

The Stingray Scoop

Stonegate Elementary Newsletter

Aug. 16, 2019

Smooth Opening

Welcome to all of our new and returning students and their families. Our first day of school went very well. Everyone seemed very happy to be back at school. We have three classes at each grade level with a total enrollment on 366 students. We are so pleased to have our new staff members: McKenzie Quinn, First Grade; Alisa Dutro, Fourth Grade; Elise Schnarr, Reading Interventionist; Amy Walsh, Special Education, Srephanie Dustman, Occupational Therapist; Jennifer Welder, Speech, Christie Hustad, Process Coordinator. 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 Kindergarten class on Preview Day.



20th Anniversary Picnic

We will be celebrating our 20th anniversary during our annual PTA Back to School Picnic on Friday, Aug. 23rd from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. We'll have a ribbon cutting ceremony for our new playground followed by a picnic. We'll have games and a bounce house, a fire safety presentation by the fire department, and Kona Ice.

Our PTA will provide hot dogs, but we 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. 21st. Also, bring your lawn chairs or blankets to enjoy eating outside.

Meet the Teacher Night and Parent Information

We had a great turnout for Meet the Teacher Night. Students got an opportunity to meet their teacher. Parents were able to learn about the procedures for the first day of school and also get information regarding curriculum and school procedures. This really helped to get the school year off to a great start.

Our fall parent conference days will be Oct. 29th, 30th and 31st. We hope to meet with all parents at that time.

Mrs. Schnarr, our reading interventionist, will be hosting reading information night Sept. 30th. We will be sending out more information on this soon.

Virtual Backpack

We'd like to invite you to a new feature on the Stonegate the website called virtual backpack. Anything we send home from the office will be added to the virtual backpack. We encourage you to check it out often to make sure you are getting all the latest information. You will also be able to reprint any form you may need. We hope you enjoy this new service!!

Reminders from the Office

Here are just a couple of reminders from the office that we thought you might need to know. Anytime your student arrives after 8:35am, you must come into the office to sign them in. If your student is sick, please be sure to call the office at 892-1900 by 9 am to report the absence.



Our first grade students enjoying our new playground.

WatchDOGS Dessert Night

WatchDOGS Dessert Night will be on Tuesday Sept. 10th at from 7:00-8:00 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

PTA Meeting	Aug. 20
Back to School PTA Picnic	Aug. 23
Holiday No School	Sept. 2
WatchDOG Dessert Night	Sept. 10
School Pictures	Sept. 12
Culvers Night	Sept. 19
Family Fitness Night	Sept. 20
McTeacher Night	Sept. 24
Reading Information Night	Sept. 30