



Stoneleigh Elementary School



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## President's Message

Dear Stoneleigh Families and Friends,  
Many of our Stoneleigh families enjoyed our recent Arts Night on April 13, 2010. Thank you to all of the young artists for contributing their best works of art! Of course, this wonderful celebration of artistic creativity and musical talent would not have been possible without the hard work of Mrs. Link, Mr. Bosco and Ms. Blinke. Countless other teachers and volunteers also deserve our thanks for helping out with this year's Arts Night.

We have warmer weather and less than 50 days of school left this year, but our PTA continues to be a busy organization. Very recently, Stoneleigh PTA funded a poet in residence to conduct a series of poetry workshops for all of our third grade students. We also were busy supporting Kindergarten Roundup, the registration process for incoming kindergarten students. And during the same week as the printing of this newsletter, many children are participating in TV Turnoff Week and/or the STEM Fair.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week will be held during the week of May 3-7, 2010. This is a special time at Stoneleigh and an opportunity for the students and parents to thank the Stoneleigh Staff for everything they do to make our school so exceptional. Our committee chairpersons and room parents will be sending more detailed information to you soon so you can help make this a special week.

Soon a separate flier listing vacating committee chair positions will come home with your child. I invite you to grab a friend and consider taking on a new role within the PTA! Regardless of your work schedule or if you have young ones at home, there is a wide range of suitable volunteer opportunities. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

**I invite you to become an active member of the PTA!** Show your children the value of volunteering and the value of their education.

Best regards,  
Sheri Buttarazzi, PTA President

## Dates to Remember

### APRIL

- 19-25 TV Turnoff Week
- 29 PTA Council of Baltimore County Annual Awards Celebration and General Meeting 7:30 p.m., Loch Raven High School. *See article on page 2 of this newsletter for details.*

### MAY

- 3 **Report Cards Distributed**
- 4 Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Greenwood, ESS Building
- 6 Gifted and Talented Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 114, Greenwood, ESS Building.
- 3-7 **Teacher Appreciation Week**
- 11 Spring Concert, Vocal Music (4<sup>th</sup> Grade) and Steel Drums (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades), 7:00 p.m.
- 13 **Stoneleigh PTA Board Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Stoneleigh Library
- 17 Kindergarten Conference Day, No Kindergarten Classes
- 18 Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Greenwood, ESS Building
- 25 Instrumental Music Concert (5<sup>th</sup> Grade), 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.
- 31 Memorial Day Observed, **Schools Closed.**

### JUNE

- 1 Gifted and Talented Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 114, Greenwood, ESS Building. Meeting with BCPS Superintendent, Dr. Joe Hairston.

### 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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## The Stoneleigh Elementary School PTA Needs YOU in 2010-2011!!!

Two officer positions are currently OPEN for next school year and we need you.

- **Secretary** – Takes board and general membership meeting minutes.
- **Membership VP** – Enrolls parents, teachers and community members in Stoneleigh's PTA. Will be supported by Membership Committee. Bulk of work occurs August – October. Training is provided.

To express your interest in serving or for more information, please use the Student Directory to contact any member of the Nominating Committee (Colleen Mahony, Ellen Galvez, Sheila Wagner, Trixie Tracey and Sarah Morris) **by Saturday, April 24, 2010.**

## Stoneleigh Shining Stars PTA Teacher Recognition

The Stoneleigh PTA has nominated two of our teachers for special recognition by PTA Council of Baltimore County.

**Mrs. Thompson** has been nominated to receive our PTA's Special Recognition Award for her great work as a teacher, her dedication and hard work with Stoneleigh's Chess Club, and her support of PTA events such as our Ice Cream Social and Holiday Celebration.

**Ms. Blinke** has been nominated for "Outstanding Educator of the Year" for her work with the fifth grade instrumental music program. Did you know that every fifth grader this year played an instrument even though it is not required curriculum in Baltimore County?

Be sure to congratulate both teachers the next time you see them.

Mark your calendars! **The PTA Council of Baltimore County will hold its annual awards celebration at the general meeting on Thursday, April 29, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at Loch Raven High School. Stoneleigh students, staff and families are all invited to attend.**

Show your Stoneleigh Spirit and support of our own Shining Stars, Mrs. Thompson and Ms. Blinke. We hope to see you there!!

## Volunteer Connections

### Teacher Appreciation Week May 3-7, 2010

We invite everyone to participate in Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week by using your cooking talents, donating your time and/or giving a small donation. The Teacher Appreciation committee has been gathering the support of local businesses and will be asking parents and students to help in more specific ways to provide wonderful meals and gifts throughout the week of May 3-7. Look for more info in your child's folder and from your classroom parent.

Thank You,  
Lindsay Kinkead, Jaime Tipton, Kelly Fitzgerald and Barbara Lund

### PTA Hospitality

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for Kindergarten Round Up. We truly appreciate the efforts. What a great way to connect with new and returning families at Stoneleigh! Amy Kline, Pattie Durgin, and Caroline Ennen

### Next Year's PTA Teacher Breakfast

Each year the PTA kicks off the school year with a breakfast for the teachers. We not only serve yummy goodies, but also give out beginning of the year gifts. This is a fantastic way to support the teachers as they embark on the school year. The breakfast this year is scheduled for August 27, 2010. We are beginning to plan now, to make for an easier "end of summer". Please contact Amy Kline 410-377-6392 or [amykline@att.net](mailto:amykline@att.net) if you are interested in baking or helping to set up and serve. Thank you so much!!

### 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](mailto:trixietracey@verizon.net) or 410-823-0969.

### School Supply Packs

We need one or two volunteers to help collect orders (mid-May to early June) for school supplies. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Sheri Buttarazzi at 410-377-0646 or email at [stoneleighptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:stoneleighptapresident@gmail.com)

### Newsletter Submissions

Would you like to see your information printed in the last issue of the PTA newsletter (May 27, 2010)? Just send your articles/information by **May 21, 2010** to Susan Schoenfeld at [sschoenfeld@blr.com](mailto:sschoenfeld@blr.com). Editing for space and/or content may occur.

## PTA Foreign Language Club

Twenty weeks have come and gone. I would like to thank Meaghan Slattery, Christine LaBue, Michele Cline and Donna Moss for all their hard work and commitment to the PTA Foreign Language Club. They all commented on how wonderful their club students were and how much they enjoyed the year.

I would also like to thank all the parents for the wonderful snacks they provided throughout the year.

The clubs will go be offered again next year. I am hoping to get more help for the teachers in class. I will be looking for middle school or high school-age assistants who are interested in foreign languages. The time can be used toward their community service hours. Also, if you know of anyone who would be interested in teaching a foreign language next year they can contact me at [ddalrym@comcast.net](mailto:ddalrym@comcast.net) for more information.

See you next year,  
Kathy Dalrymple

## Stoneleigh PTA and Scholastic Work Together to Benefit our School

A long overdue THANK YOU to all who made the Book Fair a success! It was wonderful to see that books can still stir up such excitement in our school. To the families who came out after school, we appreciate how you didn't give our cash registers a break. We made \$11,558.66 in total sales and our PTA received 25 % of the amount before taxes, giving us \$2,726.10. An added bonus of \$850 in Scholastic credit went to our classrooms.

Thank you to Mrs. Mooney for all her patience and expertise and a special thank you to Mrs. Asaki who was our best customer. To all the parents who helped make the first PTA-run Book Fair a success we appreciate your time and hope to see you again next year.

Raminder Singh	Monica Henderson
Beth Sales	Freya Zellerhoff
Lorna Bombach	Elizabeth Guonjian
Jodi Schuleman	Kendra Boice
Susan Hurd	Cheryl Chang
Diane Topper	Debbie Jacobson
Susan Schoenfeld	Mary Louise Woolley
Wendy Guidera	Marita Riggs
Lisa Darwin	Jaime Tipton
Sarah Loeffler	Michele Howe
Trixie Tracey	Beth Toole
Melissa Trovato	Karen Smith
Amy Kline	Beth Tober
Heather Shrestha	Erica McConnell
Sharon Barr	Amy Godat

Co-Chairs, Lori Terciera, Kristen Gooding & Barbara Lund

## Gifted and Talented Meetings and Resources

The following meetings for the Gifted and Talented Citizens Advisory Committee (GTCAC) will be held in May and June:

⇒ **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**. Meeting with BCPS Superintendent Dr. Joe Hairston.

To find out more about the BCPS Gifted and Talented curriculum please access the links below:

- <http://www.bcps.org/apps/AIMpublic/>
- [http://www.bcps.org/offices/gt/pdf/curricula\\_charts/Elem-LA-Rdg-Curriculum-Chart.pdf](http://www.bcps.org/offices/gt/pdf/curricula_charts/Elem-LA-Rdg-Curriculum-Chart.pdf)
- [http://www.bcps.org/offices/gt/pdf/curricula\\_charts/Elem-MathSci-Curriculum-Chart.pdf](http://www.bcps.org/offices/gt/pdf/curricula_charts/Elem-MathSci-Curriculum-Chart.pdf)

The following additional resources can be found on the Stoneleigh PTA website at:

<http://www.stoneleighpta.org/parent-information/gifted-and-talented-liaison/>

- Primary Talent Development (PTD)
- 10 Common Gifted Education Myths
- Frequently Used Terms in Gifted Education

## Cultural Enrichment Program: 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 until 2:00 p.m. and again from 2:00 until 3:00 p.m.

To volunteer to chaperone during the assembly, please contact Lisa Darwin at [lisadarwin@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:ninadances@gmail.com) or 443-834-3191



**Music Concerts  
Coming in May!**

Two much anticipated concerts by our very talented fourth and fifth grade students will be held in May at Stoneleigh Elementary School:

- **Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocal Concert and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Steel Drum Concert
- **Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.** - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrumental Concert

Please join us for these enjoyable evenings of music and fun!

**NOTICE OF RECOMMENDED CHANGES  
TO STONELEIGH PTA'S BYLAWS**

**Article VI Officers and Their Election, Section 2 (a)**

*Changing from 2VP's to 3VP's:*

The officers of this local PTA/PTSA shall be a president, 3 vice presidents, secretary(ies), and a treasurer.

**Article VI Officers and Their Election, Section 2 (b)**

Changing election month to "May."

**Article VI Officers and Their Election, Section 2 (e)**

*Changing to "2 consecutive terms" to "three consecutive" one year terms.*

An officer shall not be eligible to serve more than 3 consecutive terms in the same office. An officer who has served in an office for more than one half of a full term shall be deemed to have served a full term in such office.

**Article VI Officers and Their Election, Section 3 (c)**

Changing the blank to read "May."

**Article XI General Membership Meetings, Section 3**

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**Addendum #1**

Article V: Membership Dues

Section 5: Membership dues may be reduced by the VP of Membership (or Membership Chairperson) and the Treasurer for any individual and/or family member on a financial need basis.

Please send request to [stoneleighptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:stoneleighptapresident@gmail.com) for current bylaws or bylaws with proposed changes.

**INTERNATIONAL**



**Walking Wednesday: March Update**

- Number of Walking Wednesday calendars returned by Stoneleigh Elementary students in March: **52**
- Number of miles walked by Stoneleigh elementary students in March: **567**
- Average number of miles walked per student in March: **11**
- Gallons of gas that were saved by walking (based on 21 mpg) in March: **27**
- Total pounds of carbon dioxide emissions saved in March (based on 21 mpg): **529**

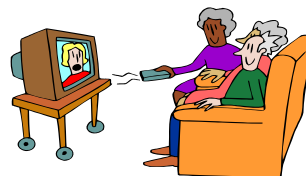
Places in the United States "visited" in March on our "Hike across the United States":

- Flagstaff, Arizona;
- Albuquerque, New Mexico;
- Amarillo, Texas; and
- Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

*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. Keep walking Stoneleigh!*



**TV Turnoff Week  
is Here!!  
April 19th-27th,  
2010**

**THE STONELEIGH PTA CHALLENGES ALL  
STONELEIGH ELEMENTARY STUDENTS TO  
PARTICIPATE BY KEEPING THE TV OFF.**

Children who meet the challenge will receive a reward when they turn in the voucher signed by a parent.

For more information, go to the Stoneleigh PTA website at:

<http://www.stoneleighpta.org/parent-information/health-and-safety/>