

Stoneleigh PTA News

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy October! I hope you and your families are settling into the school year. Thanks to the Family Socials Committee for organizing a very fun Ice Cream Social. It was so nice to see so many SES families enjoying this event.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the PTA, we have some committees that are looking for new members. Please reach out to me if you are interested in learning more.

Wishing you well,
Melissa Hays
president@stoneleighpta.org

Who's on the Board

VP of Programs: Carrie Horwitz Lang
VP of Volunteers: Lisa Shealey
Director of Communications: Christi Hess
Membership Coordinator: Teresa Pearl
Treasurer: Fergal Mullally
President: Melissa Hays



Did you know that you can support the Stoneleigh Elementary PTA through the Amazon Smile program? Go to smile.amazon.com and search for Stoneleigh Elementary PTA and Amazon will donate a portion of eligible purchases to the PTA.

Upcoming Events

10/16: Stoneleigh Derby

10/19: Charmery Night

10/21: Schools closed - MSEA convention

10/24: Schools closed - Diwali

Committee News

DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) Committee

Happy October!

In May of last year, we polled parents and school staff on issues related to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at Stoneleigh Elementary School. This year, we will be using the survey results to help drive our initiatives. If you would like to share your energy, ideas or enthusiasm and/or become a member of our committee, please feel free to reach out to the DEI Committee co-chairs, Sonja Cendak at sonjac310@gmail.com or Stephanie Boudreau at scbleo41@gmail.com.

BCPS has closed schools for students on Monday, October 24 which marks the beginning of Diwali, a celebration recognized by Hindu, Jains, Sikhs and Newar Buddhists. It is a 5-day festival of lights that symbolizes victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance.

Family Socials

Get ready for the inaugural Halloween Glow Party. We are currently looking for cars for the trunk or treat. Sign up here.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0848aaad2ca4fd0-halloween>

We are also interested in having food trucks. Please email Julie at luhtja@gmail.com with food truck leads.

Details on the pumpkin carving contest and party details to follow.

Committee Chair: Julie Luht luhtja@gmail.com

Fundraising

SES night at the Charmery is coming up on 10/19 from 2pm-10pm. Mention SES and they will donate a portion of your order to the PTA.

Committee Chair: Dana Wanyo dscalza@yahoo.com

Morning Mile Committee

We are excited to announce that Morning Mile is back - every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday behind the school from 8-8:30am. We hope to see you there!

Committee Chair: Mia Capen miacapen@yahoo.com

Spirit Wear Committee

Our first Spirit Wear sale will run from 10/19-10/26. Expect orders to be in hand before the holidays!

Committee Chair: Cat Thoreson catthoreson@gmail.com

Teacher Appreciation Week Committee

The Teacher Appreciation Week Committee is gearing up for celebrations throughout the year. Our next appreciation event will happen in December! We can always use fresh ideas for how to express gratitude to our amazing teachers and staff. If you have suggestions, please email them to Megan Cohen at mgcohen01@gmail.com. In addition, if you would like to join our team, please reach out as well! Thank you for your support!

Committee Chair: Megan Cohen mgcohen01@gmail.com

Yearbook Committee

The 5th grade Yearbook cover contest is back! All 5th graders are welcome to submit a design for the front and back covers of the yearbook. Contest ends on 10/21. See the attached form for details!

Committee Chair: Jen Jobson jobsonja@gmail.com

Stoneleigh Derby

- The 2nd annual Derby was a huge success!
- There were 389 participants registered for the event.
- As of now, the Derby has raised over \$15,000.
- The hurricane delayed the production of our race bags and they were not delivered in time for the event. We have rush-ordered bags that do not include our logo. We will plan to use the '22 logo bags at our '23 event and ask that everyone ignores the date next year!
- A parent of a non-binary student reached out to me during the registration process to share that her child did not want to choose a gender. I replied to her immediately to thank her for bringing the concern to my attention. I let her know that gender was not applicable to our event and told her that I would work on fixing it ASAP. The first half of the form is auto-generated by raceentry.com and cannot be edited by me. Many races do utilize gender and sort race times using that category, but it is not applicable to our event. I immediately reached out to raceentry.com via phone and email. I wasn't entirely sure how quickly I would be able to have the question removed and I gave the mother who reached out to me an option to bypass the website and register through me directly. However, the question was removed by raceentry.com quickly and the student was able to feel comfortable registering through the website. Registration was open for two weeks and the gender question was removed one week into the process. I wanted to share that this occurred and that it was something that the PTA should be very mindful of moving forward.

Committee Chair: Megan Hartings megan.hartings@gmail.com

5th Grade Yearbook Cover Contest

Entries due by Friday, October 21, 2022

We are inviting all 5th grade students to enter their artwork in our yearbook cover contest. Winning designs will be selected in a vote to be displayed on the front and back covers.

Submit design with following guidelines:

1. 8.5 by 11 white paper (attached)
2. Vertical orientation
3. Crayon, marker, or colored pencil should be used

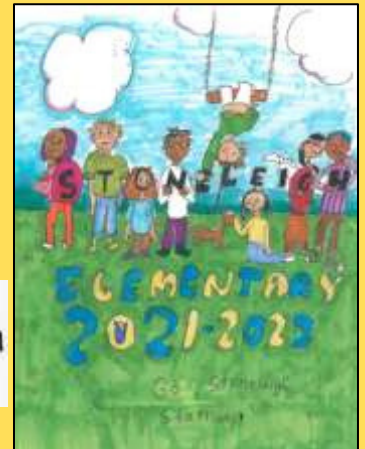
All designs must include:

1. The school name: **Stoneleigh Elementary**
2. The school year: **2022-2023**

Tips for great designs:

1. Use lots of color and do not leave a lot of blank white space.
2. Include a background.
3. Use the whole sheet of paper. The bigger the better!
4. Be creative, but keep it tidy and easy to read.
5. Design artwork must be appropriate for everyone!

example →



Questions? Email Jen Jobson at jobsonja@gmail.com

Please attach the bottom portion of this to your design. All designs should be submitted to the school office or homeroom teachers. There will be a labeled bin in the school office for 5th grade yearbook submissions.

All design entries due by October 21, 2022. Attach this to your design.

Student name: _____

Homeroom teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Parent/Guardian email and phone number:

JOIN US FOR

The
Charmery 

**SCHOOL SCOOP NIGHT
FUNDRAISER**

WHEN

Wednesday, October 19th
2:00 - 10:00 PM

WHERE

The Charmery Towson
6807 York Road, Baltimore 21212

Just mention **SES** at the register, and a portion of your sale will go to our school!

Can't make it to Scoop Night? No problem!

Online orders still count, including those picked up at a later date. Simply mention **SES** in the **Order Note** field and select the **Pick Up This Week** option.



OCTOBER 28 - FRONT OF SCHOOL - 6-8PM

SIGN UP FOR A SPOT: [TINYURL.COM/2S49AXDP](https://tinyurl.com/2S49AXDP)