

Stonewall Scoop

PTA Newsletter

November 9, 2011

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Stonewall Reflections

Congratulations to all of the talented participants in the 2011/12 Stonewall Reflections Contest! This year's theme was "Diversity means...". It is clear that Stonewall students are not only creative but embrace the diversity in the world around them. We are so proud of every participant!

The winners are:

Dance

Secondary – Elora Mukhopadhyay

Film Production

Secondary – Charles Caswell

Literature

Secondary – Taylor Trapp; 2nd place Charles Caswell

Photography

Secondary – Elora Mukhopadhyay; 2nd place Charles Caswell

Musical Composition

Primary – Luke Nuzzo

Secondary – Madelyn Groth

Visual Arts

Primary – Sepehr Dindoust; 2nd place Carter Owens

Secondary – Elora Mukhopadhyay; 2nd place Sophie Rice

Winning Reflections entries from Stonewall were submitted to Central Office on Oct. 20th for consideration for the District Level Reflections Competition. District level judging is underway and notification will be made through each school's Reflections Chair. Any district level winners will go on to have their entries submitted to the State level competition while runners up will have their work returned to them. Runner-up entries from the Stonewall's Reflections contest will be available for pick up in the office Monday, Nov. 7th. Congratulations again to all participants and good luck to those who are going on to the District level competition.

Congratulations!

A Letter from Your PTA President

We are having a great school year! It is such a pleasure for me to serve as your PTA President this year, and I hope everyone is having a great year!

Please join us in celebrating National PTA Healthy Lifestyles Month and Family Involvement Month in November. We will host Champs Skate Night Monday, November 14 from 6-8 and Gabbin' with Gatliff twice on Thursday, November 17, first at 7:45 a.m. and then at 6:30 p.m. Join us in the Library either time and hear information and updates from Mr. Gatliff.

There have been so many great things happen so far this year, including the following as highlights:

- Set records for participation and family involvement for Family Reading Night and Sonic Night.
- PTA Health & Wellness Committee won a \$1,000 PTA grant in order to help educate us on making strides to become healthier, by eating right and exercising. They hosted our first-ever Wellness Night on November 3. Thanks for all of you who participated and volunteered for that event!
- We placed 2nd overall in Fayette County Public Schools for registrations for the PTA 5K. Dixie was 1st and Veterans Park 3rd.

In other news... I am pleased to announce that our PTA website at www.stonewallpta.org has been redesigned and updated! Please check it out for important information for parents on upcoming programs/events and how to get involved!

I encourage everyone to come to the school... eat lunch with your child(ren), read to their class, volunteer in the classroom, Library or Front Office... help out with car line in the morning or afternoon. All you have to show up and ask! Especially this month as it is Family Involvement Month.

Please share your stories with me about volunteering at the school. I would like to run some stories in your words in upcoming newsletters!

I am an advocate for children and education. If anyone has any questions or I can help, please feel free to contact me at jenn.crockett@yahoo.com or (859) 533-5892.

Thanks so much! Jenn



November is PTA Healthy Lifestyles Month

We kicked off Healthy Lifestyles Month last Thursday, November 3rd with Stonewall Health and Wellness Night. It was a fun and informative night for Stonewall families.

As part of Healthy Lifestyles month and the Healthy and Fit Stonewall program, students are tracking their fruit and vegetable intake and physical activity. The tracking form was sent home last week. It needs to be turned back in to Ms. Noble by Tuesday, November 22nd. All students that turn in their completed tracking form will be given a prize and their name will be entered into a drawing for 3 grand prizes.

In addition to filling out the tracking form, students are to complete a brief online survey. The survey will allow us to determine the average intake of fruits and vegetables and average amount of physical activity that students have at the beginning of our Healthy and Fit Stonewall program. Below is the link to the survey. Please assist your child in answering the questions.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JN26GGZ>

Parents, if you need ideas on how to help your child meet the recommendations for fruit and vegetable intake and physical activity, we have put together a list of resources on our Stonewall PTA website. Please visit the following link to find fruit and vegetable recipe ideas and ways to be more active as a family: <http://stonewallpta.org/health-and-wellness/>. We will also be posting ideas weekly on the Stonewall PTA Facebook page.

Gabbin' with Gatliff

Please join us in the Library for Gabbin' with Gatliff on Thursday, November 17 at 7:45 a.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. This will be great time to have a conversation with Mr. Gatliff and ask any questions you may have. This is also Family Involvement Day!

Champs Skate Night

Join us for
Stonewall's Champs Skate Night
Monday, November 14
from 6-8 p.m.
Cost is \$2 and includes skate rental, if needed.

PTA Volunteer Opportunities

There are many ways you can get involved with the Stonewall PTA! We are looking to fill the vacancies listed below. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please e-mail Jenn Crockett at jenn.crockett@yahoo.com. We look forward to hearing from you and finding ways for you to get involved.

Advocacy Committee- Are you an advocate for children, parents and education? If so, become a member of our advocacy committee. The committee will meet as needed to discuss ways for expanding advocacy within Stonewall and the school district.

Arts Night Coordinator – Coordinate event. Recruit volunteers and exhibitors. This event is planned for February.

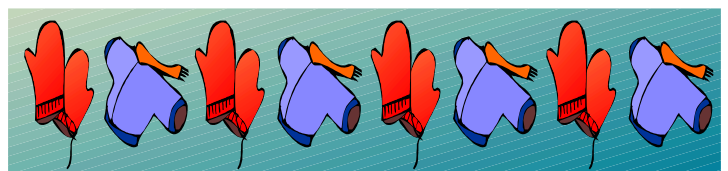
Science Night Coordinator – Coordinate event. Recruit volunteers and exhibitors. This event takes place in April.

Field Day Coordinator – Help Mrs. Noble coordinate Field Day. This event takes place in May.

Thank you!

Stonewall Winter Coat Drive

Our community service project for the month of November is a Winter Coat Drive. The drive will run November 1-30. Has your child outgrown their coat this year? Chances are there is a child who could use it. Help teach your children the value of community service by participating in the coat drive – and clean out your closets too! We are also accepting coats for men and women. Ask your child to drop the coats off in the labeled donation can located in the school lobby.



Memory Books

Pre-orders for Memory Books are due **Friday, November 18**. Please return them to school in your child's backpack or turn in to the front office attention Robyn Johnson, PTA.

Let your child's memories last forever!

Art Supplies Needed

Attention parents: Please send empty plastic vending machine type drink bottles to school for Ms. Fisher and art projects.

Thank you!



News from the Cafeteria Manager

We have a huge problem with lunch charges across Fayette County. Effective November 14, the line machines will be set so that we will no longer be able to ring in charges past the \$6.90 limit. Please consider taking advantage of our Free E-mail Reminder Service. You may go to www.mealpayplus.com and register to receive an e-mail reminder when your students account has reached a low balance. You may then send a check or cash to school as usual or you may make a deposit on line, which requires a fee. Your students' ID# is included at the top of the charge letter or you may call me at 381-3084 or e-mail to get the number. It also helps us to go green by saving paper and ink (and lots of trees). If you have any questions, please call me at 381-3084.

During Walk to School Week in October, we collected and donated a total of 459 pounds of food to God's Pantry!

Way to give to those in need!

Thanks for participating!

November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	7 Day 5	8 No School Election Day	9 Day 6 Fall Spirit Orders Due	10 Day 1	11 Day 2	12
13	14 Day 3 Champs Skate Night 6-8	15 Day 4 PTA Meeting 6:30	16 Day 5	17 Day 6 Gabbin' with Gatliff 7:45 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.	18 Day 1 Memory Book Orders Due	19
20	21 Day 2	22 Day 3	23 No School	24 No School Happy Thanksgiving!	25 No School	26

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If you have questions, please contact Stonewall PTA President Jennifer Crockett at jenn.crockett@yahoo.com.