

# The Stingray Scoop

## Stonegate Elementary Newsletter

Feb. 1, 2018

### Missouri Exemplary School Award

Stonegate Elementary along with other schools from across the state of Missouri were honored during the 2018 Powerful Learning Conference on Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> for their commitment to professional learning

Stonegate has been named one of the **Exemplary Professional Learning Communities Schools** for promoting a culture focused on collaborative learning while effectively using data to increase student achievement. Mr. Becker and Mrs. Greble accepted the award for Stonegate Elementary from Interim Commissioner of Education Roger Dorson.



### Teacher of the Year Nominations

The Ray-Pec School District is seeking nominations for the 2018 Teacher of the Year and Support Staff Employee of the Year. A banquet is scheduled for April 11 to honor finalists in both awards programs. Anyone may nominate a teacher by submitting a letter of nomination by Feb. 23. A candidate must:

- Be a full-time teacher. Librarians and counselors are also eligible for the award.
- Be returning to teach in 2017-2018 in the District.
- Have completed three or more years teaching at Ray-Pec.
- Be effective and innovative in the classroom.

For the Support Staff award, you may nominate a full-time or part-time employee who has worked at least one year for the District

Send letters of nomination to: Ray-Pec Teacher of the Year/Support Staff Employee of the Year program, Administrative Services Center, P.O. Box 789, Peculiar, MO 64078 or to Michele Stidham, Communication Director, at [michele.stidham@raypec.org](mailto:michele.stidham@raypec.org) or [rp.update@raypec.org](mailto:rp.update@raypec.org).

Read more:

<http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/1241/TeacherSupport-Staff-Employee-of-the-Year>

## Calendar Change

February 16<sup>th</sup> will be a school day. This is a make-up day for Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> which was a snow day.

## District to ask voters to consider net levy increase of 45 cents

The Ray-Pec School Board on Jan. 18 unanimously approved placing a 75-cent operating levy increase on the ballot for the April 3 election. At the same time, the debt service tax rate is scheduled to decrease by 30 cents, resulting in a net tax rate increase of 45 cents.

A simple majority is required to approve the measure, which will be identified as **Proposition R-P**.

If approved, the additional revenue would be used to support key elements in the recently approved [Strategic Plan](#)

The last voter-approved tax rate increase for Ray-Pec was in 2003. Read more: [Proposition R-P](#)

## Valentine's Day Class Parties

The PTA will be doing something new this year for our Valentine's Day celebration on February 14th. Instead of the normal classroom/parent led party, each grade will be doing their celebrations together during their regularly scheduled "specials" time throughout the day. The PTA is asking for donations and volunteers to make this new "All School" Valentine's party a success.

If you would like to go ahead and sign up for donate or volunteer for the party, the signup genius link is <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044dada82aa3fc1-valentines/11163537> (please copy and paste into your browser)

## New Year=New Box Tops Contest!

It's a group effort this time. Each class works together.

For each class bringing 400 Box Tops or HyVee receipts, each student in the class will receive a **PRIZE!**

Points are cumulative! If your child has sent in Box Tops already they been counted toward this contest. Remember to write **name, grade, and teacher's name** on each ziplock bag sent in. Also, Box Tops for Education only gives money for non-expired Box Tops, so in order to count they must be **current!**

## Upcoming Events

100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School	Feb. 1
PTA Meeting	Feb 13
Valentine's Class Parties	Feb. 14
No School	Feb. 19, 20
Parent Conferences	Feb. 20
Hat Day	Feb 23
Second Grade Program	March 13
End of Third Quarter	March 13
Class Pictures	March 14
Spring Break	March 26-30