

Stonewall Elementary PTA Newsletter

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TV TURN OFF WEEK

April 18 - 25

Did you know that the average American child watches 28 hours of television each week? Does that sound like a lot to you? It equates to 60 whole days (and nights) in a year – about two whole months, just watching TV! In fact, the average American child spends about 900 hours in school in a year, but watches about 1500 hours of TV in a year! Do you have any idea how many 30-second commercials the average child sees in a year? Brace yourself: 20,000! Now you know why our children are always asking for the latest “whatchamacallit.” If these statistics are astounding to you, then you will be happy to know that our school is going to participate in TV Turnoff Week, April 18-25, and we are encouraging all of you to participate as well.

We are still finalizing our plans for this week, but we know we will have at least two PTA-sponsored activities scheduled for the week. Are you ready for a Bike Stonewall afternoon? We are also planning a Family Fun Night at Stonewall complete with ice cream sundaes and lots of sidewalk chalk and bubbles. We are asking the teachers to refrain from using TV, videos, and DVDs in their classrooms that week. We hope you will do the same at home, including avoiding video games. We want you to think about other activities your family can choose to do that week, instead of watching TV. The idea for this week is to make better, more creative and more active use of the time that might otherwise be spent idly watching TV. We are looking forward to a fun week from which we will all have interesting stories to share. Look for more information to come home after Spring Break, including how your child can enter to win a \$10 gift card from Joseph-Beth Booksellers or the Morris book shop!

PTA Elections for the 2010-2011 School Year

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE
SUBMITTED TO Kristy Bratten
by email at kbratten@aggienetwork.com.
by Wednesday APRIL 14, 2010.

President

1st Vice President—Fundraising

2nd Vice President—PTA Programs

3rd Vice President—Membership

4th Vice President—School Events

Treasurer

Secretary

Nomination Process:

The Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers at the PTA General Assembly meeting on April 20, 2010 from 6:30pm to 7:00pm. The election will be held at main entrance of Stonewall. Please note, if you would like to nominate someone after the slate of officers has been presented at the General Assembly meeting, you will need to submit a nomination to Kristy Bratten by Friday, April 23. This individual will then be added to the ballot.

How to Nominate:

If you would like to nominate someone or yourself, please contact Kristy Bratten by email at kmb1okl@gmail.com. Please note the following two conditions which must be met prior to nomination:

- (1) You must be a member of the Stonewall PTA for the school year 2009-2010 to be considered for an elected position.
- (2) You must have the consent of the person you are nominating.

Thank You for Supporting the Stonewall PTA!




On Saturday, March 20th in Bowling Green, KY, five Stonewall students competed in the State Individual Chess Championship Tournament. Robbie Crocker competed in the K5 section. In the K3 section: Michayla Gatsos, Madeline DeJesus who won 3rd place U800 and J.T. Sparks who won the 10th Place Overall trophy. In the K1 section, Gabriel Gatsos competed and won two special trophies: The Biggest Upset and 3rd Place Overall! His trophy weighs as much as he does!

Many of our students have improved greatly this year. A big congratulations goes out to all who competed this year, rookies and veterans alike, from Coach Joy! Thanks for an awesome first year for me.

Great Job! These guys are going to be even better competitors next year! We'll need to add a room for all the trophies. Thanks, Coach Joy and all the supportive parents!

April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> Spring Break March 29 - April 2 </div>						
4  Happy Easter!	5 Day 1	6 Day 2	7 Day 3	8 Day 4	9 Day 5	10

Upcoming Events

Bike Stonewall Sunday, April 18

Tour the neighborhood with your friends. We will have a bike derby and a bike fix it station. Get some exercise! Have some fun! Everyone under 18 must wear a helmet.

TV Turn off Week April 18-25

Pull the Plug! What else can you do with your time??? Win a gift card!



Earth Day

April 22

Teacher Appreciation Week!

May 2-8

Show your teacher some love!

More information coming soon!