



Stonewall Elementary 2008- 2009



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Welcome to Stonewall!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to Stonewall Elementary! We have some exciting school activities and events planned for students and families this year. Stonewall offers many ways for families to become involved with their children's education! I encourage every parent to join the PTA and participate in school activities and events this year!

PTA Membership forms can be found in this folder. Please join! Your student will be the one to benefit from your active participation. Your dues help support the local, state and national levels of PTA working together to meet the needs of all children, and provides funding for the various school programs and events sponsored by PTA throughout the year.

PTA volunteers will be sending home printed newsletters every two or three weeks to update parents on school events, deadlines, and PTA happenings for the upcoming weeks. It's just another way to keep communication flowing between school and home.

I encourage every family to fill out the attached volunteer form and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible. There are so many ways to get involved. Plenty of help is needed in all areas and you will learn more about your child's school by spending time volunteering.

The majority of our PTA budget comes from fundraisers and your support is greatly needed and appreciated! Our first fundraiser will be at Caddyshacks on Boston Road. Caddyshacks has agreed to donate a percentage of all food and beverage sales during the day of August 31st to the Stonewall PTA. Drop in for Sunday brunch or dinner on the 31st!

Last year, funds were used to benefit students in many ways:

- ✓ PTA provided free food and drinks for the Back to School Bash.
- ✓ PTA provided additional books for the library.
- ✓ PTA provided funds for an ELMO Document Projector for classrooms.
- ✓ PTA provided funds for teacher supplies.
- ✓ PTA supplemented the costs of the Memory Book to keep the price at \$15.
- ✓ PTA provided funding to stock bandages, thermometers, and other health supplies in the front office.
- ✓ PTA provided funds (and volunteers) for school events and activities including: Newsletters, Ky Kids Day, Walk To School Week, Reflections, Picture Day, Hospitality, Science Fair, Winterfest, Entrepreneurship Fair, Field Day, and Graduation awards and certificates.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year for the students, families, and staff of Stonewall Elementary and wish to thank you for your support of our PTA and our school.

Sincerely,
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Ways to Support your PTA...

PTA MEMBERSHIP

Joining the PTA is one of the easiest and most valuable ways that you can show your support for Stonewall. Moms, Dads, stepparents, guardians, teachers, school staff, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and members of the community can join! Our membership goal is to have 100% participation—one member for each child enrolled. Each membership is only \$4.00.

VOLUNTEERING

Stonewall has an active volunteer program. The children, school and community benefit from active family participation. The PTA offers many opportunities for involvement. If you are concerned that you don't have time during the day to volunteer at the school or if you cannot attend evening events or meetings due to other obligations just let us know. We will be happy to help you find a volunteer area that works for your schedule.

JOSEPH-BETH BOOK FAIR & GIFT CARDS

We will be having a book fair at Joseph-Beth in September. There will be surprise visits from some favorite book characters, refreshments, and door prizes while you shop. A percentage of Stonewall's total receipts will be returned to Stonewall to enrich our library collection. We hope you will be able to attend this fun event! Then in November you will have an opportunity to buy Joseph-Beth gift cards from our school with a portion of each gift card purchase retained by the PTA for programs at Stonewall. More about these events will follow soon.

A SECOND FAIR TRADE FUNDRAISER AT STONEWALL

Following on the great success of our first Equal Exchange Fair Trade fundraiser, we are planning to hold a second Equal Exchange Fair Trade fundraiser this year. By holding a Fair Trade fundraiser, we will again go beyond benefiting ourselves and also help children and families in Latin America, Africa, and Asia. Look for more information about this important fundraising event soon.

KROGER GIFT CARDS

Are you a Kroger shopper? Did you know that you can help support programs at Stonewall just by shopping at Kroger? All you need to do is purchase a \$5 Kroger gift card from the PTA and recharge and use it each time you shop at Kroger. The gift card will have a \$5 balance on it for you to spend. Cards purchased from the PTA are linked to the Stonewall account at Kroger. Once you receive this card, take it to your local Kroger and recharge it at the checkout line for any amount up to \$200 (before they start scanning your groceries). Pay for your recharge at the checkout line and then let them scan your groceries. After they scan your groceries just pay for the groceries with your Kroger Gift Card! There are no extra fees involved and Kroger returns 4% of all Stonewall gift card recharges to our PTA for our school. Please consider supporting this very easy-to-use program!

BOX TOPS for EDUCATION

Look for the 10¢ Box Tops coupon on hundreds of your favorite products. You can find Box Tops on brands such as Cheerios®, Betty Crocker®, Pillsbury®, Ziploc®, Kleenex®, Hefty® and more! Just clip the Box Tops coupon and send to school with your child to give to their teacher or turn in to the front office. The money raised is used to fund programs for the children throughout the year.
