Stonegate Elementary School PTA Newsletter

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Dates to Remember:

October 3-Culver's Night 5-8 p.m.

October 4-PTA Board-Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Stonegate Library

October 11-PTA Unit Meeting & CAMP Night at 6:50 p.m. in the gym

October 19 & 20– NO SCHOOLParent/Teacher Conferences

October 21-NO SCHOOL!

October 28-Boofest 7-9 p.m.

October 31-Halloween Parties 2:30-3:30 p.m.

A Message from our PTA President

"Can you believe we are already in October? September was a busy month and we accomplished a lot with your involvement and help. We had a very successful fundraiser selling Butter Braids and delivering them to the buyers. Also, we've had a great PTA membership drive since registration. You still have time to join, though! Soon, we will start a contest to see which class can have the most PTA members. Details to come! Remember, extra membership forms can be found in the office and PTA members will receive discounted spring carnival tickets and Stonegate water bottles!

October is proving to be another fun and exciting month! Our hospitality committee will be providing our deserving teachers and staff with a soup and salad luncheon on Friday, October 7th. Also, CAMP (Computers, Art, Music and P.E.) night for 3rd graders and their parents has been rescheduled to Tue, October 11th at 7pm. Please join us before CAMP night begins at 6:50 in the gymnasium for our first PTA unit meeting. We will be voting on our 2011-2012 budget, bylaws and standing rules. Any PTA member is welcome to join, and I encourage you to swing by for this brief 10 minute meeting. Our annual Boo Fest is on Friday, October 28th from 7-9. This fun FREE event is always a big hit with the kids! And finally, Halloween class parties are on Monday, October 31st from 2:30-3:30. WHEW!! It's going to be a busy month!! But, it's going to be a FUN month!!

Sincerely,
Sadie Decker
PTA President

Join PTA Today!

Check us out on Facebook: Stonegate PTA

PTA Unit Meeting & CAMP Night

Our first PTA Unit Meeting will be at 6:50 p.m. in the gymnasium before CAMP Night begins on Tuesday, October 11th. We will be voting on the 2011-12 PTA Budget, standing rules and Bylaws. We invite all PTA members to join us for this short 10 minute meeting!

Fundrasier Results & Prize Winners

Our Butter Braid fundraiser was a success!! With your support of the fundraiser along with our Parent's Choice buy-out option, we earned $7000.00 to help support all of the wonderful PTA programs for this school year, including: Assemblies, Field Trip Admissions & Bus Fees, Field Day, Fun Family Events like Boofest and the Spring Carnival and many others.

And the Winners are.....

Jace Altman was the Overall Top Seller, and he will receive a $25 Wal-Mart giftcard! Way to go, Jace!!!!

Classroom Winners:

1st Place: Mrs. Beichley—Pizza Party & an Extra Recess

2nd Place: Mrs. Shellhorn—Donut Party & an Extra Recess

3rd Place: Mrs. Grimm—Popcorn Party & an Extra Recess

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!

Please Join Stonegate PTA in collecting Pop Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House of Kansas City! We will be collecting them all year, please send them in to your child's teacher!

Pop-Tab Collection Program

Pull for Ronald McDonald House Charities. Even little things like a pop-tab can make a person's day brighter. Last year, friends of Ronald McDonald House collected approximately 60,000 pounds of pop-tabs, raising over $24,000 to help provide families a home-away-from-home. This more than doubles the amount collected in 2005. A special thanks to our local recycler, Wabash Iron & Metal, who generously donates its services allowing all the proceeds to go directly to Ronald McDonald House.

A Message from Mr. Becker

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thanks to all of you who were able to make it to McDonald's on Sept. 27 for McTeacher's Night. We had a great turnout, and it was great to see everyone. We raised about $600 that will be used for student activities such as field trips.

If you would like to be a SPARK Volunteer and tutor students during the school day, please come to our SPARK meeting next Thursday, Oct. Oct. 6 from 4-5 PM in the library. This is a great way for you to help build positive relationships with our students and to help teachers as well.

Parent conferences will be Oct. 19th and 20th. There is no school on both days, and there will also no school on Friday, Oct 21. Teachers will be sending home information about scheduling conferences. Please make sure you schedule a conference your child's teacher. This will be a great opportunity for parents to talk with their child's teacher about learning progress, expectations, and goals. This year we hope to have conferences for 100% of our students.

Our Third Grade CAMP Night and PTA Meeting will be on Tuesday, Oct. 11 from 7:00-8:00 PM. The meeting will start with a short PTA Unit meeting in the gym. Third grade students will be showing their parents the things they are learning in computer, art, music, and physical education.

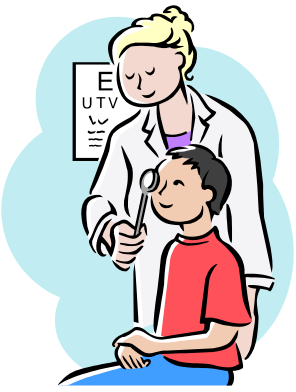
Our annual BOO Fest, is planned for Friday, Oct. 28 from 7-9. The PTA has planned an evening full of fun activities that you won't want to miss. We hope to see you there!

Kindest Regards,

Doug Becker
Douglas H. Becker
Principal

Happenings in the Health Room

Attention: Parents and Guardians



Vision Screenings were started on September 26th for the Kindergarten, 1st & 3rd grade classes.

The Vision Screenings will be completed in these grades on October 25th.

Watch your student's backpack for the screening results form.

The annual lice checks are complete!

No lice were found hiding at Stonegate!!

Please reinforce with your students that they are NOT to share brushes, combs, hats, scarves and any other close to the head contact items.

Panther Pride School Age Child Care

The before and after school program is offered from 6:15 a.m. until the school day starts. The after school program is available from dismissal until 6 p.m. The daily schedule includes indoor and outdoor activities, snack and homework assistance.

October No School Day Care will include the theme "Full of Fall Fun" and feature a field trip to Faulkner's Ranch on October 19th. Activities on October 20th & 21st will include decorating pumpkins (which will be picked out on October 19th), cooking fall treats and making harvest crafts.

Any questions, please contact:

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School Age Child Care Program Coordinator

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BOX TOPS EDUCATION

the difference 1 can make.

It's time to award the Box Top Cup to the class that brings in the most boxtops for the month of October.

Collect your boxtops ALL month long on the very Batty Flyer. (The flyer is attached at the back of the newsletter)

We will be awarding an AWESOME prize to the student with the most boxtops.

The prize will be awarded on November 15th!!!

If you have any questions, please contact Britney Johnson at 816-318-8338 or

mattjohnson7 @sbcglobal.net.

Fall Party

Monday, October 31st

2:30-3:30

We have a great group of head room parents that have volunteered to plan and lead the party. Please give them your support by keeping an eye out for donation and volunteer requests!

Boofest Silent Auction to support the Greble Family

Mrs. Amy Greble is a 2nd grade teacher at Stonegate with three children who attend or have attended Stonegate Elementary. In March of this year her husband, Brett, discovered he had a large mass behind his left eye. It is a very rare Chordoma tumor and is cancerous. The doctors were already able to remove 80% of it. With at least one more complex surgery recently performed in San Francisco, followed by radiation, they hope to remove the remaining tumor and get Brett on the road to becoming cancer free. As you can imagine, the medical and travel costs are quickly adding up. To help support the Greble family, we are having a Silent Auction in the gym during Boofest.

Donations are needed for the Auction!

Can you donate an item or a service, or know someone who can??

If you have any items or services you can donate to our auction, please contact Wendy Huffman at whuffman@raypec.k12.mo.us or Sadie Decker at sadieadecker@yahoo.com. We will have specific items for kids, families and adults to bid on! If you are creative and would like to donate a theme basket, such as Star Wars, princess, Legos, art, family movie night, etc. that would be a wonderful donation too.

PTA Reflections Program

The National PTA Reflections Program is an arts recognition and achievement program for students. The Reflections Program provides opportunities for students to express themselves creatively and to receive positive recognition for original works of art inspired by a pre-selected theme, while increasing community awareness on the importance of the arts in education.

Participation in the Reflections Program is a great way for students to explore and learn about various art forms. Creating art is a valuable learning process that challenges students to use their critical thinking skills as well as their creative talents to create art that supports a specific theme.

Our theme this year is: *"Diversity Means."* More information about the Reflections Program will provided in the coming weeks.

SPARK

Stonegate Patrons Academically Reaching Kids

Stonegate Elementary is seeking Stingray Patrons willing to be part of our volunteer program titled SPARK. This program will be responsible for supporting students in reading, writing, and math skills during school hours. We are looking for volunteers who:

* Can commit to a minimum of 1-2 hours weekly
* Are able to attend 4 training sessions per year; childcare provided
* Are dependable, reliable, friendly, and flexible
* Have a sincere desire to help students academically in a one-on-one situation
* Enjoy working with children in a variety of grade levels
* Are willing to learn and follow directions, guidelines and procedures
* Are willing to complete a background check
* Are able to maintain confidentiality
* Are prepared to sign and uphold an honor code

If you think this describes you, please contact the office at Stonegate Elementary for further information. We are excited about our program and we are looking forward to beginning our new year with you!!

Stonegate Stingrays Water Bottle Order Form

Please make checks payable to: Stonegate PTA

Name_____ Teacher/Grade_____

$4 —PTA Members $5— Non-PTA Members

# of bottles_____@_____each=_____