Sweatshirts: (\$20 Youth, \$25 Adult)**

Pink Small Med Large Xlarge  
Adult Small Med Large Xlarge 2XL  
Grey Small Med Large Xlarge  
Adult Small Med Large Xlarge 2XL  
Navy Small Med Large Xlarge  
Adult Small Med Large Xlarge 2XL

**Sweat Pants (\$12)**

White XS S M L XL  
Grey XS S M L XL

**Stoneleigh Shorts (\$12) NEW!!**

Youth: S M L  
Girls: Yellow or Pink Unisex: Navy Blue

**Aluminum Water Bottles (\$9)**

White Grey Red

**Canvas Tote Bag (\$5)**

QTY \_\_\_\_\_

**SES Car Sticker (\$1)**

QTY \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* Note: Youth sizing generally runs as follows: XS (4), Small (6-8), Medium (10-12), Large (14-16)\*\*\*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Items: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Payment Due: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach your cash or check payment to this order form. Make Checks Payable to: Stoneleigh PTA and note SpiritWear on the notation line. Questions - contact [colleenmahony@hotmail.com](mailto:colleenmahony@hotmail.com) or [creamers4@msn.com](mailto:creamers4@msn.com).

# 2009 STEM Fair Participants

First of all, we want to say **CONGRATULATIONS** to **ALL** the students who took part in this year's STEM Fair. We are very proud of all our students who participated. **You are all winners!!**

Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade winners, Dylan Brown and Louis Lowenthal, will compete in the BCPS STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Fair on Saturday, May 16th at Randallstown High School.

Thank You to our volunteers! **Christine Roberts** (PTA STEM Liason) spent much time organizing the event; **Colleen Mahony** (PTA Hospitality Chair) organized the food and drinks that was enjoyed by everyone, and of course, our first grade teacher, **Mrs. Eibl**, helped to coordinate the event!

The following is a list of the students who participated in the STEM Fair on April 21, 2009.

## KINDERGARTEN

**Distinguished Achievement: Sean Christensen**

Jack DiPaula  
Yasmin Pang

## FIRST GRADE

**Distinguished Achievement: Nicholas Chang**

Joseph Buttarazzi  
Marlena Roberts  
Hunter Sturgill  
Julia Buttarazzi  
Paul Zellerhoff  
Michael Foster  
Duncan Gooding  
Jacob Schoenfeld  
Alex Sorenson  
Maia Dalton  
Jose Pacheco-Juarez  
Owen Garcia  
Finnegan Gooding  
Seessa Kaufman



## THIRD GRADE

**Distinguisd Achievement: Mackenzie Christensen**

Joseph Shortt  
Emma Hammer  
Johanna Zellerhoff  
Ryan Pearce  
Burke Harman  
Simon Kromkowski  
Sean Robinson  
Kush Bulmer  
Serena Roberts

## FOURTH GRADE

**First Place: Dylan Brown**

Claire Pomykala  
Kelsey Fringer  
Nate Peterson  
Marlena Buttarazzi  
Cole Roseborough



## SECOND GRADE

**Distinguisd Achievement: Sandy Tober**

Sophie Poremski  
Carter Vogel  
Vincent Igusa Dzbynski

## FIFTH GRADE

**First Place: Louis Lowenthal**

Natalie Miller