

Stoneleigh PTA News

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer. It's great to see all of the children back in school. Whether this is your first year as a Stoneleigh Elementary parent, or you are a long-standing member of this family, we are so glad that you are here. Each new school year brings excitement and anticipation, along with the promise of learning and growth. The PTA hopes to support you through this year, and we have lots of great things planned for our students and teachers.

Please reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or ideas. I look forward to meeting you this year.

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

Upcoming Events:

9/23: Ice Cream Social
9/26: Schools closed for Rosh Hashanah
9/25-10/1: Shop and Share Fundraiser at J. Crew Factory Store Kenilworth
10/5: Schools closed for Yom Kippur
10/16: Stoneleigh Derby
10/28: Halloween Glow Party

Please consider joining the PTA!

Top 5 Reasons to Join the PTA:

- Students benefit from all of the fun activities.
- The school benefits from parent involvement.
- Make connections with fellow parents, teachers, and administrators.
- Stay informed and up to date on everything happening!
- Witness improvement and help brainstorm new ideas.

How to join:

<https://stoneleighpta.org/join-and-support-the-pta/join-the-stoneleigh-pta/>

Venmo: Stoneleigh PTA

Return paper form that was sent home.

The 3 homerooms with the highest percentage of membership will win a popsicle party!

School Updates

Kiss and Go

Students who are transported by parents should not arrive before 8:30 a.m. Teachers are not “on duty” prior to this time. Students should be dropped off at the “Kiss and Go” location within the parking lot using the entrance at the corner of Pemberton and Copeleigh Roads. Drop off can occur between 8:30 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. Students may be dropped off along the sidewalk which starts after the black fencing. School personnel will be there to receive students and allow you the opportunity to “kiss (your child) and go”. Students do not need to wait for a staff member to open the car door to exit the vehicle.

For the most up to date school information please visit:

Twitter @StoneleighES

Facebook www.facebook.com/StoneleighES

At this time, teachers are completing their initial assessments on students in order to move into small group instruction. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the school.

If you would like to volunteer at the school, please go to

https://bcpscos.ss3.sharpschool.com/departments/communications/family_and_community_engagement/b_c_p_s_volunteers

and turn the application and certificate into the school office or email them to jwachob@bcps.org.

Committee News

DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) Committee

Welcome back and Happy Fall from the DEI committee!

Prior to the end of the last school year, we distributed a survey to elicit parent and staff opinion on how we as a school were doing with issues related to DEI. Thank you to all the parents/staff who completed the survey!

We had a total of 168 responses representing 3 languages of English, Spanish, and Nepali. In response to the question of *what sorts of activities would you like to see the DEI committee undertake in the upcoming school year*, the top choice (with 65% respondents) was a desire for programs and assemblies for students; curriculum advocacy the second most selected choice; and guest speakers garnered the third most votes.

As we plan for the upcoming school year, we will be using the survey results to help drive our initiatives. If you are interested in what other results the survey uncovered, would like to share your energy, ideas or enthusiasm on the committee, please feel free to reach out to the DEI Committee at ses.pta.dei@gmail.com.

Did you know?

Rosh Hashanah is the autumn festival celebrating the start of the Jewish New Year. In Hebrew, the phrase Rosh Hashanah means “head of the year.” Similar to how many celebrate New Year, Rosh Hashanah is a time for introspection and repentance, which lasts for 10 days until Yom Kippur. Together, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are the two highest holy days in the Jewish religion.

Committee Chairs: Stephanie Boudreau and Sonja Cendak
ses.pta.dei@gmail.com

Enrichment Committee

The enrichment committee is working on scheduling fun and educational cultural assemblies for this year. In addition they are exploring a few other school clubs and events- stay tuned for more information on these.

Committee Chair: Cathy Mellor stoneleighenrichment@gmail.com

Family Socials

The Family Socials Committee has been busy since the summer, planning Kindergarten Playdates, Boo Hoo Wahoo, and the upcoming Ice Cream Social on 9/23 and Halloween Glow Party on 10/28.

Committee Chair: Julie Luht luhtja@gmail.com

Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee has its first fundraiser coming up. Shop at J Crew Factory Store in Kenilworth from September 25-October and a portion of the proceeds will go to SES. Stay tuned for more information about restaurant and Charmery nights!

Committee Chair: Dana Wanyo dscalza@yahoo.com

Morning Mile Committee

We are excited to announce that Morning Mile will start back up in a few weeks. Stay tuned for more info!

Committee Chair: Mia Capen miacapen@yahoo.com

Stoneleigh Derby

- The second annual derby is going to be held on 10/16/22. The event begins at 1:00 PM with staggered grade-level races.
- This year we are also including a little-sibs-sprint (50-meter dash!) and a parent/teacher/big-sibs/community member mile.
- Registration closes on 9/20/22. You can register by clicking on the link posted on the PTA Facebook page or by searching for Stoneleigh Derby at raceentry.com
- The registration contest will also close on 9/20 and the class with the most registrations will receive a prize.
- Volunteers will be needed for the day of the event. If you are interested in volunteering for the event, please reach out to the committee.
- We are still seeking Derby sponsors. If your business is interested in being a part of the event please email the committee.
- Scholarships are available! Please email the committee.
- The email address is stoneleighderby@gmail.com

Committee Chair: Megan Hartings stoneleighderby@gmail.com

Teacher Appreciation Week Committee

The Teacher Appreciation Week Committee was happy to welcome teachers and staff back into the building! We were able to install a new microwave in the faculty room. In addition, Kona Ice provided a tasty treat for the first day back in the building. Some SES families kindly created festive posters to decorate the front doors and the fence with welcoming messages. Overall, we have everyone felt our joy at having them return to school! Thank you for your support to make these events possible!

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

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

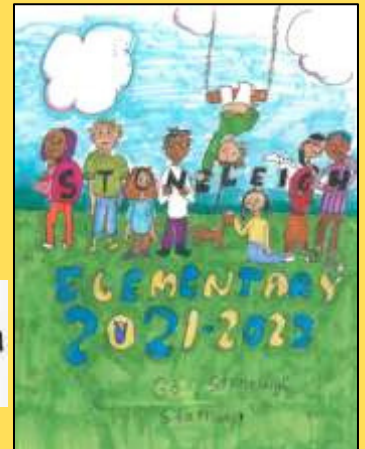
All designs must include:

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:

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DERBY REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

registration options:

KINDERGARTEN - FIFTH 1 MILE FUN RUN!

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LITTLE SIBS 50 METER SPRINT!



*THE HOMEROOM WITH THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF REGISTRATIONS WILL WIN A PRIZE!

*PARENTS/STAFF/COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO REGISTER FOR THE ADULT RUN WIN AN ENTRY FOR A CHANCE TO WIN AN AMAZING PRIZE PACKAGE FROM COPPERMINE!