

Stonewall Elementary PTA Newsletter

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October 3, 2008

Our Second Fair Trade Fundraiser Has Started!

As you look through the offerings in the Equal Exchange catalog, I hope you are finding many treats you would like to purchase to support our school and small family farmers around the world. Please consider asking your families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to support our important fundraiser. On Thursday, your children saw a video from Equal Exchange. Ask them what they thought about it. See what they can tell you about Fair Trade. You may be surprised by how much they know. You can watch this video by going to www.equalexchange.coop/new-video/. Ask your children if their classes have read *Zapizapu Crosses the Sea...a story about being fair*. This story will help even our youngest students begin to understand why Fair Trade is so important.

If you have not seen the Fair Trade display in the center glass cabinet in the front hall, please try to see it. There are many pictures in the display that I took when I visited an actual Fair Trade cocoa cooperative in the Dominican Republic. Please take a look at them. The people I met were simply amazing. They were warm, welcoming, and so willing to share with us. These are the faces of some of the very people we could be helping by supporting our Fair Trade fundraiser. You could be looking at the cocoa farmer whose cocoa beans are in the chocolate bar you will enjoy from Equal Exchange!

Our fundraiser will run through Wednesday, October 22. Please try to get your orders and payment returned to school by that date. As soon as all of the individual orders and payments are turned in, I will total them and place the order with Equal Exchange. Our products should be delivered within two weeks of that time, probably in early November. If you have any questions about our Fair Trade fundraiser, please contact Kim Browning at ksbrowning@windstream.net or at 296-9938. I am very proud of our school for supporting this important fundraiser for a second time! We are making a difference in the world by supporting Fair Trade!

A Fun and Successful Book Fair at Joseph-Beth!

Thank you to all of the families who came out to Joseph-Beth to support our Book Fair! Our Sunday event was well attended. There were several craft and story activities for the children and they had the chance to meet Madeline. The total of our weekend purchases was \$2,526 which means that Joseph-Beth will donate \$505 for materials for our library at Stonewall. Thank you Joseph-Beth Booksellers!

Show us Your "Wow!"

The Stonewall PTA invites your student to participate in this year's Reflections Art Contest! Reflections is a National Cultural Arts Program. Students who participate in the arts do better in school, and the Reflections Program gives students an opportunity to receive recognition for their artistic endeavors. Awards are given at the school, district, state and national levels. National award-winning entries are showcased in the PTA Reflections Program gallery at www.pta.org. Stonewall will have two winners each in the K-2 and 3-5 category. The winners will go on to the Fayette County District Finals. **The deadline for finished entries is October 22, 2008.** Judging will be Nov. 3-7. Winners will be announced the following week. Assistance will be given to all winners to make sure their entries meet all National guidelines before they are moved on to the District Level.

If your student wants to showcase their creative talents to express this year's theme: "Wow!" in a dance, music, photo, literature, video, or artwork form, please fill out an entry form and return it to Stonewall by Oct 15, 2008. Once you send in your entry form, you will be sent the Stonewall Official Rules for each category circled. Complete Official Rules are located on our PTA website www.stonewallpta.org.

If you have any questions, please contact Robyn Johnson at jrjohnson99@alltel.net or 221-0032.

Reflections Art Contest Entry Form

Name: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Category: (Circle category(s) you want to enter)

Dance Choreography

Literature

Musical Compositions

Photograph

Video

Visual Arts

Connect for Success.

Join the PTA!

It's not too late to Join the PTA. We still need you to help make a difference this year.

Becoming a member of the PTA is the first step you can take in becoming an advocate for your children and all children across the country. Membership is easy, just fill out the form below, attach the \$4.00 membership fee per member and return it to your child's classroom or the school office: Attention - Robyn Johnson, Membership Chair. You will receive your membership card as soon as your membership is processed. Again, thank you for investing in the future of our children. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Robyn Johnson

Memory Book Orders Due October 6th!

Each memory book is special and this year's keepsake is no different. We are excited about bringing you a full-color, hard cover book that will capture many highlights of the school year. Your cost is only \$15.00 per book and that is a real bargain! All money will be used to cover only production and shipping costs. Don't miss out! Get the order form at www.stonewallpta.org and send in your check (no cash) by Monday October 6th.

Walk Your Child to School Week October 6-10

Last year children and parents from 28 elementary schools in Fayette County walked to school to support Walk to School Week. Parents liked the fact that by walking they are teaching their children good health habits. Help us participate in Walk To School Week. If it's too far to walk from your house, just park a half-mile away and walk.

God's Pantry Food Drive! October 6-10!

Send non-perishable food or check donations with your child for the food drive. We will be collecting food for the food bank the week of October 6-10. With the economy in a dramatic downturn, more than 300,000 people in God's Pantry Food Bank's 50-county service area are at risk of hunger. In any given week, emergency food providers across central and eastern Kentucky provide food and meals to 35,934 different clients. Additional information about the God's Pantry can be found at www.godspantry.org.

Stonewall Elementary PTA Member Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Children's Name: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Type: (Circle) Parent/Guardian Faculty/Staff Other

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Fair Trade Fundraiser October 2-22

Please submit newsletter items to amwientjes@gmail.com by noon Tuesday October 21.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Walk to School Week and Food Drive for God's Pantry					
	Memory Book Day 6	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Day 5	Day 6	Day 1	No School	No School	
19	20	21	22 Reflections and Fundraiser Due	23	24	25
	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	