



# September 2016 PTA Newsletter

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## Lids for Benches Update

Last year, the Stonewall Elementary community embraced a new project designed to help our school and the environment at the same time. Students began collecting plastic caps, which would be recycled into benches for our school. The program is part of the **Green Tree Plastics “ABC (A Bench for Caps) Promise Partnership.”**

With the help of students, the caps collected were sorted and cleaned in preparation for being turned into a bench. This fall, volunteers from the PTA were able to take our first load of caps to be turned into a bench at the Green Tree Plastics location in Evansville, IN. Our first bench is now here in Lexington and awaiting engraving before being installed in one of our beautiful outdoor areas at Stonewall Elementary. This wonderful bench will be enjoyed by students, faculty, staff, and our Stonewall families for many years to come.

We don't want to stop with just one bench though. We will continue to collect caps to recycle into more benches and other useful items for the school.



*Our caps are loaded up & ready to head to Evansville, IN.*



*Once at the plant, our caps were readied for processing.*



*All the hard work paid off when we received our beautiful new blue bench. This will look amazing in our school!*

*Look at all of our colorful caps!*



# Lids for Benches Collection Guidelines

For **SAFETY** and **SANITATION** reasons, this year we're asking you to collect only the following caps:

- Medicine bottle caps
- Drink bottle caps
- Hairspray caps
- Spray paint caps
- Detergent caps

This means **ABSOLUTELY**

- **NO** FAST FOOD CONTAINERS, LIDS, OR STRAWS
- **NO** SYRINGE CAPS
- **NO** PUMPS (i.e. LOTION, HAND SOAP)
- **NO** PLASTIC HANGERS
- **NO** METAL OF ANY KIND

Bring your **CLEAN CAPS** to the container marked with the ABC logo located in the Stonewall Elementary foyer.

Interested in helping with this project? Please contact us at [stonewallpta.volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:stonewallpta.volunteers@gmail.com) for more information!



Be a Part of PTA's Reflections® Program

2016-2017 THEME:  
**What Is Your Story?**

Entries from all grades and all abilities welcome.

Visit the **Stonewall PTA website** for the guidelines and application form!

[www.stonewallpta.org](http://www.stonewallpta.org)

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: October 10, 2016

FOR DETAILS, CONTACT: Melissa Skaggs, [melissa.skaggs.ky@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.skaggs.ky@gmail.com)



Learn more and get involved!  
[PTA.ORG/REFLECTIONS](http://PTA.ORG/REFLECTIONS)





## Box Tops News to Use

The Box Top collection this year has had a wonderful kickoff!

- As of Friday, August 26th, we have collected **4,500 Box Tops!** We appreciate all the help you're giving us to achieve a high ranking in our local area, Kentucky, and the USA (out of over 95,000 schools). In the next few weeks, we will announce our updated rankings.
- Our September collection theme is "**We Clean Up With Box Tops**".
- We will pick our first **Goodfella's Pizzeria** class party winners at the end of September.
- Through November 16th, Sam's Club is offering bonus Box Tops when you purchase 3 or more participating products in one transaction. It is an easy way to earn more money for our school. To see the list of products, please visit: <http://www5.samsclub.com/Featured-Brand/general-mills/box-tops-for-education/?xid=vanity:boxtops>
- Check out the **Box Tops for Education website** at <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>. You can find out about current promotions, enter contests to win extra Box Tops for Stonewall, & so much more!

Are you interested in helping at Stonewall? Whether you have a few minutes or an entire day, we have a place for you. Send an email to [stonewallpta.volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:stonewallpta.volunteers@gmail.com) to receive **volunteer opportunities**.

Signing up for emails doesn't obligate you to volunteer! Volunteer opportunities will be emailed to the group once a month.

## Fundraising Opportunities

This month, we will kick off our **family dine & fun nights!**

- **September 15th, 5-8pm - Spirit night at Chick-fil-A in the Fayette Mall**
- **October 11th - Spirit night at Panera Bread in Palomar Center**

Beyond Box Tops & Kroger Community Rewards, there are several other easy ways you can support Stonewall PTA fundraising.

- When shopping on **Amazon**, don't forget to start out at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). Select Stonewall to receive 0.5% of your purchases!
- **BGH (Bluegrass Hospitality Group)** Purchase gifts cards online at [www.givebhg.com](http://www.givebhg.com) and select Stonewall to receive 20% of gift card value!!! Select your Gift Card and then select Stonewall from Charity Option dropdown menu.
- Look for additional opportunities to purchase Stonewall **Spirit Wear!**
- You may always **donate** to Stonewall PTA. We are a non-profit, 501(c)3 group. Have a certain area – arts or academics – which you would like to specify your donation goes to – no problem, or choose general fund. Any amount is always appreciated!

**More information about our major fall fundraiser will be coming soon!**

# StoneWELL Night

## Mark Your Calendars!

September 27, 6:00-8:00pm

Studies show that most school aged children do not get the activity or proper nutrition they need to do their best. Healthier kids have better focus, fewer disciplinary problems, and better test scores! Join your Stonewall family for an evening of fun to remind our kids (and ourselves) how great it feels to make some healthy choices.

At **StoneWELL Night**, we'll run races, play golf, build muscles with kid friendly CrossFit, work on our tennis skills, practice taekwondo, think about our eating habits, learn how to handle stress, and much more! Participants will have a healthy snack and earn some prizes!

More info to come!

For questions or to volunteer contact: [laurenkeller@gmail.com](mailto:laurenkeller@gmail.com)



## Run for Stonewall

Registration for the annual PTA5K and 1 mile fun run opens on August 15th! The event will be held the afternoon of Sunday, December 4th at Keeneland.

Your registration fee goes directly back into Stonewall's PTA, plus the three schools with the most participants get additional money!

Register online at [www.PTA5K.com](http://www.PTA5K.com)

Always wanted to start running? Your registration comes with FREE couch to 5k training programs and coach support.

Deadline to Register for FREE Training Programs:  
**9/16/2016**

Questions? Contact: [laurenkeller@gmail.com](mailto:laurenkeller@gmail.com)

### Entry fees:

- \$10 for Pre-Registered Kids up to 18 (before 10/1/2016)
- \$20 for Pre-Registered Adults (before 10/1/2016)
- \$25 for Adults/\$15 for Kids after 10/1/2016
- \$25 for all on Race Day



New for 2016—Virtual Runner Option!

Not in Lexington, but you still want to participate in the PTA5K?

Now you can be a **Virtual Runner or Walker**. See the PTA5K website ([www.PTA5K.com](http://www.PTA5K.com)) for more information and to sign up!

# Stonewall Celebrates Ms. Ruby

On September 1st, 2016, Ms. Ruby Allnut celebrated her 50th year in the Stonewall Elementary School cafeteria. Stonewall honored her by declaring it "Ms. Ruby Day." Students, faculty, and staff wore red and brought gifts to celebrate her special day. The PTA presented Ms. Ruby with a gift card to one of her favorite restaurants. A sign was also placed outside the school for her. It was a special day to celebrate a wonderful lady who has contributed so much to our Stonewall Elementary community!

If you see Ms. Ruby, be sure to thank her for everything she does for Stonewall & congratulate her on her 50 years at our school!

You can read more about Ms. Ruby Day on the FCPS website: <http://www.fcps.net/news/features/2016-17/goldengirl>



# Get Hooked on PTA



## Answers to PTA Membership Questions

*If I join the PTA do I have to volunteer?*

- ⇒ No, but there is a place on the membership form to check if you would like to be on the volunteer email list.

*If I join the PTA, does that mean that I have to attend PTA meetings?*

- ⇒ No, but if you would like to attend a meeting, you are always welcome!

*What does my \$5.00 membership fee go toward?*

- ⇒ Your membership fee helps to support many different things at Stonewall, including teacher stipends, paying for student agendas, and offsetting the cost of programs like Love the Arts night, Science night, and other educational activities for our Stonewall families.



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**For August and September, the classroom with the most new PTA memberships will win the class a Bricks 4 Kidz party!**  
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Join the PTA during August or September and your class will be entered to win a session with Bricks 4 Kidz PLUS mini-figures for ALL students in your class!!

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**WWW.BRICKS4KIDZ.COM/LEXINGTONKY**

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## Need more information?

Contact Cheryl Dalton, Membership  
at [daltonpugs@yahoo.com](mailto:daltonpugs@yahoo.com)

Find the Membership Application Form online at our website  
[www.stonewallpta.org](http://www.stonewallpta.org)

Have an interest in Science and Engineering and want to help plan Stonewall's Science Fair this fall? Join the Science Fair Committee! Email Julie Beck ([juliebeck@gmail.com](mailto:juliebeck@gmail.com)) for more information.

# \*Stonewall\*/Stonewall PTA September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> <b>**Exploration**</b> <b>**1:30 Grillin with Gatliff for Kindergarten**</b> <b>**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent Meeting 6 p.m.**</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Labor Day <b>** No School**</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>**School Pictures**</b>	<b>9</b> <b>**Midterms**</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Patriot Day Grandparents Day	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Chick Fil A Spirit Night at Fayette Mall 5-8 p.m.</b>	<b>16</b> <b>PTA 5K free training deadline</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>PTA meeting 6:30, Everyone Welcome!</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Fall Fundraiser Begins!</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>**SBDM meeting 5-6**</b> <b>StoneWELL Night 6-8 pm</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Kroger Card Sign Up Deadline Tomorrow</b>	<b>30</b> <b>KY Kids Day- wear your hat to school!</b> <b>Fall Fundraiser Ends</b>	<b>The 30<sup>th</sup> is the LAST DAY to participate in the August/September Membership Drive</b>
		<b>Current Volunteer Opportunities:</b> Lids for Benches Committee member Science Fair Committee member Health and Wellness Committee member Club Volunteer Coordinator <b>Volunteer at <a href="mailto:stonewallpta.volunteers@gmail.com">stonewallpta.volunteers@gmail.com</a></b>			<b>Upcoming Events:</b> Panera Spirit Night at Palomar Literacy Night is October 20 <sup>th</sup> PTA 5K is December 4 <sup>th</sup> at Keeneland	