

# The Stingray Scoop

## Stonegate Elementary Newsletter

January 6, 2020

### Winter Weather

Children go outside for recess when the temperature or wind chill is above 20 degrees. Please make sure children come to school prepared to be outside for a 30 minute recess with coats, hats, and gloves. School closing information will be available on television and radio stations. We will also send out a telephone call and email a message on our school messenger service. The information will also appear on the school's website at [www.raypec.k12.mo.us](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us). You may also call the school district cancellation information line at 892-3988 to hear a recorded message. The December snow days will be made up on February 18<sup>th</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup>.



Second grade students Samantha Kaye, Caleb Perrin, and Uriah Copenhaver shopping for gifts at the PTA Holiday Shop.

### Progress Reports

The 2nd Quarter Student Progress Report or report card for your child will be available for your viewing within the TeacherEase system beginning Tuesday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>. We also will be sending home a copy of this progress report on Jan 7<sup>th</sup>. This report reflects a snapshot of your child's current progress at this time. For directions on how to login to TeacherEase, click [HERE](#) or visit <http://viewpure.com/z4OjbQAoBoU>. To locate this quarter's Progress Report within TeacherEase, select "Academics" from the top menu, and then select "Report Card."

### Mr. Becker to Retire

I have decided to retire at the end of the school year. This was a very difficult decision because I have thoroughly enjoyed coming to work every day. After forty-four years in education, the last fourteen years at Stonegate has been the highlight of my career. It has been an honor to have the opportunity to work with all of the great students, supportive families and such talented teachers and staff. The search process for a new principal will begin this week. Thank you for all of your support.

## LEAP Program

LEAP is an intervention program for gifted students in grades 2-8 who have been identified as gifted learners. Students must meet qualifying levels on identified assessments in order to participate in LEAP. The levels are prescribed by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and have been adapted to the Ray-Pec LEAP program.

### Nomination Period Now Open

Each year, parents or teachers may nominate students in grades 1-7 for candidacy to be evaluated for LEAP. The nomination period is from January 3<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>. The nomination form link will be available on the district webpage:

<http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/889/LEAPGifted-program>

Our school counselor, Andrea Whalen, serves as our building LEAP coordinator. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email her or call her at 892-1915.

## Awards Assemblies

Our Awards Assemblies will be on Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. This is a time that we recognize students for their hard work and accomplishments. Parents are welcome to attend. Please note the following times: grades 1 & 4 at 1:00 PM, grades 2 & 5 at 1:45 PM, grades K & 3 at 2:30 PM.

## Attendance, Parent Contact Reminder

Student attendance is very important. We ask that students be in classrooms before the 8:35 AM bell. If your student is going to be absent, please call or email to let us know. Also, if your child is going to be absent due to a doctor's appointment, please send us a school excuse note from the doctor to excuse the absence.

Please let us know if your contact information has changed. You can also update your contact information in SIS.



Fifth graders, Morgan Finch, Sierra Mirador, and Elliott Kaye will compete in the District Spelling Bee.

## Upcoming Events

Progress Report Available	Jan. 7
Awards Assemblies	Jan. 10
MOD Pizza Day	Jan. 15
No School, MLK Day	Jan. 20
PD Day, No School	Jan 21
Candy Bar Bingo	Jan. 24
PTA Meeting	Jan. 28
PTA Culver's Night	Jan. 30