

Stonewall Elementary PTA Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendars!

Stonewall & Jessie Clark Partner Up

for a special parent education night on Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30 pm in the Jessie Clark Library. The topic will be "Straight Talk for Parents about Drugs" presented by Captain Mike Bosse of the LFUCG Division of Police. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn how to safeguard your children from drugs. This is a **parent only** event that is very important for parents of children of all ages.

BBQ BASH

The 4th Grade is hosting a BBQ BASH the evening of October 20th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM in the Stonewall Cafeteria. Family and friends of all ages are invited to come enjoy a scrumptious BBQ dinner! The proceeds made from this dinner go to help lower the student cost of the 4H Field Trip they will take later in the year. Adult plates are \$7.00 and children under 6 can eat for \$3.00. We look forward to seeing you there! Yum, Yum!

Stonewall PTA Meeting

Tuesday, October 20th
6:30 PM in the Library

Stonewall Champs Night

Monday October 26 from 6-8PM
\$2.00 admission plus \$1.00 skate rental

Let's Roll!

Half Price Book Fair

Stonewall Library
December 8-9

Don't do your holiday shopping anywhere else!

Memory Books

Deadline October 19th!

Don't forget to place your order for a memory book by Monday, October 19. There are a limited number of books at the advance order price of \$17.00 each. Any orders rec'd after October 19, will be accepted on a first come first serve basis at a cost of \$20.00 each. So don't procrastinate or you may miss out! Download an order form from our website, www.stonewallpta.org, and send it in with a check made out to the Stonewall PTA.

Reflections

Deadline for all Entries is October 22, 2009.

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 from 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 in each category ; one from K-2, and one from 3-5. The winners will go on to the Fayette County District Finals. The deadline for finished entries is October 22, 2009. Judging will be Nov. 2-6. Winners will be announced the following week. All winners will be assisted to make sure their entries will meet all National guidelines before they are moved on to the District Level. **For more information and to download an entry form, go to www.stonewallpta.org. And hurry!**

Thank you to everyone who turned out for Sonic night last week. We raised \$846.50 with \$630.00 from tips alone! Who knew we had such a talented wait staff? We are very thankful for all the teachers, staff and parents who volunteered to help make the night so successful. Thank you to Sonic at the Bellerive Plaza for supporting our PTA. And thanks to Joy Sparks for organizing the event. Also, thanks to all the parents and children who participated in Walk to School Week. We had great participation! Thanks to Kelly Norris for organizing the events and to all the parent volunteers.

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month

Dyslexia is a learning difference characterized by problems in expressive or receptive, oral or written language. Problems may appear in reading, spelling, writing, speaking, or listening. A person who has dyslexia has difficulties changing language to thought (as in listening or reading) or thought to language (as in writing or speaking).

Frequently Asked Questions About Dyslexia

- **Do children with dyslexia see letters backwards?**
There is no evidence that children with dyslexia see differently from other children. The root cause of dyslexia lies in a difficulty processing sounds--not visual information.
- **Are more boys than girls dyslexic?**
It was once thought that dyslexia is more common in boys than in girls, but recent research had shown that this is not the case. An equal number of girls and boys are dyslexic. It is thought that boys are more likely to act out as a result of having a reading difficulty and are therefore more likely to be identified early. Girls, on the other hand, are more likely to try to "hide" their difficulty, becoming quiet and reserved.
- **Do people "grow out of" dyslexia?**
Because the source of dyslexia lies in the brain, children do not outgrow dyslexia. With the proper intervention, children with dyslexia can learn to read well.
- **Are all reading problems dyslexia?**
Not all reading problems are dyslexia. Some reading problems are caused by lack of exposure to books and good language models in the home or to lack of quality reading instruction in school. Other children with reading problems or difficulties can read text accurately, but have difficulty with reading comprehension.
- **How many people with dyslexia are there?**
Research suggests that about 17 percent of the population has dyslexia.

What are some common Signs and Symptoms of Dyslexia?

- Reading is slow and effortful (especially reading aloud)
- Trouble appreciating rhymes, may not 'get' Dr. Seuss
- Mixes up order of letters
- Letter reversals, unusual spelling errors (wild guesses)
- "Careless" errors in math or with reading test instructions
- Tendency to make wild guesses with new words
- May skip over small words (like a, an, the) while reading
- Listening comprehension better than reading comprehension
- May avoid writing by hand or reading aloud
- Does much better with oral testing

For more information about dyslexia check out <http://www.interdys.org>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18	19 Day 2 Memory Book Orders Due	20 Day 3 PTA Meeting 6:30 4 th Grade BBQ 6-8PM Straight Talk Jessie Clark 6:30	21 Day 4	22 Day 5 Reflections Entries Due	23 Day 6	24
25	26 Day 1 Champs Night 6-8pm	27 Day 2	28 Day 3	29 Day 4	30 Day 5	31 Happy Halloween!



Red Ribbon Week October 23rd through October 30th