



Stoneleigh Elementary School



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President's Message

Dear Stoneleigh Friends and Families,

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year! We have had a great start to the school year. Before our children returned to school on August 31st, several parent volunteers were already meeting to plan committee activities for the school year, attending PTA training conferences, and helping to host a fabulous teacher/staff breakfast. Moreover, families of our new kindergarten students filled the playground and field space during our traditional K-Time Playtime on August 25, 2010.

More recently, there was an overwhelming show of parents at our combined Volunteer Training/General Membership Meeting/Back-to-School Night for primary grades on September 7, 2010. We look forward to seeing more families return on September 21, 2010 for the intermediate grades. We hope to keep up, if not increase, this parent involvement and enthusiasm.

Thank you to Mindy Williams for rolling out our fall fundraiser with Innisbrook this year. If you forgot to turn your order in by our deadline today, please consider turning in your late orders in the next few days (deadline officially extended to Monday, September 27). We would love to be able to make our goal so that no additional fundraiser is needed during the spring. Because of generous donations and support of this fundraiser, the PTA is able to fund many events throughout the school year. Thank you for your support.

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Newsletter Submissions

Would you like to see your information printed in the October issue of the 2010-2011 PTA newsletter? Just send your articles/information to Jenny Lew at foster6906@gmail.com by **October 22, 2010**. Editing for space and/or content may occur.

Stoneleigh Elementary School PTA

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<http://www.stoneleighpta.org>

Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER

Fri 24
Mon 27

Picture Day
Innisbrook Fundraiser Orders Due (Extended Deadline)

OCTOBER

Fri 1
Thurs 4-8
Thurs 14

Ice Cream Social, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
International Walk to School Week
PTA Executive Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Fri 15
Tues 19
Thurs 21

Schools Closed, Professional Day
Innisbrook Product Delivery
CULTURAL ENRICHMENT: Groovy Science Assembly

Thurs 21
Fri 22

Gold and Blue Newsletter distributed
FAMILY SOCIAL-Movie Night, Time TBA

Fri 29

1st Marking Period Ends, Original Artworks Due

NOVEMBER

Tues 2
Thurs 11

Schools Closed, General Election Day
PTA Executive Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mon-Fri 15-19
Fri 15
Thurs 18
Mon 22
Wed 24

American Education Week
Report Cards Distributed
Gold and Blue Newsletter distributed
Schools Closed, Conference Day
CULTURAL ENRICHMENT ASSEMBLY: TBD

Thurs-Fri 25-26

Schools Closed (Thanksgiving)

PTA 2010-2011 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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I am so excited to be the PTA President this year! I am looking forward to meeting and working with lots of new faces and old friends. The best place to connect with your school and support your student is through the PTA. Read the newsletters that are sent home or emailed, attend PTA meetings, and check out our website at www.stoneleighpta.org.

Our first PTA sponsored event for families will be the Ice Cream Social on Friday, October 1, 2010 (6:30 to 8:00 p.m.). Be sure to bring your whole family and wear your gold and blue to show your spirit. If you need to add to your "gold and blue" wardrobe, Christy Luis and Jennifer Peacock will be on hand to sell new spirit wear during the Ice Cream Social.

If you are interested in becoming more involved with the PTA, we have countless opportunities for you to give of your time and talent. At a minimum, please support us with your membership, if you have not already done so.

In closing, I personally invite you to attend any of our monthly executive board meetings to find out more about our PTA! Our meeting schedule is posted on our website, please mark your calendars and join us.

I wish you and your family a great new school year.

Sincerely,
Sheri Buttarazzi
PTA President
www.stoneleighpta.org

Please Join Us at the PTA Monthly Meeting

**The next PTA Board meeting will be Thursday,
October 14, 2010**

All parents are welcome to attend our PTA Board Meetings. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in the library unless otherwise noted.

Agendas for each meeting will be posted at www.stoneleighpta.org. If you are new to Stoneleigh, or a kindergarten or first grade parent this is an excellent opportunity to find out what's happening at our school. During our meeting you will hear from PTA committees as well as school staff. Any questions? Please contact Amy Kline 410-377-6392.

Volunteer Connections

For other volunteer opportunities, check out the PTA website at <http://www.stoneleighpta.org/volunteer-opportunities/>

Ice Cream Social: Come, Eat, Volunteer!

We are looking for your support to volunteer your time to help set up, scoop ice cream or clean up at the Stoneleigh Elementary School PTA Annual Ice Cream Social on Friday, October 1, 2010. If you are able to volunteer, please call Lisa Reynolds at 443-834-5373. We appreciate your support in making this event so special!!!

Movie Night – Coordinator Needed

Stoneleigh PTA would like to sponsor a Family Social MOVIE NIGHT on October 22, 2010! However, this event cannot happen unless a volunteer steps up to coordinate the event. If anyone is interested, please contact any PTA officer listed on the front page of our newsletter or Sheri Buttarazzi at stoneleighptapresident@gmail.com.

Volunteer for the Winter Carnival!

Winter carnival volunteers are needed from now through November! Work can be done from home. Please call or e-mail Trixie Tracey (410-790-9787 or trixietracey@verizon.net) or Erica McConnell (443-722-3719 or emcconnell@RexelUSA.com).

American Education Week

Volunteers Needed 11/15/10-11/19/10.

The PTA needs parents to help greet visiting families at the welcome table during American Education Week. Volunteers are needed between 8:25 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Volunteers can work part of a morning or the whole morning. Volunteers will help parents sign-in, encourage parents to eat some of the delectable breakfast goodies provided, direct parents to their child's class, and monitor the gym lobby door. Please consider volunteering! Contact Amy Kline at amykline@att.net or 410-377-6392 to let her know which day you will be able to volunteer.

Arts Committee: Come Help!

Do you enjoy the arts? Are you passionate about your power tools? Whether you're an amateur or a novice the Arts Committee needs your help. Opportunities are available in the following areas:

- * Arts Night
- * Original Works distribution
- * Art classroom helper primary grades
- * Preparing props/scenery for musical productions

For more information contact Jodi Schuleman at jodiws@yahoo.com 410-825-1897.



Get Your PTA Directory At the Ice Cream Social

The 2010-2011 Stoneleigh Elementary PTA Student Directory will be available at the Ice Cream Social on October 1, 2010. Please stop by to pick up your pre-orders. Directories will also be available for sale at the Ice Cream Social for \$5 per copy.

Thanks to all who submitted entries - the earlier the better! Special thanks also to Beth Allen, Lorna Bombach, Karen Coyle, and Jen Peacock for all their assistance, as well as Donna Wingerd and Charlotte Prem for their expert proofreading. We truly appreciate your help!

If you have any questions regarding the PTA directory, please email stoneleighptadirectory@gmail.com

Artistic Works Wanted

The **PTA Reflections Program** invites students to express themselves creatively and receive recognition for original art inspired by this year's theme:

"Together we can....."

Entry areas include literature, visual arts, photography, musical composition, dance choreography, and film production.

Stoneleigh student entries will be critiqued alongside others in the same division (*Primary*: Pre-K-Grade 2; *Intermediate*: Grades 3-5) within the school. Selected student works will go on to state or even national judging levels.

Submissions will be due by Friday, November 19th. Get creative and show us what we can do together! Be on the lookout for more information soon, and **start thinking about your entries NOW!** For more information, go to <http://www.stoneleighpta.org/enrichment-programs/reflections/>

Welcome to the 2010—2011 A+ SCHOOL REWARDS Program

Starting October 8, 2010 through March 24, 2011, Giant customers can help your school earn cash each time they shop using their GIANT CARD. Keep in mind purchasing Extra Credit items will help your school earn more points faster! Registration is easy and quick.

To register, log on to www.giantfood.com/aplus and use Stoneleigh Elementary School's 5-digit school ID: 01345.



International Walk to School Week

October 4 through October 8, 2010

Join students and adults around the world for a week of walking!

Fun morning events each day, including stickers, snacks, photo ops, and more! Then Walk the Silk Road Across China with Stoneleigh Elementary from October through May! Remember to complete your monthly walking calendars to help us hike through China! More details to come.

Walking makes healthier bodies, cleaner air and fun with friends!

News from the ART Department

Original Works is coming next month! Original Works is a great fundraiser for the Art Department here at Stoneleigh. You are able to order products that have your student's artwork printed on them. These products are great for gifts and capturing precious memories. Orders will be delivered in December, just in time for the holidays.

Your student will receive the Original Works packet in the third week of October. Orders will be **due on October 29th, 2010.** Please remember to send back your order form with the original art work. Checks should be made payable to Stoneleigh Elementary.

You can send in artwork or photographs of your own for this fundraiser! Just stick to these simple guidelines:

- * Paper must be 8"x10 1/2".
- * No abrasive materials can be used (such as glitter or sand).
- * Loose materials must be sealed.
- * No metallic papers or materials may be used.
- * No copyrighted materials or photographs can be used.
- * Mark the back with the students name, homeroom, and indicate where the top of the artwork is with a "T".

Thank you for your support! If you have any questions please email Mrs. Link at dlinkfiore@bcps.org.

Get Into the Stoneleigh Spirit with STONELEIGH SPIRITWEAR

The Stoneleigh PTA is once again offering SES Spirit Wear so our students, families, friends, and staff can show off their school spirit!.

We have some fresh new tie-dye designs this year and a brand new Stallion Logo. We even have purple SES shirts so you can cheer on the Ravens for Purple Fridays with your Spirit Wear.

The first Friday of every month is Spirit day, so get your Spirit Wear and wear it every month!

Our items will be available online at the PTA website (<http://www.stoneleighpta.org/about-ses-pta/stoneleigh-spirit-wear/>).

Just put the items you want in the online cart and pay with PayPal or a check sent to the school. We will also have the items on display and for sale at PTA events including Back to School nights, the Ice Cream Social, and the Winter Carnival. Items from last year will be on SALE, so get them while they last!

Please e-mail Christy Luis and Jennifer Peacock at StoneleighSpritWear@gmail.com with any questions.



Idlewylde Community Association- Sponsored Halloween Party

All are welcome to share in a good time!

Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 7p.m. – 9 p.m.
Idlewylde Hall

Wear your costume and prepare to have FUN!
Drinks, games, prizes and haunted house...bring a snack to share.

Parents, please be sure your child is accompanied by an adult.

If you are interested in helping, contact:

Denise Supensky: 410-825-6498

Or

Kate Foley: 443-676-7220



LAST CALL FOR INNISBROOK!

**Thank you to all of those who have sent in the
Innisbrook Fundraiser packet!**

**We have extended the deadline until
Monday, September 27th.**

This is your last chance! If you have not yet sent in the completed packet, please do so ASAP!

Since we have gone green we only sent one packet per family home with your "carrier" child. Due to this change if there are prizes that are awarded by Innisbrook for a certain amount of items sold your family will only receive one set of prizes. So if you have more than one child in your household that want the same prizes you will need to obtain more than one packet (contact Mindy Williams williams.family@comcast.net.)

In addition to the Innisbrook prizes the SES PTA awards prizes to each child in your household based on the total items sold or amount donated. All checks should be made payable to Stoneleigh PTA (**one check would be most appreciated!**)

The sale began on Thursday, September 2, 2010 and has been **extended to Monday, September 27th** (originally Thursday, Sept. 23rd).

All orders should be entered online and a voucher should be printed and returned along with the packet and family form (orange paper stapled to the front of each packet). Stoneleigh Elementary prizes will be distributed at the end of the sale. Innisbrook prizes will be delivered with your orders on Tuesday, October 19, 2010.

We are trying to reach a goal of \$30,000 in sales and remember we earn 50% of all the sales! Each grade level that has the highest percent of participation will win a snack tub party in their classroom!

Come on and help your child's class win the "Battle of the Bands"! If you have any questions please email Mindy Williams at williams.family@comcast.net. Please return your packet even if you are not sending in an order/donation so that they can be recycled. Every student who returns a packet will receive a monkey bracelet.

Thanks for your support!



**Box Tops for Education:
A Little Bit Goes a Long Way!**

Ever wonder what happens to the box tops that you clip and send in to school?

Last year, Stoneleigh Elementary School raised **\$852.00** for the PTA and PTA-sponsored activities just by turning in box tops to the Box Tops for Education program. That is a LOT of box tops – 8,520 to be exact. In fact, our school ranks 345th out of 2,322 schools in Maryland for the amount we have earned in box tops! This school year we are also off to a great start.

The **first submission deadline for box tops this year is October 31**, so make sure to send in all of the box tops you can. For more information on the Box Tops for Education program, go to <http://www.boxtops4education.com>

PTA Membership – It's Not Too Late

Our PTA Membership Drive is still underway! When you choose to join the PTA, you help us with your dues (annual membership fee) and this helps pay for newsletters, programs, events and much more!

Have all the adults in your household joined our PTA? Save some time and pay for your membership online at <http://www.stoneleighpta.org/>



Get Newsletters By E-Mail

If you haven't already done so this year, please consider going green and requesting electronic copies of school newsletters. Visit the Parent's Page of our school's website to print the form required to go paperless.

<http://schools.bcps.org/schools/ces/stoneleigh/pta.html>
Sign up for your electronic copy today!

Do You Know A Girl in Grades K-5?

If you do, she might be interested in joining Girl Scouts. Stoneleigh has Girl Scout troops for ages K-5. Girls can join at any age. We are really in need of leaders for Kindergarten girls. If interested in joining Girl Scouts or becoming a leader, please email or call Colleen Mahony at colleenmahony@hotmail.com or 410-377-8429 or Christine Roberts at croberts6@bcps.org or 410-377-7371.

**Family Socials:
We Need You!**

The Social Committee is responsible for putting together all of our fun-filled family events throughout the year. If you like having fun, then this is the committee for you.

Currently, this committee is without a chairperson. If volunteers do not step up to coordinate individual events, the events will need to be canceled. Please consider offering your time to help plan one of our Family Socials!

Contact one of our PTA Officers listed on page one of this newsletter if you are interested.

The Family Socials currently planned for the 2010-2011 school year are:

Ice Cream Social, Friday, October 1, 2010
(Coordinator: Lisa Reynolds)

Movie Night on Friday, October 22, 2010
(Parent Coordinator needed)

Family Bingo Pizza on Friday, January 21, 2011
(Parent Coordinator needed)

Family Social (TBD) on Friday, March 18, 2011
(Parent Coordinator needed)

End of the Year Picnic on Friday, May 27, 2011
(Parent Coordinator needed)



The Stoneleigh Elementary School PTA Annual



ICE CREAM SOCIAL!!!



Who's invited:	Neighbors and Families of the Stoneleigh Elementary School
What:	Stoneleigh Elementary School PTA Annual Ice Cream Social
When:	Friday, October 1, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Where:	Near the front entrance to the school grounds
Why:	To bring together families, both new and old together and add to the success of our school and community

Come and make your own YUMMY sundae, enjoy the company of fellow neighbors and friends, and dance while the DJ spins the tunes!!

See you all there!!



**Stoneleigh Elementary School PTA Winter Carnival
The Program—Business Ads**

**Please fill-out the form below and attach your copy-ready ad or send it electronically via e-mail in .jpg format to hcprogram@gmail.com.
By November 1, 2010.**

For Business Ads

Full Page 8" x 10" - \$100.00 Donation

1/2 Page 8" x 5" - \$50.00 Donation

1/4 Page 3" x 5" - \$25.00 Donation

Business Name _____

Contact Name _____

Phone & e-mail _____

_____ Full Page

_____ 1/2 Page

_____ 1/4 Page

**Stoneleigh Elementary School PTA Winter Carnival
The Program - Family Pages**

Please fill-out the form below, and attach the Copy you would like entered in the Program, and send it back to school, or send it electronically to hcprogram@gmail.com by November 1, 2010.

For Family Pages

Full Page, 8"x10"— \$25.00 donation

1/2 Page, 8"x5" — \$15.00 donation

1/4 Page, 3"x5" — \$10.00 donation

Please make checks out to Stoneleigh PTA.

Name _____

Phone & e-mail _____

_____ Full Page

_____ 1/2 Page

_____ 1/4 Page

Thank you for your support! Please e-mail questions to trixietracey@verizon.net.