



Stoneleigh Elementary School



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President's Message

Dear Stoneleigh Families and Friends,

Your PTA is very excited that the **2010 Winter Carnival** is almost here! This fun-filled event will take place only 16 days from now. If you have not already volunteered to help, we could always use extra hands before or during the Winter Carnival for an hour. This is a great way to help support your PTA! Please contact Erica McConnell at emcconnell@RexelUSA.com if you are able to volunteer.

In keeping with the change we made last year, our **Winter Carnival** will offer entertainment, fun activities, food and beverages for a nominal donation. With the planning that started in September for this event, I am sure the **Winter Carnival** will be great fun for your family! Please join us on December 4, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Stoneleigh Elementary.

With Thanksgiving coming in a few days, I would like to express my thanks to all of the volunteers who have already given their time and talents to SES. First and foremost, I could never do my job without the endless support, advice and friendship of our PTA Officers and Chairpersons. They, in turn, could not do their jobs without the contributions from other committee chairs and countless volunteers. These are the people that arrange the cultural assemblies, produce family
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Newsletter Submissions

Would you like to see your information printed in the December issue of the 2010-2011 PTA newsletter? Just send your articles/information to Susan Schoenfeld schoeyswife@gmail.com by **December 17, 2010**. Editing for space and/or content may occur.

Stoneleigh Elementary School PTA

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Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER

Mon	22	Schools Closed , Conference Day
Tues	23	Board of Education Meeting, Greenwood ESS Building, 6:30 p.m.
Wed	24	CULTURAL ENRICHMENT ASSEMBLY
Thurs-Fri	25-26	Schools Closed (Thanksgiving)

DECEMBER

Sat.	4	Winter Carnival 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Stoneleigh Elementary School
Tues.	7	Board of Education Meeting, Greenwood ESS Building, 6:30 p.m.
Mon.	13	The Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee (SEAC) ESS Building, 6901 Charles Street 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Thurs.	23	Gold and Blue Newsletter Distributed, CULTURAL ENRICHMENT ASSEMBLY
Fri.	24	Schools Closed
Mon-Fri.	27-31	Schools Closed

JANUARY

Mon.	3	Schools Reopen
Mon.	17	Schools Closed (Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday)
Fri.	21	FAMILY SOCIAL, Bingo & Pizza! Second Marking Period Ends.
Tues.	25	CULTURAL ENRICHMENT ASSEMBLY: Storyteller Ariana
Thurs.	27	Gold and Blue Newsletter Distributed
Mon.	31	PTA Book Fair Begins, Stoneleigh Elementary School Library

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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Volunteer Connections

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activity nights, manage spirit wear, publish the school directory, put out this newsletter, package up the many Original Works orders, coordinate hospitality sponsored events, organize a fun book fair, create venues to show our appreciation of teachers and staff, and run the fall fundraiser. They are also the people who tirelessly promote the Reflections program, work to improve school safety, promote Walking Wednesday, schedule after-school language classes, and take care of ongoing programs like Boxtops. And where would THEY be without all of the volunteers who assemble and distribute Thursday fliers, hand out fundraising orders, help at Family Activity events, and cook and bake for hospitality?

Last, but certainly not least, we are thankful to all of our Room Parents and the many parent volunteers who help in their child's classroom.

Thank you to each of you!! Thanks for the huge amount of support that you show our school.

Sincerely,
Sheri Buttarazzi, PTA President
www.stoneleighpta.org



Marathon Kids Update

The first Marathon Kids "group run" was held on November 7, 2010 at Meadowood Park -- a beautiful (if a bit chilly) Sunday afternoon. Let's try for an even bigger turnout at the next one! If you would like to be included on email reminders for future group runs (or if you'd like to share a group run activity idea), please email Courtney McGee at tcdm523@msn.com or Colleen Christmas at cchristm@jhmi.edu. Thanks!

Please Join Us at the Next PTA Executive Board Meeting

The next PTA Board meeting will be **Thursday, February 10, 2011** at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Agendas for each meeting will be posted at www.stoneleighpta.org. Any questions? Please contact Amy Kline 410-377-6392.

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).

Posters Needed for Winter Carnival

We are looking for students to make "Winter Themed" posters advertising the Winter Carnival, date, time and activities. For more information, see the last page of this newsletter. All posters must be turned in to the front office by *Monday, November 29, 2010*.

Crafts Volunteers

Volunteers are also needed to assemble craft projects for the Winter Carnival. Please join us on November 29, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Woodbrook Baptist Church. Bring your scissors and glue guns! Questions? Call or email Linda Hutter 410-828-5126 or lindahutter@verizon.net

2011-2012??? Good with Numbers???

Then you may be interested in serving as Stoneleigh PTA Treasurer next year. Fred Kline, our treasurer for the last three years, will be completing his term in June 2011, and Stoneleigh PTA will need a new treasurer. If you think you might be interested in getting more involved with PTA or taking on a new position next year, please contact any PTA officer for more information on the position.

Volunteers Needed for Nominating Committee

Stoneleigh PTA is seeking volunteers to serve on this year's Nominating Committee. The 5-member committee is responsible for interviewing and selecting a slate of candidates for the 2011-2012 PTA officers. Nominating Committee volunteers must be PTA members. If interested in serving, please contact Colleen Mahony at stoneleighpta1stvp@gmail.com or 410-377-8429.

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
- * Art classroom helper primary grades
- * Preparing props/scenery for musical productions

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

PTA Reflections Works Due Tomorrow

PTA Reflections Art Program: "Together We Can..." entries for 2010-2011 are **due tomorrow, November 19, 2010**, for the first level of judging.

Winning entries from Stoneleigh Elementary will be passed on to the county-wide level. Then, perhaps on to the State or even National judging levels.

Good luck to all the Stoneleigh students who have already shared their creativity with us! We will keep you updated on how our student works stack up against the competition! All submitted works from Stoneleigh Elementary School will be on display at our Arts Night in the Spring.

The theme for next year's PTA Reflections program will be *"Diversity Means..."*



Walking Wednesdays: Have you been logging your mileage to help us *Walk The Silk Road Across China?*

You'll be hearing about our exciting trek each week, and seeing updates in the display case by the gym lobby. **Don't forget to turn in your walking forms** to your classroom teacher at the end of each month so we can add up the miles walked across China.

The classes with the most forms returned will be recognized each month, and earn a turn with everyone's favorite millipede -- Footsie!

And, coming soon, we hope to have a clickable online form, which may help make it easier for some of you to keep track of your walking AND help Stoneleigh Elementary School go GREEN!

Volunteers Needed for Shining Stars Committee

Do you like to write, edit, and tell stories about how great Stoneleigh Elementary is? If so, we need you! We are looking for a chair and a few good volunteers to prepare **Stoneleigh Elementary's Shining Stars application for a March submission.**

Volunteers will collect nominations like Outstanding Educator of the Year and Best PTA programs to submit to Baltimore County's PTA competition for annual recognition.

Last year, Stoneleigh nominated two faculty members for special recognition and won "Best Student Recognition Program" for Gold and Blue and Creative, Too!

For more information on the Shining Stars recognition, log onto www.bcptacouncil.org and click on the Star icon. If interested in volunteering, please contact Colleen Mahony at stoneleighpta1stvp@gmail.com or 410-377-8429.



American Education Week – Thank you Volunteers!

A big thank you to all of the bakers and greeters during American Education Week, we could not have done it without all of you! Also, a special thank you to Donna Wingerd, Cindy Wynn and Tim Melton for all of your help.

Sincerely,
Amy Kline, Caroline Ennen,
Pattie Durgin, and Amy Godat

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



Call for Candy



**Please send in donations for the Winter Carnival
Gingerbread Houses**



- Kindergarten – Skittles/M&Ms
- 1st Grade – Gum Drops
- 2nd Grade – Gummi Bears
- 3rd Grade – Strawberry Licorice Rope
- 4th Grade – Individual Containers of Vanilla Frosting/Graham Crackers
- 5th Grade – Candy Canes

Please bring candy to the drop-off box in the Front Office or send in to your child's homeroom. Final collection date is **Friday, December 3, 2010.**

Thank You Baltimore's Best Events!!



We encourage Stoneleigh Elementary families to consider giving
Baltimore's Best Events
their patronage and thank them for their support of
Stoneleigh Elementary School Winter Carnival 2010
<http://baltimoresbest.net/home.html>



Kelly Post Girls Lacrosse

The Nation's Oldest Youth Lacrosse Program

Towson's premiere lacrosse program will open registration for the Spring 2011 Season on November 15th! To register or get more information, visit the website at www.leaguelineup.com/kpgirlslax

We invite girls ages 5 – 14 to try America's fastest moving sport on two feet!
You won't know what you're missing till you try it!

Clinic: ages 5-6 Tykers: ages 7-8
Lightning: ages 9-10 Midgets: ages 11-12
Juniors: ages 13-14

We offer great coaching at all levels and teams for beginners all the way to very experienced players. Younger teams practice and play at local Towson fields. For more information contact Tammy Coccagna at tcoccagna@gmail.com.

REGISTER EARLY AS SPACES ARE LIMITED AND WE FILL UP QUICKLY!

Girl Scout Troop 1660 Undertakes "The Toilet Paper Project"

Stoneleigh Girl Scout Troop 1660 will be collecting toilet paper, tissues, diapers, paper towels, napkins and paper plates for the Family Crisis Center of Baltimore County, Inc (FCC) as part of their Bronze Award activities.

Due to the economy, donations are really down for this domestic violence shelter at the same time that more and more families need their services. Last year, the shelter spent \$6,000 on these paper products, but Troop 1660 hopes to help defray this cost by collecting paper products here in Stoneleigh and delivering them to the domestic violence shelter.

Items needed: toilet paper, diapers, paper towels, napkins, tissues and paper plates.

Donation tubs will be located on the front porches of 7002 Copeleigh Road (Stoneleigh) and 1001 Litchfield Road (Litchfield). Our November collection will occur until November 30, 2010. Cash donations can be made to Family Crisis Center of Baltimore County, PO Box 3909, Baltimore MD 21222. Please write "Toilet Paper Project - Troop 1660" on the memo line.



Happy Halloween for Over 100 Children Thanks to Stoneleigh Parents!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the many Stoneleigh parents who dropped off Halloween costumes for use by children living at Baltimore County's homeless shelters.

A small email asking for a few costumes turned into a true outpouring of generosity and Stoneleigh spirit.

Hundreds of costumes – princesses, superheroes, animals, pirates, Monsters Inc. characters, and even an Octopus and a Big Toe – were donated. With the donated costumes (and several bags of candy as well), we were able to provide costumes to children at three different homeless shelters. The kids were grinning from ear to ear as they selected their costumes, decorated pumpkins and celebrated a true ritual of childhood. Thanks for making it possible!



Winter Carnival 2010



When: Saturday, December 4, 2010,
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: Stoneleigh Elementary School Gym
and Cafeteria

Come and enjoy the:

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| • Games | Prizes |
| • Crafts | Entertainment |
| • Music and Dancing | Face Painting |
| • DJ | Food and Beverages |

Volunteers are still needed!

To volunteer, please contact your room parent or email Erica McConnell at emcconnell@RexelUSA.com

Call for Posters

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On poster board, please include the following information:

- Winter Carnival
- Saturday, December 4, 2010
- 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
- Games, Prizes, Crafts, Face Painting, Food & Entertainment

**All posters must be turned in to the Front Office by Monday,
November 29, 2010 – Thank You!**