



Stoneleigh Elementary School



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From Your Stoneleigh Elementary PTA President

Dear Stoneleigh Elementary Families and Friends, I want to give three big cheers for all of the fun we had at the 2010 Winter Carnival! The success of Winter Carnival was directly related to the countless volunteers and the diligent planning since October. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and to those who attended with their families.

I would also like to thank you for your continued support of our school and its students. I hope everyone is able to enjoy quality family time during our winter break. As we prepare for the new year, please mark your new 2011 calendars for some of our upcoming events –such as Family Social Bingo Night event on January 28 and our annual PTA Book Fair during the first week of February.

A very important event to mark on your calendar is Tuesday, January 18, 2011 – the Renovation and Addition Community Meeting in the Stoneleigh Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. It is becoming more obvious to everyone that we have reached a "tipping point" in our school house. Many families participated in a recent survey made available by Mrs. Warner, and the responses overwhelmingly echo this same sentiment. To date Mrs. Warner has been able to meet the educational needs of our children by using the space of four learning cottages, adjusting class schedules, and modifying how we use instructional resources.

We will continue to try to create forums where we can gather more information, collect our voices, express our concerns, and help to solve our problems. Please contact me directly if any of you have questions, comments or positive ideas about our existing situation and possible solutions. If I do not hear from you, I do hope to see you at the upcoming meeting. Happy Holidays and Happy 2011!

Sheri Buttarazzi, PTA President

Dates to Remember

DECEMBER

- 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**
- Tue. 11 Board of Education Meeting, Greenwood ESS Building, 7:00 p.m.
- Mon. 17 **Schools Closed** (Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday)
- Tues. 18 Stoneleigh Elementary Renovation and Addition Community Meeting, Stoneleigh Cafeteria, 7:00 p.m.
- Fri. 21 Second Marking Period Ends.
- Mon. 24 **Schools Closed** for Students Only, Professional Development Day.
- Mon. 24 School Improvement Team (SIT) Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
- Tues. 25 CULTURAL ENRICHMENT ASSEMBLY: Storyteller Ariana
- Thurs. 27 Gold and Blue Newsletter Distributed
- Fri. 28 FAMILY SOCIAL, Stoneleigh Cafeteria Bingo Night, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- Mon. 31 PTA Book Fair Begins, Stoneleigh Elementary School Library

FEBRUARY

- Tues.-Fri. 1-4 PTA Book Fair
- Tues. 1 Gifted Talented Information Night, 7:00 p.m., Stoneleigh Elementary School

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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Stoneleigh Elementary's Book Fair

The whole school is excited about our upcoming book fair **beginning Monday, January 31, 2011**. For more information on the upcoming book fair, go to <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/publish/stoneleigh>

An amazing selection of books is headed our way!

At the book fair you will find the latest and finest titles for kids, as well as books of interest to parents.

Mark your calendar for our family event, where the whole family can join in the fun. You can also contribute books to your child's classroom library.

The Book Fair is a great way to get everyone excited about reading. See you there!



Upcoming Family Social Event: Bingo Night!

Please join your Stoneleigh Elementary School friends and their families for a night of bingo fun, prizes and snacks!

Where: Stoneleigh Elementary Cafeteria
When: **Friday, January 28, 2011**
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Cost: FREE!

Come get out the winter cooped-up blues, win prizes and have fun with your friends!

Volunteer Connections

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.

Newsletter Submissions

Would you like to see your information printed in the January 2011 issue of the PTA newsletter? Just send your articles/information to Jenny Lew at foster69066@gmail.com by January 21, 2011. Editing for space and/or content may occur.

Holiday Wishes

The Stoneleigh Elementary School PTA would like to extend our wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season to all of the families at Stoneleigh Elementary.
Have a very Happy Holiday!



Marathon Kids: Are you still logging your miles? You're invited to join us for a fun "Jingle Run in the Neighborhood" on **January 2, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.** We'll meet up in the Stoneleigh parking lot* and jog a 1-mile loop around the neighborhood. As a sweet reward, we'll cap it off with some hot cocoa afterwards! Email Courtney McGee (tcdm523@msn.com) or Colleen Christmas (cchristm@jhmi.edu) if you'd like more information. Be there with bells on!

**This is not an official school event. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.*

Gifted and Talented Education: Parent Information Night

Please join us on Tuesday February 1, 2011, for Stoneleigh Elementary School's own GT Parent Information Night.

Cecilia Silva from the BCPS Office of Gifted and Talented Education will be at the Stoneleigh meeting to present an overview of the BCPS Gifted and Talented Program. Mrs. Warner and Mrs. Caccavale will then discuss specifics regarding the GT programming in our schoolhouse. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Consider joining us even if your students have not yet been identified as Gifted and Talented as you will learn more about the process and program from Kindergarten on up.

Please don't miss this wonderful opportunity to learn more about the educational programming implemented in our county to meet the unique needs of our gifted students.

Ellen Galvez
Gifted & Talented PTA Liaison



Walking Wednesday Update

Brrrrr!!! Yes, it IS cold outside, but with a little extra bundling, walking is still a great way to get to and from school, and all around town!

We're making great strides in our journey along the Silk Road of China.

Congratulations to Mr. Zimmerman's kindergarten class for turning in the most forms for November and becoming the guardians of "Footsie." Mr. Glassman's 5th grade class was a close runner-up.

Who will be next month's winner? YOU can make the difference. Keep walking, and be sure to turn in your Walking Wednesday form!



PTA Reflections Program Recognizes Student Artistic Talent

The PTA Reflections committee is proud to recognize the following students who participated in this year's PTA Reflections program, showcasing unique creativity interpreting the "Together we can..." theme:

- Finn Bandell**, 1st grade, visual arts (primary division)
- Yasmin Pang**, 2nd grade, visual arts (primary division)
- Kate McKee**, 3rd grade, visual arts (intermediate division)
- Rachel Prem**, 4th grade, visual arts (intermediate division)
- Leo Sheingate**, 5th grade, visual arts (intermediate division)

Kathlyn Monroe, 5th grade, choreography (intermediate division)

- Margot Deguet Delury**, 3rd grade, literature (intermediate division)
- Audrey Booher**, 3rd grade, literature (intermediate division)
- Johanna Zellerhoff**, 5th grade, literature (intermediate division)

- Maeve McGee**, 1st grade, photography (primary division)
- Anna Stamos**, 1st grade, photography (primary division)
- Jaimie Durgin**, 4th grade, photography (intermediate division)
- Declan McGee**, 3rd grade, photography (intermediate division)

Congratulations!

Their works are now representing Stoneleigh Elementary in the Baltimore County PTA competition! Good luck!

Food Collection for Those in Need in Our Community

The Assistance Center of Towson, located at 120 W. Pennsylvania Ave. opened in 1985 when 14 churches met to explore ways to help to the poor and needy families in our community, ACTC is now supported by 43 churches and provides numerous emergency services including food, shelter, clothing, medicine, transportation, transient help, toiletries and referrals.

We are seeking nonperishable food and also toiletry items. Please bring cereal, canned fruit, tuna, Saltines, peanut butter, jelly, canned meat, spaghetti and sauce, canned vegetables, pork and beans, soup, rice, macaroni and cheese, shampoo, and soap.

The food/toiletries can be dropped off the LAST SUNDAY of each month at the following addresses:

606 Hatherleigh	Bissett Schwanke
800 Ridgeleigh	Susie Jun
715 Stoneleigh	Mary Wynne Eisenberg
705 Stoneleigh	Annie Biser
821 Wellington	Maria Wetherington

Please tell your neighbors about this community project. **We want to make a difference for our neighbors who are struggling!**

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 at 410-377-6392.



A Big Thank You from the Winter Carnival Committee

The Winter Carnival Committee wishes to give a BIG "thanks!" to all of our Winter Carnival volunteers and sponsors. You all helped make this year's carnival a great success!

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

The Contest: Be the homeroom class in your grade with the highest percentage of family membership in the PTA (as announced in the October issue of the Gold and Blue Newsletter).

The Prize: A certificate for **one free kid's meal** at Applebee's for every student in the winning homeroom.

The Results:

Kindergarten – **Mr. Zimmerman's class** (65.2%)
First Grade – **Ms. Stromyer's class** (66.7%)
Second Grade – **Ms. LaBue's class** (66.7%)
Third Grade – **Ms. Cordasco's class** (71.4%)
Fourth Grade – It's a 3-way tie (54.5%)!

Ms. Cassely's class, Ms. Katz's class, and Mrs. McCracken's class

Fifth Grade – **Ms. Queen's class** (52.2%)

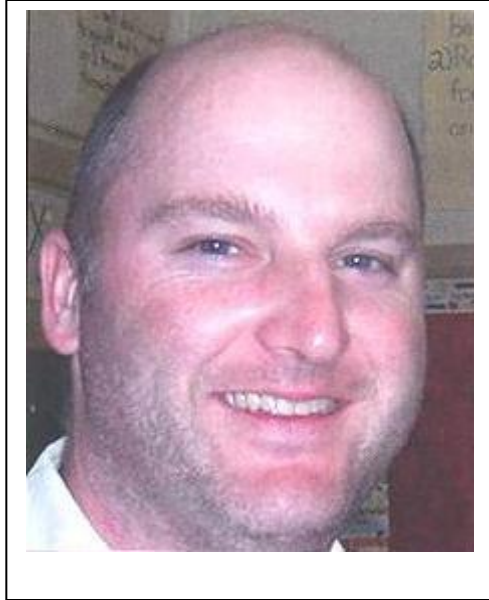
Congratulations to our winning students and their families. Certificates will be sent home with students just in time for some Winter Break casual dining.

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

Mr. Mintiens **ROCKS!**

Your homeroom students:

Waleed Aslam
Joseph Buttarazzi
Laney Cornelius
Margot Deguet Delury
Logan Devaney
Owen Garcia
Robert Haine
Nina Heller
Max Huisman
Malik Jackson



Owen Johnson
Helen Logan
Hadia Maqsood
Declan McGee
Luke Nuetzel
Kaylyn Smith
Caroline Yancisin
Hannah Young
Paul Zellerhoff

This ad was inadvertently omitted from the program for the Winter Carnival. Our apologies to Mr. Mintiens and his class!

CREATIVE MINDS CLUB

CREATIVE MINDS CLUB (C.M.C.) is an after school activity for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders involving team work, problem solving, experimentation, construction, language play and performance. The goal of this club is to encourage children to see themselves as CREATORS, to see their peers as collaborators, and to develop skills to think outside the box and to use common materials in unusual ways.

C.M.C. activities at Stoneleigh are based on material associated with 2 well known national programs: Destination ImagiNation and Odyssey of the Mind. Unlike these programs, the Stoneleigh program will not be involved in inter school competitions.

C.M.C. members get together in Ms. Link's art room on alternate Wednesdays after school and build things out of odd materials, figure out ways to communicate while maintaining silence, and solve mental puzzles. In the past, we have experimented with spaghetti, mini marshmallows, drinking straws, and toothpicks, made towers and cantilevered structures that can hold weights and withstand wind. Doing that, we learned that structures don't have to be pretty to be stable, but weight does have to be distributed.

This spring we will build some things that move, work on our ability to communicate with someone who can't see us, act out some ideas and figure out how to build a tower that can hold an egg (yes, a raw one). This after school activity is funded by the PTA, there is no cost for participation. The program is led by Amanda Konradi (parent of a Stoneleigh fourth grader). **The spring 2011 cycle of C.M.C. will run 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., in Ms. Link's Art Room on alternate Wednesdays: 1/12, 1/26, 2/9, 2/23, 3/9, 3/23, 4/6, 4/27, 5/11. The first 20 registration forms received will be accepted. Mail registration form to Amanda Konradi, 514 Sussex Rd. Towson, MD 21286. See following page for registration form.**

**CREATIVE MINDS CLUB
REGISTRATION FORM**
(See program description on preceding page)

Please complete and send registration form to Amanda Konradi, 514 Sussex Rd., Towson, MD 21286.

Child _____ Grade _____

Homeroom Teacher _____

Parents' Names _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Tel. (Day) _____ (Eve) _____

(Cell/Emergency for contact between 3:30 and 4:45) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

After club meetings, my child will (circle one):

1. Go to Play Centers
2. Be picked up by _____
3. Be released to walk home.

I understand that my participation in Creative Minds requires that I comply with standard classroom behaviors and I may be asked to leave, if I do not do so.

Student Signature

I understand that after arriving more than 10 minutes after dismissal time for pick-up may jeopardize my child's participation in Creative Minds.

Parent Signature