

The Stingray Scoop

Stonegate Elementary Newsletter

Aug. 17, 2018

Smooth Opening

Welcome to all of our new and returning students and their families. We are very excited to have the opportunity to work with all of our students this year. Our first day of school went very well. We have an enrollment of 356 students. We have three classes at each grade level except for fifth grade which has two classes. We are so pleased to have our new staff members: Micah Bronars, kindergarten; Meredith LaSala, fourth grade; Anne Schupp, Music; Kevin Pluss, Process Coordinator; Christine Campos, Special Education Teacher; Megan Francis, Speech Teacher; Andrea Whalen, Counselor; Whitney Berry, Nurse. We are delighted that they have chosen to work with our Stonegate family. We appreciate the work of our teachers and staff who worked so hard to prepare for the opening of school.



Mrs. Bronar's class visiting the principal's office.

Back to School PTA Picnic

The PTA would like to invite you to a Back to School Picnic on Friday, Aug. 24th at 6:30 pm. We'll have music, games and great food for you to enjoy while you have the chance to socialize with other families. We will provide hot dogs, but are asking each grade to bring the following additional items for the picnic:

K-1st - drinks

2nd-3rd - chips

4th-5th – desserts such as granola bars, graham crackers etc.

Please send items to school by Wednesday, Aug. 22nd. Also, bring your lawn chairs or blankets to enjoy eating outside.

Do you Want to be a Room Parent?

Room parents help teachers by organizing classroom parties. Joe Yearns our PTA president, will be having a meeting with parents who are interested in being a room parent.

The meeting will be on Sept. 11th at 6:45 PM after the PTA meeting in the library. If you would like more information on being a room parent, please try to attend.

Arrival and Dismissal

As you all know by now, our new arrival and dismissal procedures are much different than last year. Our purpose for the change was for student safety and to make arrival and dismissal quick and easy for parents. While the first day was slow, overall the change has been a huge success. Our goal is to have all students dismissed within ten minutes after the final bell at 3:50. Yesterday, our busses and daycare vans left at 3:59 and our last car rider left at 4:05. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we all learn our new arrival and dismissal procedures.

McTeacher Night

Stonegate McTeacher Night will be on Tuesday, September 25th from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at McDonald's restaurant on 58 Highway in Raymore. Our teachers and staff will be on hand to serve you dinner and it should be a lot of fun. Profits from this event will support student activities at Stonegate.

Want to Make a Difference?

BE A SPARKER! Help children feel confident and excited about learning! SPARK is Stonegate's volunteer tutoring program. If you can commit to a minimum of 1-2 hours weekly and enjoy working with children, please join us!

Contact the Stonegate office for more information😊



Our fifth grade students helping our kindergarten students on the first day of school

WatchDOGS Pizza Night

WatchDOGS Pizza Night will be on Monday, Aug. 27th from 6:00-7:00 PM. WatchDOGS is a volunteer program being used by Stonegate and schools across America.

Fathers or father-figures commit to spending a day at school to provide a positive male role model for students, help tutor students, and to be an extra set of eyes. If you are interested in the program, please contact our counselor, Andrea Whalen, at 892-1915 or Ben Smith at (202) 277-3240.

Upcoming Events

Back to School PTA Picnic	Aug. 24
WatchDOG Pizza Night	Aug. 27
Early Release Day	Aug. 31
Holiday No School	Sept. 3
PD Day, No School	Sept. 4
School Pictures	Sept. 13
Apex Fun Run	Sept. 20
McTeacher Night	Sept. 25