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From Your Stoneleigh Elementary PTA President

Dear Stoneleigh Families and Friends,

Many of our Stoneleigh families enjoyed our recent Arts Night. 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 Ms. 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 welcomed many new students to register at Stoneleigh Elementary last week. Thank you to all of the volunteers that acted as PTA hosts and to our Hospitality Committee for planning a warm welcome. Coming up next will be Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week during the week of May 2-6, 2011. 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. Be sure to check out our PTA website for regular updates so you and your child can participate.

Spring break will be here soon, and with that our PTA challenge of having your children stay "screen free" for the week. With the warmer weather coming our way, there are countless opportunities to have fun without computers, televisions, and gaming devices. (Cont. on page 2)

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Dates to Remember

APRIL

- Thurs. 14 FY13 Capital Pre-Budget Meeting (addition/renovations), 7:00 p.m., Ridge Ruxton Cafeteria.
Report cards distributed.
PTA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library
- Fri. 15 **Spring break begins** at end of school day
- Mon. 18 Screen-Free Week Challenge begins
- Tues. 26 **School reopens**

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- Mon. 2 **Teacher Appreciation Week** begins (through Friday, May 6, 2011)
- Mon. 9 GTCAC Meeting 7:00 p.m. ESS Building 6901 N. Charles St.
- Thurs. 12 PTA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. SES Library
- Mon. 16 **PreK/K Conference Day—no Pre-K or Kindergarten sessions**
- Tues. 17 SES GT Parent Information Night 7:00 p.m., SES Cafeteria.
- Thurs. 26 PTA Newsletter distributed (last issue)
- Fri. 27 PTA General Meeting (Elections)
FAMILY SOCIAL- End of Year Picnic
- Mon. 30 **Schools Closed Memorial 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.

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The homepage of our website will be updated at the beginning of spring break so that students and families can post their comments about what activities they choose during spring break instead of “screen time.” Check it out to post or to see comments from other families!

Best regards,
Sheri Buttarazzi, PTA President

MESSAGE FROM STONELEIGH UNITED

If you have time to do only one thing before spring break, **THIS IS IT: ATTEND THE FY13 CAPITAL PRE-BUDGET MEETING!**

WHEN: THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
WHERE: RIDGE RUXTON SCHOOL CAFETERIA

This meeting, held by the Educational Advisory Councils of Baltimore County, is our chance to show how united our community is in pursuing an addition and renovation to our school. This meeting gives us a chance to request the funds we need! **PLEASE COME and WEAR STONELEIGH COLORS!** Any questions, e-mail stoneleighunited@gmail.com.

Gifted and Talented Education: Parent Information Night

Please join us on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., in the school cafeteria for Stoneleigh Elementary School’s GT Parent Information Night.

Cecilia Silva from the BCPS Office of Gifted and Talented Education will be at Stoneleigh to present an overview of the BCPS Gifted and Talented Program.

Mrs. Warner and Mrs. Caccavale will then discuss specifics of GT programming across the grades at Stoneleigh. Even if your child has not yet been identified as gifted and talented, this is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the educational programming in our county designed to meet the unique needs of our gifted students.

Ellen Galvez
Gifted & Talented PTA Liaison

Volunteer Connections

Reflections Program and Walking Wednesdays Need Volunteers

Are you looking for a way to help out with a Stoneleigh PTA event? Both the PTA’s “Reflections” arts program and “Walking Wednesdays” are in need of volunteers for next year’s events.

If you are interested, please contact Courtney McGee at tcdm523@msn.com.

May PTA Newsletter Submissions

Would you like to see your information printed in the May 2011 issue of the PTA newsletter – the LAST newsletter of the 2010-2011 school year?

Just send your articles/information to Jenny Lew at foster69066@gmail.com by May 20, 2011. Editing for space and/or content may occur.



PTA Reflections Program

Thank you to all the students who participated in the 2010-2011 PTA Reflections “Together We Can...” Art Program.

We had a terrific assortment of creative entries. Entries were also displayed in the schoolhouse on Arts Night.

We anxiously await word on the National PTA judging, in which SES 5th grader Kathlyn Monroe’s (school-/county-/state-wide winning) dance choreography entry is a competitor. Best wishes, Kathlyn!

We hope many students will share their creative talents with us again next year, when the theme will be “Diversity Means...”

Walking Wednesdays

Those folks who are signed up for electronic communications should now access their Walking Wednesday calendar forms online at www.stoneleighpta.org/news-and-events/walking-wednesday/.

Students who bring home paper communications will still receive the printed calendars.

Our journey across the Silk Road of China is winding down. In recent weeks we've learned a bit about Confucius, Tang Dynasty poets, the terra cotta army of the Qin Dynasty, and the Communist Revolution.

Next year, we will travel across **Africa**, and **Walking Wednesdays needs YOU!**

If you are interested in helping to bring our African adventure to life in the 2011-2012 school year, please contact Courtney McGee at tcdm523@msn.com. Thanks!



MARATHON KIDS ANNOUNCEMENT

Attention students and families who logged those 26+ miles:

It's time to be recognized! The Marathon Kids Final Mile ceremony will be held on **Saturday, May 14, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., at Poly-Western High School** (1400 West Cold Spring Lane, Baltimore).

There will be lots of music, cheering, and celebration of your job well done. Students who completed the program will receive a finisher's medal and water bottle at the finish line (t-shirts will be distributed later at school).

Let's show lots of school spirit with an enthusiastic turnout from SES!

Please Join Us at the Next PTA Executive Board Meeting

The next PTA Board meeting will be **Thursday, April 14, 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 at 410-377-6392.

PTA Foreign Language Club

Twenty weeks have come and gone. I would like to thank Christine LaBue, Jackie Cordasco, 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.

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. If anyone knows of or has a child who would be interested in earning community service hours next year, please let me know.

Also, if you know of anyone who would be interested in teaching a foreign language class next year, they can contact me at ddalrym@comcast.net for more information.

I have so enjoyed overseeing the Foreign Language club these past two years, though I will be looking for a parent or parents to take it over. I have been asked to assist in coordinating another club for next year and would like to pass on the reigns.

Please contact me via email at ddalrym@comcast.net if you are interested in volunteering.

Thanks to all for a great year!!!!
Kathy Dalrymple

SPRING VACATION AND SCREEN FREE WEEK ARE COMING UP!!!

The Stoneleigh PTA challenges all
Stoneleigh Elementary School students to:

Mark their calendars for April 18-24, 2011
and keep their TVs, computers, DS's, etc. off

Children who meet the challenge will receive a **REWARD**
when they turn in this voucher to their homeroom teacher.

My child / children successfully kept the TV OFF the week of, April 18 - 24!

Name	Grade	Homeroom
Parent's signature		Date
Parent Comments:		