

Stonewall Elementary PTA Newsletter

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Homerooms Compete With Box Tops

Stonewall participates in the Box Tops for Education fundraiser program. It's an easy way to earn money for the school. Just clip the Box Tops off participating products and submit them to your child's homeroom class. This effort has been a success each year, with last year's earnings exceeding \$1,200.00. Our goal this year is \$1,500.00 and with everyone's help that shouldn't be too hard.

This year we will keep track of how many box tops each class room collects. Prizes and classroom recognition will be awarded periodically throughout the year. Please ask friends, family and co-workers to help collect Box Tops for your child's classroom. There is never a deadline, so bring in tops whenever you like. Please be careful to submit the entire top. If the expiration date or product identification number is missing, the top does not count. Thanks for participating and happy collecting!

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Don't forget to visit our new website where you will find past newsletters, membership forms and contact information for the PTA Board. We are constantly updating, so check often. Thanks to our dedicated PTA president Kyna Estes for developing this site.

**Thank you for dining at Caddyshacks!
We earned over \$400.00 dollars for the
Stonewall PTA. Good job!**

Kroger Rechargeable Gift Cards

Attention Kroger Shoppers! Anyone who purchases a \$5.00 rechargeable Kroger Gift Card to benefit the Stonewall PTA during the month of September will receive a free reusable grocery bag and will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win one of two \$25.00 Kroger Gift Cards. Check our website for more information on using the card. Fill out the order form below and send it with the money to school with your child. Parents, grandparents, teachers, and staff are all welcome to participate in the drawing. Contact Anna at 278-1232 or e-mail at amwientjes@gmail.com

Kroger Gift Card Order Form

Please enclose this form in an envelope or a baggie and send to school with your child.

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

e-mail _____

Child's Name _____

Teacher _____ Rm# _____

Kroger Card X \$5.00 each = _____

Our Joseph-Beth Book Fair Is This Weekend!

Our Joseph-Beth Book Fair event is Sunday, September 14, 2:00-4:00 p.m.! Vouchers for this fun event were sent home with your children this week. (The vouchers are blue.) When you make your purchases, be sure to turn in your vouchers to count toward our school's total. Twenty percent of our total purchase amount will be donated back to our school to enrich our library collection here at Stonewall. **New this year, if you visit the café at Joseph-Beth, Bronte Bistro, 4:00-8:00 p.m. on Sunday, 10% of your café purchase amount will also be donated back to our school.** So after the Book Fair, join us at Bronte Bistro for dinner or even just dessert and coffee. Vouchers for the café will be available at the Book Fair. We hope you will be able to attend! If you are not able to attend on Sunday, you may shop anytime between Friday, September 12 and Sunday, September 14 and your purchases can still be counted toward Stonewall's total. You just have to turn in your Stonewall Voucher when you pay for your purchases. Please contact Kim Browning at ksbrowning@windstream.net if you have any questions.

Why We Should Support Fair Trade

Do you ever think about the farmers who grew the coffee beans that made the coffee you enjoyed this morning? Do you ever think about the farmers who grew the cocoa beans that made the chocolate bar you enjoyed yesterday? Unfortunately, in our conventional system of trade, many of these farmers are not paid enough to support themselves and their families. However, by supporting Fair Trade, you are helping to ensure that these farmers are paid enough to support themselves and their families. When I traveled to the Dominican Republic in April, I met some of the amazing farmers who grow the cocoa beans used in making Equal Exchange chocolate bars and now I think about them every time I eat chocolate.

I saw firsthand the very real difference Fair Trade makes in their lives. I saw the pride on the faces of the farmers bringing their high quality cocoa beans to market and receiving fair pay for those beans. I saw wells that have been built with Fair Trade premiums, greatly lessening the distance many families have to go to obtain water. I saw roads and bridges that have been constructed with Fair Trade dollars making it easier, or even possible, for a farmer to bring his cocoa beans to market. I saw additions being made to schools because the community participates in Fair Trade. I met many smiling children who were simply proud to be going to school. And I met women who proudly told us about what has become a fulfilling and sustainable business for them. This business began with a 90,000 peso loan from CONACADO, the cacao cooperative, and has since been paid in full.

Again this year, we will have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of some people who are very far away from Lexington, but who touch our lives every day. Our Fair Trade fundraiser begins Thursday, October 2! Your children should bring home the fundraising brochures that day. In the meantime, you can learn more about Equal Exchange by visiting their website at www.equalexchange.coop. We hope that you will support this important fundraiser! If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Kim Browning at 296-9938 or ksbrowning@windstream.net. We can continue to be leaders in the Fair Trade fundraising movement!

You may be surprised to know that the National PTA...

-was founded in 1897 as the National Congress of Mothers By Alice Birney, a twice widowed working mother who served as president, and Phoebe Hearst, mother of publisher William Randolph Hearst, who served as first vice president. Second vice president was Mrs. Adlai Steven son , wife of the vice president of the United States.

-offers discounts on T-mobile wireless service and equipment with your PTA membership. Go to www.pta.org for a complete listing of benefits . You can also access resources to help you get involved in improving children's health, welfare and education. Your user name and password are on listed on the back of your PTA membership card. Take advantage of your membership benefits today!

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E-mail newsletter items to amwientjes@gmail.com by noon Tuesday September 23, 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 Joseph Beth Book Fair	15 Day 4	16 PTA Meeting 6:30 PM Day 5	17 Chorus Practice Begins Day 6	18 Day 1	19 Day 2	20
21	22 Day 3	23 KY Kid's Day SBDM-5:00PM Day 4	24 Day 5	25 Day 6	26 No School	27

Look for Stonewall Spirit T-shirt orders to arrive in the next three weeks. The shirts will be sent home with your child.