

# The Stingray Scoop

## Stonegate Elementary Newsletter

October 1, 2019

### Parent Conferences

Parent conferences will be on October, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>. Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> is an early release day and there is no school on Oct. 31<sup>st</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

Classroom parties will be on October 25<sup>th</sup> during the specials periods. Our PTA room parents will be contacting parents in order to plan some fun activities and to provide some tasty snacks.

Boo Fest is coming for Stonegate families on Friday, October 25<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!

First grade is planning the annual "Carving Pumpkins with Dads" on Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:15-10:00 AM in the cafeteria.

### PTA Reflections Contest

"Look Within" 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. 1<sup>st</sup> and end on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Judging will take place during the last two weeks of November. Look for more information to come soon.



5<sup>th</sup> grader Kayden Miller helping 2<sup>nd</sup> grader Boston Lynch during book buddies.

# Character Education

This year's Character Education will focus on the 7 skills of Conscious Discipline. Each month will focus on a different skill. The skill will be taught either during an assembly or during a lesson through the student's assigned Book Buddies. The themes are:

October	<b>Composure</b>	Anger management, delay of gratification
November	<b>Positive Intent</b>	Cooperation, problem solving
December	<b>Encouragement</b>	Kindness, caring, helpfulness
January	<b>Choices</b>	Setting goals, persistence
February	<b>Consequences</b>	Setting goals, persistence
March	<b>Assertiveness</b>	Respect for self and others
April	<b>Empathy</b>	Taking the perspective of others

## 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. For safety purposes, we are asking students to be quiet in the hallways, gym and cafeteria during dismissal, so staff can give directions and account for students. Bus and car rider dismissal is complete by 4:00 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.



Coach Miller under the parachute during family fitness night.

## WatchDOGS

WatchDOGS is a father volunteer initiative at Stonegate. Dads or father figures can volunteer for a day to help in classrooms, lunch, recess and to be an extra set of eyes and ears in the hallways. If you would like more information, go to our school website. Please allow for at least 5 days prior to the desired day you'd like to volunteer so we can plan for you to make a positive impact at school.

## Upcoming Events

Papa John's Day	Oct. 1
No School/PD Day	Oct. 4
Mod Pizza Day	Oct. 8
PTA Meeting 6:30 PM	Oct. 15
Class Parties	Oct. 25
BOO Fest	Oct. 25
First Grade Pumpkin, Dads	Oct. 28
Parent Conferences	Oct. 29-31
Early Release, 1:05 PM	Oct. 30
No School	Oct. 31, Nov. 1
Third Grade Program	Nov. 5
Book Fair	Nov. 11-15
Thanksgiving Dinner	Nov. 13