

Stone Creek School News

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Upcoming Events

Tonight! District Spelling Bee at
Berry Creek Middle School, 6pm.
Come cheer on SCS!

Feb 28 - Kinder Orientation
1:30 pm

March 8 - 2nd & 3rd Grade Play

March 12 - CSAP for 3rd, 4th,
5th, 6th for 3 weeks

March 15 - Next Building Tour
1:00 pm

March 15 - Moe's Fundraiser

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Students,

Reminders:

- There is only one phone number for Stone Creek School 748-4535. Any other numbers you may have are no longer correct.
- Betsy's Book Club "Odd Girl Out" is cancelled. New book being announced shortly.
- Please go through Betsy or Kat if you are planning any school or classroom events.
- Update your emergency information. Provide current phone numbers. It is very important that we can reach you in case of an emergency.
- We love our volunteers. Please remember to be respectful of what is going on in our classrooms. Have a purpose....be in the classroom for a reason. If you are not, you could check in the office for work to do.

Office Team:

We have a team of parents who have stepped in to be the "Office Team" for the rest of the year. They have done a wonderful job organizing the office, creating a schedule so the office is covered, and creating systems so we know where things are. Thank You to Jana Trombetta, Michele Nichols, Jen Clouarte, Annie Vining, and Cheryl Goldberg for creating this plan. It is working!

Thoughts for the Week:

EXPECT MORE. . .GET MORE

- * We need to prepare our children to use the knowledge and skills they are acquiring in challenging and real life ways.
- * We need to provide children opportunities to work with others, to solve difficult problems, to communicate differences, to analyze



the possible outcomes of their decisions, to change, to be flexible, and to have a vision for the future.

* We (parents and teachers) are their teachers. We must provide opportunities for these behaviors to develop as our children grow up.

• Our expectations must be extremely high. We must be relentless in our own efforts to hold our children accountable... to make them do the work... to make them develop the skills.

* We must believe that our children can take responsibility for their learning, can solve their own problems, and develop necessary skills to get along in the world. It's not enough to believe it, that's too easy. We must show that we believe that by our behavior.

* We should not rescue our children from difficult situations. We can help them.. but they must do the work. What they will learn will be invaluable. Don't take these opportunities away from them.

* Many opportunities occur throughout the day for a child to grow and develop and learn. It is not easy to give the tools instead of solve the problem. You will worry. You will have anxiety. You will doubt yourself. You will want to protect your child from any discomfort or pain. You will want to do it for him. Expect More.. Get More

Moe's Fundraiser a Success

Thank you all for turning out for our first Eat at Moe's day. Moe's restaurant considered our day a great success. Some parents with local businesses did large take-out orders for their offices at lunch and there was a consistent long line to the door all evening. Our next Eat at Moe's night will be March 15th. Thank you Moe's for sponsoring us!

PTO Workday-Feb 25, 4pm-7pm

Our February PTO work day will be the last Sunday of the month, February 25th from 4-7 p.m. We will have an assortment of odd jobs to complete. Some drills and tools would be helpful. Wear your boots as we will be moving things to the storage unit. We will have a movie and popcorn area in the cafeteria for the kids again with supervision. If you would like, bring a pot luck dish to share and we will take a break to eat sometime during the evening.

Hosts Needed for Dine-Around

Laurie Liddick, our school board secretary and fundraising chair is still looking for more hosts for a dine-around. Hosting would require you to open your home to one of these parties. You would have assistance with food and food preparation. Laurie can be reached at 949-0566.

Special Thanks to PTO Beautification Committee

A big thank you needs to go out to the PTO Beautification Committee. They have been working hard in getting the school ship shape for the open houses and upcoming kindergarten orientations. If you haven't seen the library, it looks spectacular. Thank you Carrie Cossette and Mollie Hay.

PTO Openings:

Talent show coordinator for the May talent show.

One or two workers to assist Lynn Perry, our art teacher, for the "Original Works of Art" fundraiser.

A coordinator for the EZ school supplies fundraiser in May and June.

Please e-mail Sandy Apps at sapps@stonecreekschool.org or call her at 926-8542 if you are interested in any of these opportunities.

Board Openings

The Board of Directors is currently accepting applications for new Directors. We need individuals who can take an active role during this critical phase of our school's development.

Can you help? Complete a Board Application and return it to the School Office by 5:00 PM on March 1st. The Board will appoint new directors before our March 6 Board Meeting.

Applications are available on the school website: stonecreekschool.org/Board_of_Directors.html

Re-enrollment

If you have not completed an **Intent to Re-Enroll** for the 2007-2008 School Year, please do so immediately. Forms are available in the office.

Fundraising Update

We have raised \$117,000 towards our goal of \$260,000! Every family in the school has donated something towards this effort whether it was attending our Valentine's Dance or making a direct donation via check. What a statement that is for SCS! Many families have asked grandparents, companies and community organizations to contribute as well. We are grateful for each and every dollar that has been collected. Thank you!

We are not finished. The Board is working late into the evenings to restructure and consolidate our debt. We still have a ways to go to get SCS back on solid ground.

Please continue to give and to ask for donations. We have \$143,000 left to raise this month. The demand for SCS is intensifying. The office phone and fax machine rings steadily throughout the day with new Intent to Enrolls for this Fall and beyond. We've even picked up several new students in the last week. It is very clear to the community that SCS is offering an outstanding curriculum and a teaching team that is second to none, but we must make it through these next 4 months. We are asking all potential new families to help as well through a fundraising effort that is being launched right now.

Please continue to focus on our immediate needs of reaching our goal by the end of this month. Ask your neighbors and friends with young children, the companies and businesses you work for, family members and grandparents to help us reach our goal. The future of SCS looks very, very promising, but we must make it to the end of the year first!