

# Stonewall Scoop

PTA Newsletter

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## Take Your Family to School Week

Take Your Family to School Week this year is Sunday, February 13 through Saturday, February 18. This week you can look forward to YMCA Day on Sunday, February 12, Love for the Arts Night on Monday, February 13, PTA Founders Day on February 17, and Winterfest on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>!

Mark your calendars now!

We hope to see everyone attending! ☺



**Show your love for the arts and join us on Monday, February 13, from 6-8 pm during our LOVE FOR THE ARTS event. Attend demonstrations and activities sponsored by the Living Arts and Science Center and the Lexington Children's Theatre, as well our own Stonewall family artists! See members of the Stonewall band perform and visit the Percussion Petting Zoo! Participate in our "Stonewall's Got Talent" open mic time in the cafeteria! And enjoy yummy pizza and wraps, compliments of the Stonewall PTA!**

**As part of the night, students will be able to participate in our open mic area that will be set up in the cafeteria. Students will be allowed to perform a dance, sing, tell a story, or read poetry, a book, or items from their portfolio. Each student or small group will be limited to 5 minutes. Parents of students or small groups interested in performing should sign up by emailing Amanda Stamper at [amandastamper@insightbb.com](mailto:amandastamper@insightbb.com). Time slots will begin at 6:15 p.m. and continue in 5-minute intervals until 7:55 p.m. Please include your desired performance time in your email along with your student(s) name(s). We look forward to seeing you there!**

## Winterfest

Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup>

10am – 2pm

Let's have some fun! Join us for a great winter celebration! We have done so well with Fundraising this year, Winterfest will be all about having **FUN!** We'll have the traditional cakewalk, games & prizes, and pizza. We'll have some fun vendors like Joseph Beth Booksellers, Tattoos and Face painting. Wristbands for games will be \$5. So, mark your calendars for a fun day with the kids.

We will need your help to create a successful event, so please volunteer to help sometime during the day. We could use your help for the following: set up (Friday) and tear down, work the games, sell wristbands, and serve food.

Help us make a fun day for the kids! You'll have fun, too!



## Chess Team Results

Twelve Stonewall Elementary students participated in the Winter Scholastic Chess Tournament on January 21, 2012 at the UK Student Center Ballroom. These students represented Stonewall well in tournament play, sportmanship and etiquette. A chess tournament consists of each student playing five matches throughout the day against students from other schools in grade level sections. Many matches can last up to an hour or longer. There were almost 150 students competing in this tournament coming across the state and Ohio. Stonewall earned two team trophies and six individual trophies. The participating students and their awards are:

To place in the Team category the top four student's scores from the same school in each section are counted.

Stonewall's K1 Team brought home the 3rd place team trophy with only a two-man team! They also each won an individual trophy. Reed Richardson placed 5th Overall and Ralph Bright placed 4th Overall.

The K3 Team also consisted of a two-man team. They were Ronan Hunter and Luke Nuzzo who placed 1st in the U200 division.

The K5 Team brought home the 4th place Team trophy. Those students and their individual trophies are: Aidan Smith, Trent Holladay, Olivia Duffy, Atsuki Anshita, Madeline DeJesus, Kaiki Kono - 2nd Place U200, Emily Sparks - 1st Place U200 and JT Sparks - 2nd Place overall who had only one loss for the day.

## Stonewall Cookbook

The PTA Wellness Committee is putting together a Healthy Snack Cookbook and they need your recipes!! All recipes submitted will be included in our first ever Stonewall Cookbook!! In addition, 2 winning recipes will be showcased at Winterfest. They will be judged by the Wellness Committee based on the following criteria - Healthiness, Taste, Ease and Affordability. Please submit your recipes by February 8th to Sarah-Ashley Solie at [sasolie@me.com](mailto:sasolie@me.com).

## Stonewall Student Receives Recognition

Stonewall 5<sup>th</sup> Grader Emma Owens was chosen for the Kentucky Music Educators Association 2012 honor choir, the Kentucky Children's Choir. The choir will perform at the Kentucky Center for the Arts in Louisville during the association's state conference, which will be held Thursday, February 9. The concert begins at 5:15 p.m. in Whitney Hall.

The Kentucky Children's Choir is made up of fifth- and sixth-graders.

Congratulations Emma!

## Help with Winterfest

Parents, we need your help by signing up to work just one hour at your student's assigned booth the day of WinterFest. We also need five more people, specifically men and older boys, to help clean up from 3:00-4:00 after the carnival. We know there is a UK game, but hope to wrap up quickly if we have enough help! Contact your classroom Winterfest representative or your child's teacher to sign up.

Fifth graders, you can help too! This is your last year at Stonewall Elementary, and your last Winterfest. We thought that instead of just playing the games, you might want to help run some of the games. You would be in charge of running the booth, resetting the game, and -giving out tickets. An adult would be there to help you out if needed. We are looking for anyone who would like to work a 30-minute shift or maybe two 30 minutes shifts. We will give you a coupon good for One Free Popcorn or One Free Cotton Candy if you work. If you are interested, forms are available in the office. Fill it out and return it to your teacher by February 22. You must get your parent's permission before turning this form into your teacher.

Does your teen need community service hours? We would be more than happy to sign off if they work for at least one hour during WinterFest. We need help on the day of the event. They can volunteer for any combination of hours. If interested, please contact Michelle Jones at (859) 223-8731 or [abbas\\_girl@insightbb.com](mailto:abbas_girl@insightbb.com).

## PTA Founders Day

Have you always wanted to learn about the history of the PTA? During Take Your Family to School Week, there will be a display table with various information and resources about PTA. The PTA has been involved since its beginnings with many things. PTA started as parents and teachers standing up for kids. These advocates were responsible for getting the Juvenile Justice System started and Child Labor Laws enacted. Please take time to stop by the table and learn about the PTA's rich history of being a relevant voice for all children, parents, and a strong advocate for public education.

## Children's Advocacy Day at the Capitol

Come be a part of the largest rally for kids in Kentucky! Children's Advocacy Day at the Capitol is your chance to show legislators that Kentucky cares about its children, and talk with them about the most pressing issues Kentucky's kids are facing today.

The rally kicks off at 10:00 AM Eastern. After the rally, attendees are free to stay or go. Activities for the remainder of the day include: eating lunch in the cafeteria, learning more about the Blueprint for Kentucky's Children agenda items, meeting with legislators, sitting in on committee meetings, and sitting in on a House or Senate meeting.

With your help, the 8th Annual Children's Advocacy Day can be the largest gathering of kids' advocates in Kentucky. REGISTER to attend today!

More information and registration is available at <http://kyyouth.org/Advocacy/cad.htm>.



## Looking for a Few Good Volunteers

The PTA is looking for volunteers for the following positions.

- ◆ Newsletter Editor – Are you computer savvy? Do you enjoy graphic arts and creating documents using Word and/or Publisher? Do you enjoy getting the word out about news and events happening at Stonewall and in/around the school district? This is the perfect job for you!
- ◆ Communications Committee Members – We are looking for a few members for the PTA Communications Committee. This committee is responsible for the PTA newsletter and press releases. There will also be opportunities to work at the 16<sup>th</sup> District PTA level creating a media campaign to educate the Lexington community about PTA.
- ◆ Advocacy Committee Members – Would you like to track education legislation and keep parents and teachers informed? This is the committee for you!

If you are interested in these opportunities, please contact Jennifer Crockett for more information or to express interest at [jenn.crockett@yahoo.com](mailto:jenn.crockett@yahoo.com) or (859) 533-5892. We hope to hear from you soon!

Thank you!

**February 2012**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 Day 2	31 Day 3	1 Day 4	2 Day 5	3 Day 6	4
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