

# The Stingray Scoop

## Stonegate Elementary Newsletter

Oct. 1, 2018

### Parent Conferences

Parent conferences will be Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> and Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> is an early release day and there is no school on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. The early release time will be at 1:05 PM. Teachers will be contacting you soon about scheduling conferences. Please make sure you schedule a conference with 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.

### Halloween Fun

Boo Fest is coming for Stonegate families on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 PM. There will be lots of fun activities to join in. Students can dress up and trick or treat. We will have hayrides at the playground and field. Hot dogs and chips will be served for dinner in the cafeteria. There will also be games to play in the gym. We look forward to seeing you there!

Classroom parties will be on Oct. 31 from 12:00-12:50. Our PTA room parents will be contacting parents in order to plan some fun activities and to provide some tasty snacks.

First grade is planning the annual "Carving Pumpkins with Dads". It has been scheduled for Friday, October

26<sup>th</sup> from 9:15-10:00 AM in the cafeteria.

### PTA Reflections Contest

"Heroes Around Me" is the theme of this year's PTA Reflections Contest. We are encouraging all students to use this theme to create a painting, short story, photograph, play, poem, fiction or non-fiction writing, musical composition, or drawing. The contest will begin on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> and end on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Judging will take place during the last two weeks of November. Look for more information to come soon.



The Raymore Optimist Club provided dictionaries to our third grade students.

## Character Education

The goal of character education is to help children make positive choices so they will be successful in school. As you know, our school motto, "BE KIND Work Hard" helps students as well as staff focus on character traits that help us to be successful. Stonegate has extended our character education to include additional character traits throughout the year. Each month we have an assembly to focus on a new character trait. Teachers will continue to discuss character traits in their weekly class meetings. The monthly character traits include: Sept.: Kindness, Oct.: Effort, Nov.: Perseverance, Dec.: Caring, Jan.: Respect, Feb.: Responsibility, March: Honesty, April: Empathy, May: Citizenship

## Arrival Dismissal

Student attendance is so important. We expect all students to be in classrooms by 8:35 AM. The earliest time students can arrive to school is 8:15 AM when our breakfast program begins. We understand that occasionally students will arrive late to school. We require late students to be signed in by a parent at the front office.

Dismissal is at 3:50 PM. Bus and car rider dismissal is complete by 4:02 PM. If you need to make a change to the way your child is to go home, please call our office at 892-1900 by 2:30. Also please be aware of the time periods when our school zone speed limit is 15 MPH: 7:45-8:45 AM and 3:30-4:30 PM.



Ms. Besse's fourth grade students at the Apex Fun Run.

## Apex Fun Run

We want to thank everyone who volunteered and participated in the Apex Fun Run. Our students had a great time and the PTA came close to meeting its goal with a profit on \$11,348. This money will be used for field trips, student activities and staff appreciation. Thanks so much for all of the pledges and donations!

## Upcoming Events

No School/PD Day	Oct. 8
PTA Meeting 6:00 PM	Oct. 9
Mornings with Mom's 7:45	Oct. 16
Mod Pizza Day	Oct. 18
BOO Fest	Oct. 26
First Grade Pumpkin, Dads	Oct. 26
Parent Conferences	Oct. 30-Nov. 1
Class Parties, 12:00-12:50	Oct. 31
Early Release, 1:05	Oct. 31
No School	Nov. 1-2
Third Grade Program	Nov. 6
Book Fair	Nov. 12-16
Literacy Night	Nov. 13
Thanksgiving Dinner	Nov. 14