Stonegate Elementary School

Stonegate PTA news

February 2010

Message from Principal Becker

Dear Parents:

I'm really excited about the learning that I have been seeing during my daily visits to our classrooms. Classroom instruction is becoming much more rigorous requiring students to think and to use the skills they have learned rather just to recall information. For example, I was watching second grade students solving math word problems that asked students to make change from a dollar. In another classroom, I read a well developed piece of persuasive writing from a student on why recess is important. These kinds of learning activities give students the opportunity to dwell on ideas. In the book, To Understand, Ellin Keene, states that schools should begin to move away from teaching unrelated skills and assigning work that require little or no thought. She said that children learn best when we: "focus instruction on a few important concepts, teach them in depth over a long period of time, and permit students to apply those concepts in a variety of texts and contexts."

On Tuesday, Feb. 23, we will have **Show What You Know Night** from 7:00 - 8:00 PM. This will be an open house for students and parents. It will be a great opportunity for our students to show their parents some of the great things they have been learning and you will be able to see some quality student work. We will be focusing primarily on reading and writing. Hope to see you there!

Another exciting event will be on Tuesday evening, February 16, at 7:00 PM. The Fourth Grade Students will be presenting Rudyard Kipling's tale of **The Elephant's Child** under the direction of our music teacher, Bonnie Schmidt. The students have been working hard to prepare the drama, music, and art required to present this challenging musical. The students will need to arrive at 6:15 for costuming before the 7:00 performance. We hope you can join us!

Kindest Regards,

Doug Becker

Principal

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Dates to Remember

Feb 10th Grandparents Day

Feb 11thh 3hr early release

Feb 14th Valentines Day

Feb 15th NO SCHOOL– President's Day

Feb 16th 4th grade performance 7pm, PTA unit meeting

Feb 19th Valentine's Party 2:30-3:30

Feb 24th 3 hr early release —PLC

Mar. 2nd—Dr. Kyle will present information about the Levy issue @ 7pm at the PTA board mtg

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Kindergarten

9th Emily Pilburn
24th Genenvieve Dvorak
25th Ashanti Reliford
29th Tyler Long

1st Grade

3rd Ashlyn Smith
7th Parker Croft
15th Dylan Welch
28th Robert Orthel

2nd Grade

4th Austin Skinner
6th Lance Thomas
8th Andre' Reliford
10th Alexander Lloyd
12th Garrett LaBelle
19th Regan Wright
26th Colin Burdick

3rd Grade

5th Madison Johnson
5th Joanna Ramirez
6th Burke Holt
11th Adeline Aube
23rd Jalen Cosby
24th Logan Pratt
25th Blake Reed

4th Grade

3rd Krystina Loveland
4th Kaleigh Grimes
7th Zachery Kerfoot
15th Brett Felz
17th Ben Sparks
19th Kimberly Lafler
21st Mason Anthuis
23rd Jack Brown

Staff

2nd Mary Bess
6th Brenda Sehorn
6th Raelyn Riddle
8th Donee Dawson
19th Bonnie Schmidt
24th Pepper Grimm

Box Tops & Labels Winner

There were 1535 Box Tops and labels collected during the month of Dec./January. Great Job! So far for the year we have collected almost 8000!

Mr. Jacobs' 4th grade class collected the most Box Tops and labels. They collected 429 in all. Mr. Jacobs' class will keep the traveling trophy for the month of January. Cory Burdick from Mr. Jacobs class brought in the most, 321 and he won the Webkinz for the month. Just a reminder to send in your labels in a ziploc bag with your child's name so they can compete each month for the most brought in and win the Webkinz!

Keep saving those Box Tops and labels. They help to benefit our school and students in so many ways!

*Please put the Capri Sun pouches in a separate bag from the Box Tops and labels as they do leak out.

Thanks so much for your help.

*** PUT CHILD'S NAME ON BAG OF LABELS PLEASE***

Stonegate Career Day

Volunteers needed for Stonegate's Career Day

Friday, May 7. 2010

Stonegate needs volunteers in the morning (9:15 to approx. 10:45am) to talk to classes about their career/job in one of the grade level classrooms (or could be in the library, cafeteria, or gathering area). We also need volunteers in the afternoon (12:45 to approx. 3:00pm) to bring a vehicle outside the school representing their career. Volunteers can be parents, grandparents, relatives or friends. You will talk to each group about your job/career for approx. 15 minutes with an approx. 5 min. transition time. It is helpful to bring any visual representations such as uniforms, hat, tools, equipment, supplies, books, poster/pictures, handouts that relates to your job/career. Fill out the information below and return to the Stonegate Counselor as soon as possible if you can volunteer. Please call if you have any questions. JoLynne Flanangan, Stonegate School Counselor (816) 892-1915 email: jflanagan@raypec.k12.mo.us

Cut here, keep the above information and return the information below to the Stonegate Counselor

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Your Name: _____

Address:_____

Phone numbers: _____

Your Job/Career is: _____

Student's Name (if applicable) _____

Student's Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Which would you prefer to volunteer for?:

Guest Speaker Inside the Classrooms in the morning _____

OR Bring an Outside Vehicle for Careers on Wheels in the afternoon _____

OR I can volunteer for **Both:** morning/inside the classroom **and** afternoon/outside vehicle _____

PTA MEMBERSHIP

Friends and Family: Stonegate PTA is working hard to create a school community where **everyone** is welcome and involved in the success of our children. Joining the school as a **member** of the PTA is the 1st step towards that success. You can still join for only $5 per membership. If you have extra time on your hands you can volunteer to go on field trips, plan and participate in classroom parties, or help with other school activities. If you can't offer time during school hours because you work, you can show support by sending a dish of your favorite food to celebrate events for teachers or do extra little jobs at home like cutting, sorting or filing papers. **It takes us all to pitch in our time and talents for the children of Stonegate**.

We would like to thank those parents that have already signed up with the PTA and encourage those that haven't to take the time now to send in your membership form with $5 for each member.

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Stonegate Elementary PTA Membership Form

Parent's Name____

Address____

Home Phone_____________________ Cell Phone_____________________

Email Address____

Student's Name_____________________ Teacher_____________________

Student's Name_____________________ Teacher_____________________

Please cut out this section and return it to school with your child. The cost of membership is $5.00. Please make checks payable to STONEGATE PTA.

Be sure to check out the National PTA web site at www.pta.org for member benefits, news, and parental resources.

Counselor Corner

The School Counselor classroom visits will include discussions on the topic of Personal Safety (Good Touch/Bad Touch, Stranger Danger.)

Children are encouraged to remember three main safety rules:

Say No

Get Away to a safe place

Tell an adult who can help

Stonegate Elementary Library
Birthday Book Club
2009-2010

Come join the Birthday Book Club at the Stonegate Library! It is open to all students, staff, parents or anyone interested in books and reading.

For a $5.00 donation*, your child may choose a book from a selected group of new books or directly from the shelves of the library. A birthday label is placed on the inside cover of the book designating that this book has been "donated" to the library in honor of your child's birthday. The student then checks the book out for one week, in addition to books already checked out.

Each person who joins the Birthday Book Club has a picture taken and will find it on the Birthday Bulletin Board in the library the month of their birthday. Half birthdays are celebrated for those that are in the summer. The picture will be given to the child at the end of the school year. A birthday party is also held at the end of the year with a treat, drink, and some form of entertainment provided.

Brenda Sehorn, Library Media Specialist
Raelynn Brown, Birthday Book Club Volunteer

***All birthday club money is deposited in a library account and is used to purchase books, author visits, storytelling supplies, decorations, equipment, etc. for the library.**

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_____ Please enroll my child in the Birthday Book Club. Enclosed is my $5.00 donation in cash or check payable to Stonegate Elementary. (One form per child, one check per family.)

My child's name ____

Grade _________ Teacher ______________________________________

Date of Birthday ____

CLASSIFIED ADS

"Don't let your babies grow up to be .jpgs!"
Make every moment count! Each moment makes up who we are. And as a Creative Memories Consultant, I can offer the products and services that will help you celebrate your moments...your way. Maybe you'd like a Quick Kit or digital predesigned pages. Or maybe you'll spend some time creating a digital photo book or a traditional scrapbook album. The important thing is to do it your way, but do it today!

Let's get together soon,

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