

Stonewall Elementary PTA Newsletter

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Our Second Record-Breaking Fair Trade Fundraiser!

I hope that you are all enjoying your Equal Exchange products. All of the orders should have been received by now, except the two teas (chai and rooibos) that are backordered. Hopefully these teas will arrive soon. I have received some very positive comments about the fundraiser again this year. For the second year in a row, we have done something very special here at Stonewall Elementary. Thank you again for your willingness to embrace and support our Fair Trade fundraiser, especially given our country's current economic situation. Our final sales total this year is \$12,500, with \$5,000 staying at our school! We raised money for our school while also helping to support small family farmers around the world. And we received some delicious coffee, tea, cocoa, chocolate, and snacks. That is definitely a win-win-win situation!

I am delivering the bagel brunches to the six highest selling classes this week and next. **The winning classes are Ms. O'Hara's kindergarten class with sales of \$1,092!, Ms. Dauteuil's 3rd grade class with sales of \$1,001!, Ms. LeBlanc's 1st grade class with sales of \$739, Ms. Gunn's 1st grade class with sales of \$733, Ms. Haggard's 2nd grade class with sales of \$685, and Ms. Coriell's 4th grade class with sales of \$625.** Congratulations and thank you to these classes! The teachers of these classes also received their choice of coffee or cocoa. Equal Exchange sent several prizes, including t-shirts that were awarded to the 12 highest selling students in the school. These students each sold more than \$180 in products! They are Jonathan Browning, James Moore, Sophia Goodin, Annika Prevette, Helena Maciejewski, Joshua Andreatta, Jackson Boggs, Elizabeth Solie, Nicholas Schaefer, Garron Vires, Camille Vires and Wyatt Vires. A very special thank you goes to these children and their families. We also received two Equal Exchange Fair Trade soccer balls. These are being awarded to Ms. O'Hara's class and Ms. Dauteuil's class for their high class sales totals and participation. The five teachers who had at least 10 students in their classes participate were entered into a drawing for a \$15 gift card donated by Good Foods Market and Café. Ms. Gunn was the lucky winner.

I want to thank several special volunteers. First, thank you to Sharon Rey-Barreau, Joanie Vires, Shannon Markel and Beth Edwards for helping count the money. Thank you to Anna Wientjes for helping double check the order. Several adult and child volunteers helped sort the contents of 20 large boxes into 203 individual orders on a Saturday morning earlier this month. Thank you to Anna Wientjes and her son, James Moore, Shannon, Jeff, Erin and Claudia Markel, Marla and Stephanie Fox, Dan, Sharon and Annika Prevette, Sharon Rey-Barreau, Angelika Goodin, Maureen Meyers (who is going to coordinate an Equal Exchange fundraiser at Glendover Elementary in January!), and especially to my family, Christopher, Jonathan, Jeremy and Steve Browning. My family helped in many ways throughout the whole fundraiser! My son, Jonathan, and Joanie Vires helped deliver the orders to the classes the next week. All of my volunteers were rewarded with Equal Exchange prizes ranging from candy bars and travel mugs to caps, t-shirts, and fabric bags. Marla Fox also won the second \$15 gift card donated by Good Foods. Thank you to everyone who helped and everyone who supported our very important fundraiser! We are changing the world! Cheers! Kim Browning

WOW!

Congratulations 2008 Reflections Winners!

We had a lot of really great entries in our 2008 Reflections Art Contest this year. The judges really had a hard time selecting winners from all the wonderful entries. Here are the first place winners in each category:

Dance Choreography

K-2 Elora Mukhopahhyay
3-5 Kennedy King

Photography

K-2 Madison Henry
3-5 Quinn Coffey

Literature

K-2 Elora Mukhopahhyay
3-5 Erin Markel

Visual Arts

K-2 Elora Mukhopahhyay
3-5 Haley Potter

All winners will be submitted to the District Competition which will take place after Nov. 20. All other entries will be on display in the front lobby sometime soon. We are proud to have so many creative students at Stonewall Elementary.

Thank you to Robyn Johnson for organizing this competition and preparing the entries for district completion!

Dear Stonewall Parents,

Every fall for the past 58 years, the Lexington Woman's Club clothing center has clothed Fayette County students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Upon arrival by school bus at our center, the children are greeted by our volunteers who help them select new school clothes. Each child receives a complete new outfit consisting of seven new pairs each of underwear and socks, two new sweatshirts, a new pair of jeans and sweatpants, a new coat, hat, gloves and a new grade appropriate book. We clothe hundreds of students each year without fundraisers.

Each child also receives a complete used outfit that we like to call slightly enjoyed. When cleaning out your children's closets, please keep us in mind. We need your help! We are in need of summer and winter clothing in good condition, in children's sizes 5 through 16. The donated clothing will be sorted and washed by our members and returned to the clothing center to be shelved, hung and distributed to needy children. We are also in need of extras like pajamas, nightgowns, back packs, purses, belts and hair pretties. We do not accept shoes.

The smiles on the faces of the children we clothe warm our hearts. The clothes, new and slightly enjoyed, mean so much to the students. But we can't do it alone. We need the generous community of Stonewall families to help us. I will place a box in the hallway labeled LWC Clothing Center for you to place your donations during the rest of this month. Thank you in advance for your support!

Judy Mathis
A Stonewall Grandparent
Lexington Woman's Club

Memory Books and Spirit Shirt Orders

Time is running out for Memory Book and Spirit Shirt orders. Go to www.stonewallpta.org to download the order forms and then submit the form and your payment as soon as possible so you don't miss out.

We are offering a great sports pack with the Stonewall Stallion Logo for only \$5.00. We also have hooded logo sweatshirts and long sleeve shirts in pink, navy blue and white. Stonewall Spirit!

Joseph-Beth Gift Cards Available at Stonewall!

Just in time for the holidays, we are offering Joseph-Beth gift cards for sale here at Stonewall. Beginning Wednesday, November 19, you can order \$10 and \$25 gift cards. Order forms were sent home with your children on November 19th. Joseph-Beth will donate 20% of the price of each gift card purchased back to our school! Checks should be made payable to Stonewall PTA. Order forms and payment must be returned by Wednesday, December 3rd! This is to ensure delivery and distribution of the gift cards before Winter Break. You can wrap up your holiday shopping and support our school at the same time! If you have any questions, please contact Kim Browning at 296-9938 or ksbrowning@windstream.net. We would like to thank Joseph-Beth Booksellers for giving us the opportunity to participate in this program again this year!

Looking for a Good Book? Come to the Book Fair!

The Library will be having a book fair for parents and teachers on Tuesday, December 9 from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Wednesday, December 10 from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. All books will be half price. (Classes will not be attending the December book fair.) Please feel free to stop by anytime during those days and see the large selection of children's books we will have for sale. If you are interested in helping us with the fair or have any questions, please contact Mary McClellan in the library. Looking forward to seeing you in December!

November - December 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24 Day 2	25 Day 3	26	27	28	29
<i>No School - Happy Thanksgiving!</i>						
30	1 Day 4	2 Day 5 SBDM Meeting 5:00 PM	3 Day 6	4 Day 1	5 Day 2	6
7	8 Day 3 5 th Grade Band Concert at LHS	9 PTA By-Laws Meeting 6:15 pm Winter Concert	10 Day 5	11 Day 6	12 Day 1	13
<i>Half Price Book Fair Stonewall Library</i>						
14	15 Day 2	16 Day 3	17 Day 4	18 Day 5	19 Day 6 Last Day Before Winter Break!	20

Upcoming Events: January 13- 4th Grade Science Fair, January 22 - Champs, January 27- Blood Drive and PTA Meeting