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President's Message

Dear Stoneleigh Friends and Families,

Our school house has been busy with many fun-filled events this past month. **THANK YOU** to our PTA Secretary, Lisa Reynolds, and countless volunteers who gave their personal discretionary time to host this year's Ice Cream Social. There was a great turnout of families and staff. We all enjoyed the ice cream, face painting, music and dancing. **THANK YOU** to Karl Sanzenbacher and Colleen Mahony, 1st VP of Programs, for stepping up to host our PTA sponsored Movie Night last week, which was another tremendous success. Many of our Stoneleigh families were able to enjoy popcorn and a fun outdoor movie. **THANK YOU** to Ann Geddes, Bill Hoyt and many parent volunteers that helped last week so that our students could enjoy the PTA sponsored Groovy Science Assembly.

These activities are all possible because of your financial support of our PTA. We appealed to families to support our fundraising efforts this year with an Innisbrook order or donation. **THANK YOU** for helping us to fund our budget again this year. Mindy Williams and Angela Shrewsbury did a fabulous job managing our fundraiser again this year. Again, thank you!!!

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Newsletter Submissions

Would you like to see your information printed in the November issue of the 2010-2011 PTA newsletter? Just send your articles/information to Susan Schoenfeld at sschoenfeld@blr.com by **November 12, 2010**. Editing for space and/or content may occur.

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Dates to Remember

OCTOBER

Thurs	28	Gold and Blue Newsletter distributed
Fri	29	School closes at 12:15 p.m. , 1 st Marking Period Ends, Original Artworks Due

NOVEMBER

Tues	2	Schools Closed , General Election Day
Mon	8	GT CAC Meeting, BCPS, 6901 N. Charles St., 7:00 p.m.
Thurs	11	PTA Executive Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Mon-Fri	15-19	American Education Week
Mon	15	Report Cards Distributed
Thurs	18	Gold and Blue Newsletter distributed
Fri	19	Deadline for Reflections submissions
Mon	22	Schools Closed , Conference Day
Wed	24	CULTURAL ENRICHMENT ASSEMBLY
Thurs-Fri	25-26	Schools Closed (Thanksgiving)

DECEMBER

Sat	4	Winter Carnival, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Thurs	23	Winter Break begins at end of school day

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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Get Connected, Get Involved, Get PTA! If you have not joined our very active PTA, it is not too late. Online forms are available at www.stoneleighpta.org. You can decide to pay online with a credit card or to send payment into school with a reference to your online form. If you have any questions, please contact our VP of Membership, Ivy McMullen, at stoneleighptamembership@gmail.com.

There are countless other activities to remind ourselves about this time of year. We are updating our website to help keep you informed. Our short list of to do's include:

- Help your child prepare their submission for **Reflections**.
- Clip and send in your box tops.
- Register your Giant Bonus Card.
- Submit your personal or business ad for the Winter Carnival program.
- Place your order for Original Works.
- Turn in your Holiday Greens and Pointsettia Sale order form.
- Contact Erica McConnell to volunteer during our Winter Carnival on December 4, 2010.

In closing, I would like to invite you to our next PTA meeting on Thursday, November 11, 2010 in the school library. I have heard many families express concern about the current space issues at our school. We continue to discuss these same concerns during our PTA meetings and welcome your involvement.

Until next month....
Sheri Buttarazzi
PTA President

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK Visiting Schedule

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. daily

Monday, Nov. 15, 2010	Grade 4
Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010	Grade 3
Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010	Grade 1
Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010	K & Grade 5
Friday, Nov. 19, 2010	Grade 2

Volunteer Connections

American Education Week Volunteers Needed 11/15/10-11/19/10.

The PTA needs parents to contribute **baked goods** and **greet visitors** at the welcome table during American Education Week. Volunteers are needed between 8:25 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Volunteers can work part of a morning or the whole morning. Volunteers will help parents sign-in, encourage parents to eat some breakfast treats, direct them to classrooms and monitor the gym lobby door. Please consider volunteering! Contact Amy Kline at amykline@att.net or 410-377-6392.

Volunteer for the Winter Carnival!

Calling all helping hands for the **December 4** Winter Carnival. We need help for the 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. shifts. In addition, we need clean-up help at 3:00 p.m. Also, if you have time on December 3, please come help us set up during the evening hours. Please respond to Erica McConnell at Erica.mcconnell@rexelusa.com.

Cultural Assemblies

Parents are needed to attend several assemblies with students during the school year. It takes about 1½ hours per assembly. Please contact Bill Hoyt at ayyandbee@verizon.net for more information.

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 for primary grades, and preparing props and scenery for musical productions. For more information, contact Jodi Schuleman at jodiws@yahoo.com or 410-825-1897.

Lead a Stock Market Club

Are you a finance whiz or just know something about investments? We're looking for a parent or teacher volunteer to lead a weekly after-school club for 4th and 5th graders modeled after the Stock Market Club at Cromwell Valley Elementary and based on a learning game coordinated by Towson University. You can learn about the game at <http://www.stockmarketgame.org>. This club sharpens students' math skills and improves understanding of finance, business and economics. The club leader would take a two-hour training class. For more information, contact Susan Carr-Spiccioli at 410-377-4104 or 410-303-9170 or SCarrConsulting@gmail.com.

Other volunteer opportunities are on our PTA website at <http://www.stoneleighpta.org/volunteer-opportunities/>

Special Education Liaison

The PTA Council of Baltimore County and the Resource Center for Families and Schools join efforts to encourage greater parent involvement in your children's education. My name is Candy McCall, and I am your special education liaison. I am a resource for supporting and informing parents whose children are receiving special education services at Stoneleigh. My role is dependent upon your needs. In most cases, the best information and answers to your questions can be obtained at school, but if you would like to learn more about special education programs and resources in our community, please contact me! My email address is: mccallc@kennedykrieger.org

I will post news items in the newsletter on a bimonthly basis, but if there are specific topics you would like addressed, please let me know. My goal is to provide parents with tools and information that are useful and desired to help your children reach their full potential.

GET CREATIVE, STONELEIGH!

The **PTA Reflections Art Program** invites students to express themselves with original works inspired by the 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). Selected student works will go on to state or even national judging levels. Guidelines are available at <http://www.stoneleighpta.org/enrichment-programs/reflections>

Submissions will be due by Friday, November 19, 2010. Prepare your entries now!

Original Works Due October 29

Original Works is a great fundraiser for the Art Department at Stoneleigh. You can order **products with your student's art work printed on them.** These products make great gifts and capture precious memories. Orders will be delivered in December, just in time for the holidays.

Your student should have received the Original Works packet with a work of art made in Mrs. Link's class. Your orders are **due on October 29, 2010.** Please remember to send back order forms with the art work and checks made payable to Stoneleigh Elementary.

You can also send in art work or photographs of your own for this fundraiser! Just remember:

- * Paper must be 8"x10 1/2".
- * No abrasive materials (such as glitter or sand).
- * Loose materials must be sealed.
- * No metallic papers or materials.
- * No copyrighted materials or photographs.
- * Mark the back with the student's name, homeroom, and indicate the top of the artwork with a "T".

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



Stoneleigh kicked off the "Walking Wednesdays" program during International Walk to School Week with some morning fun in the K Corral on October 6, 2010. Hundreds of students and parents showed up for coffee, snacks, stickers, crafts and giveaways, and photos with the Golden Shoe and Footsie the Millipede. **Many thanks** to York Road Plaza **Giant Food** for donating snacks and supplies! (When shopping, please remember their kindness to SES!) This year, SES students will "Walk the Silk Road Across China." Student mileage logged by walking rather than driving will be translated into travel through China! On Wednesdays through March, the students will hear announcements about where they are along the path. School displays, trivia questions, and activities will tie in with the theme throughout the year.

Be sure to fill out **Walking Wednesdays calendars** and return them to teachers at the end of each month! Forms went home in student folders. If you need one, you can also download it from the PTA website.



Stoneleigh ROCKED the School House with our Innisbrook fundraiser!

A strong finish made this year our most successful ever, with total sales of \$30,825! Thank you to everyone for your generous support! We congratulate all our student winners. The winners of Homeroom Snack Tub parties (homerooms with the highest percentage of participation) were:

- **Kindergarten** Mr. Zimmerman's class
- **1st grade** Ms. Stromyer's class
- **2nd grade** Mrs. Howard's class
- **3rd grade** Mrs. Hickey's class
- **4th grade** Mrs. McCracken's class
- **5th grade** Mr. Glassman's class

The top sellers in each homeroom received a 31' plush guitar -- 28 winners! The student with the highest dollar amount in sales in the school was Jacob Trovato in Ms. Queen's class, who won a key board. Congratulations to the Trovato family, and thanks to everyone in our school who participated in this important fundraiser!



Idlewylde Halloween Party

Saturday, October 30, 2010
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at 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 at 410-825-6498 or Kate Foley at 443-676-7220.

All are welcome to share in a good time!

Gifted and Talented Education Update

The Gifted and Talented Citizens Advisory Committee has been busy this fall meeting with BCPS staff to hear important updates to the Gifted and Talented program, staffing GT Information Nights, speaking out at budget hearings to secure funding to continue to grow the GT program and securing informative speakers for upcoming meetings.

Please join the GTCAC for a very exciting presentation on Twice Exceptional Learners (2E), a term used for bright children who also experience learning difficulties. Karin Tulchinsky-Cohen, Director of Training for the Weinfeld Education Group will be speaking at the **November 8th GTCAC Meeting at 7:00 p.m.** Ms. Tulchinsky-Cohen will focus on looking through the lens of 4 Best Practices: 1) teaching to learners' strengths, 2) direct support in areas of need, 3) adaptations and accommodations and 4) effective case management and home-school partnerships. All GTCAC meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held in the ESS building behind the BCPS headquarters building at 6901 N. Charles Street.

For more information and resources on Gifted and Talented Education, please visit the following websites:

<http://www.bcps.org/offices/gt/>

<http://www.bcps.org/offices/gt/cac.html>

<http://www.bcps.org/offices/gt/pdf/Toolkit.pdf>

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

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**The Rewards of PTA Membership:
Parents Participate, Students Win!**

When parents get involved in their child's education, everyone benefits. You help your student with homework, so why not help them with your membership in the PTA? Every membership makes a difference in supporting the variety of activities that your Stoneleigh PTA offers (see the Calendar of Events for some examples). Now your membership can make even more of a difference by increasing the participation level for your child's homeroom class. For families with multiple students at Stoneleigh, each child will receive credit for your membership.

THE CONTEST: Be the homeroom class in your grade with the highest percentage of family participation!

THE DEADLINE: **November 19, 2010** (the last day of American Education Week)

THE PRIZE: A certificate for **one free kid's meal** at Applebee's for every student in the winning homeroom. Calculations will be based on the total number of enrolled students per homeroom, as of November 19, 2010, as provided by the school administration. Official results will be reported in the December edition of the Gold and Blue Newsletter.

The Stoneleigh PTA would like to thank Applebee's for their generous support of our membership efforts!

SPIRIT WEAR

The Stoneleigh PTA is offering SES Spirit Wear so students, families, friends, and staff can show off their school spirit! The **first Friday** of every month is Spirit day, so get your Spirit Wear and wear it every month! In addition to the shirts we got earlier this year, we now have water bottles, shorts, and hats.

Photos and ordering information will be up on the PTA website soon. Just put the items you want in the online cart and pay with PayPal or a check sent to the school. We also have the items on display and for sale at PTA events including American Education Week and the Winter Carnival. Get great **discounts** on items from last year while they last! Questions? E-mail Christy Luis and Jennifer Peacock at StoneleighSpritWear@gmail.com

Attention Registered Marathon Kids:

Want to have fun while logging your miles? To support our children in logging the miles, some parents have formed a loosely organized group to get kids running together. Similar to the informal playground dates just prior to kindergarten, the group will use an opt-in email sign-up list to spread the word of upcoming times and locations.

We hope to come up with activities that will make the running extra fun, like theme runs and running games. These will NOT be drop-off events, and do require that a responsible person be present for your child. We'd just like to help ensure that these active children maintain the motivation to complete 26.2 miles. If you'd like to be added to the list, email Courtney McGee at tcdm523@msn.com, or Colleen Christmas at cchristm@jhmi.edu. Join us for **our first group run on Sunday, November 7** at 4 p.m. at Meadowood Park (off Falls Road, near Greenspring Station). Come wearing your favorite sports team colors!

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Calling All Artists

The Winter Carnival Program Cover Contest



- Draw a color picture of a Winter Theme on an 8.5" x 11' paper.
- Submit it to the office by Thu. Nov. 4, 2010.
- The Program Committee will vote on the best picture to place on the cover of the program.
- All entries will be featured within the program.

For questions, please email trixietracey@verizon.net

The PTA thanks

Baltimore's Best Events

for supporting our Winter Carnival! We encourage Stoneleigh families to consider Baltimore's Best Events when planning parties. They offer carnival games, moon bounces, clowns, tables, chairs and many more party supplies. You can contact them at:

www.Baltimoresbest.net or 410-825-BEST



HOLIDAY GREENS AND POINTSETTIAS

Remember to order your beautiful holiday greens through the PTA by **Friday, Nov. 5, 2010**. You can access the form on our website. Then just pick them up at the Winter Carnival, and you'll be ready for holiday decorating!

Contact Martha Edwards at (410) 583-9664 or Heather Steger at (410) 583-0805.

Website: <http://www.stoneleighpta.org/news-and-events/wintercarnival/>

Thanks for supporting PTA this Holiday Season!

More information on the **PTA Winter Carnival**, Saturday December 4, 2010, at:
<http://www.stoneleighpta.org/news-and-events/wintercarnival/>

**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 wcprogram.ses@gmail.com . The deadline has been extended to Monday, November 8, 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, attach the copy you would like entered in the Program, and send it back to school or send it electronically to wcprogram@gmail.com by Monday, November 8, 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

Thanks! Please e-mail questions to: trixietracey@verizon.net



Free Flu Vaccination Clinics

November 3, 2010 and
November 10, 2010
3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Drumcastle Government Center
6401 York Road, Third Floor
Baltimore, MD 21212

For information on free flu vaccinations
in Baltimore County, call:
410-887-BCHD (2243)

Help Stoneleigh School when you shop at Giant

Do you shop at Giant? If so, you can help our school earn cash each time you shop -- through March 24, 2011. If you purchase Extra Credit items, you will help our school earn more points faster! Registration is quick and easy.

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

FAMILY SOCIALS: We Need You!

Please consider offering your time to help out with upcoming PTA family socials:

- **Family Bingo & Pizza Night** in January 2011

PTA thanks Keri Frisch and Charlotte Huisman for coordinating this fun family event in January! If you like bingo and can give them a little help, please contact kerifrisch@yahoo.com or the.huismans@hotmail.com

- **Family Social (TBD)** on Friday, Mar. 18, 2011
- **End of the Year Picnic** on Friday, May 27, 2011

For questions or to volunteer, please email us at: stoneleighpta2ndvp@gmail.com