

Stonewall Elementary PTA Newsletter

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TV Turnoff Week makes time for Fun!

We hope you have been enjoying your TV-free week! Have you had a chance to do some things you don't normally have time to do? Have you spent more time together as a family doing more creative and active activities? Hopefully you were able to skate with us at Champs on Tuesday night and then do something special with your family on Earth Day. **Don't forget our Family Fun Night at Stonewall is tonight, Friday, April 24!** We will play games outside, draw with sidewalk chalk, and eat ice cream. What a great way to end the school week! Bring your whole family!

Please don't forget about our TV Turnoff Week contest! Tell us a story from your week and enter to win a \$10 gift card donated by Joseph-Beth or the Morris book shop! We will be awarding five \$10 gift cards, three from Joseph-Beth and two from the Morris book shop. We greatly appreciate these donations from our two terrific local bookstores! Entries are due by Wednesday, April 29 to the PTA box in the front office. Older children are expected to write their stories. Younger children can draw pictures. Kids, remember to put your name and your teacher's name on your entry! We are looking forward to hearing your stories. Winners will be announced on Monday, May 4. Please contact Kim at ksbrowning@windstream.net with any questions. Have a great weekend!

Congratulations Kennedy & Elora!

We are pleased to announce Kennedy King was given an Award of Merit in the Intermediate Division of Dance Choreography and Elora Mukhopadhyay was given an Award of Excellence in the Primary Division of Dance Choreography from the State PTA Reflections Competition held in April. They will be attending an awards ceremony on May 9 in Frankfort to receive their awards. Elora's entry has been chosen to represent Kentucky at the National Level. The National PTA Reflections Contest will be held in May. Good Luck Elora! We are so proud of both of you for representing Stonewall and Fayette County at the State Competition. Good Job!

Don't Forget To Vote!

Stonewall's SBDM Elections will be May 1st from 7:00am to 7:00pm. Please take two minutes to stop and vote. We have four candidates running for the two available parent SBDM Representative positions.

The candidates are (in alphabetical order):

Mary Beth Carter
David Lane
Ken Underwood
Anna Wientjes

What does the School Based Decision Making Council (SBDM) do?

The SBDM Council sets policy in the following areas:

- Curriculum,
- Assigning staff time,
- Assigning students to classes & programs,
- School schedule,
- Use of school space,
- Instructional practices,
- Discipline & classroom management,
- Extracurricular programs.

The Council will also determine the process for deciding if the school is in line with state standards, how the school will use technology, and how the school will decide whether its programs work. Committees of teachers, parents and others will be created to advise council on how to create a successful school. Additionally, the council will decide how many people to employ in each job classification, and will be consulted by the principal before other jobs are filled. Councils do not run the school on a day-to-day basis.

Hooray! Dora Swoveland

has placed in the 2009 Central Kentucky Regional Science and Engineering Fair at the University of Kentucky on March 7, 2009 in the 4th grade Physics and Astronomy Awards. We are so proud of you Dora!

Giving Blood Saves Lives. Period!

Stonewall is hosting a Blood Drive on Friday May 1st. We hope that you will take time to stop by and give blood that day! The Central Kentucky Blood Center will be in the Stonewall Library from 1:30 to 7:00. Please tell your friends and neighbors because the blood drive is open to all donors! Who's eligible? To be eligible to donate blood, a person must be in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 17 years of age. You will also be asked to provide a photo ID, such as a drivers' license or other government ID. There is no upper age limit. If you have questions about giving blood, please call 276-2534 or toll free 888-775-2522. The blood center will also have gifts available to blood donors that day. More information will be sent home a couple of days before the blood drive!

Thanks to all the students and teachers for the great entertainment during the Arts Showcase Event! Who knew you were so talented?

Kroger Rechargeable Gift Cards

Attention Kroger Shoppers! The new Beaumont Kroger opens this week with a whole lot of grand opening specials. Please remember to use your gift card when shopping at Kroger, especially if you decide you must have a new diamond ring or a sofa! We get 4% of all recharges when we reach a cumulative total of \$5000. Anyone who purchases a \$5.00 rechargeable Kroger Gift Card to benefit the Stonewall PTA before the end of the school year will receive a free reusable grocery bag! Check our website for more information on using the card. Fill out the order form below and send it with a check to school with your child. Contact Anna at 252-0836 or email amwientjes@gmail.com. Let's keep the Kroger checks coming!

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 = _____

April and May 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 Day 6	28 Day 1 SBDM Mtg. 5pm Library	29 Day 2	30 Day 3	MAY 1 Day 4 PTA and SBDM Elections	2
<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 10px;"> <h3>Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week</h3> <p>Thanks for all you do to make Stonewall Elementary a great school!</p> </div>						
3	4 Day 5 KCCT Testing Begins	5 Day 6	6 Day 1	7 Day 2	8 Day 3	9

KCCT (Kentucky Core Content Test) testing will be May 4-May 20. KCCT Testing for 3-5th graders will be every day May 4-12. Please avoid scheduling trips or making unnecessary medical appointments during this time. Make sure your child is well rested on test days. Children who are tired are less likely to be able handle the demands of the test. Encourage your child by explaining that KCCT testing is their opportunity to show all they have learned throughout the year! Go for it!