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REACHING OUT

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PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO REFRAIN FROM SNACKING ON THE BUS. WE HAVE STUDENTS RIDING THE BUS WHO HAVE PEANUT ALLERGIES. WE WANT TO PREVENT ANY MEDICAL ISSUES.

Shining Light on Giftedness

Empowering Families and Communities to support the needs of gifted children and adults. Be a SENG (Supporting the Emotional Needs of the Gifted) Conference sponsor, vendor or advertiser. Shining Light on Giftedness Conference at Milwaukee Sheraton Brookfield Hotel, July 13 -14, 2012. Register today! Early Bird Rates through May 1st. For more information and updates, visit www.sengifted.org/programs/conferences/milwaukee-2012-conference.

American DoJO - After School Martial Arts Program

The PTO is once again sponsoring a 3 week program on Mondays immediately after school: May 7th, May 14th and May 21st. All session times are 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. in the commons. Open to students in grades 5K through 6th grade. Registration is required by May 1st. *Registration is limited, so register early*. Young Leaders Program fee is $29.00 per student. All proceeds benefit Stone Bank School PTO. Make all checks payable to **"Stone Bank PTO."**

Registration forms have been sent home with students and are available in the school office.

Yearbooks

The order has been placed and yearbook submitted for publication. They will be arriving soon. Limited number of books available. **Cost is only $14.00** for the all-color yearbook. The order form is available on the webpage (headline) or in the office.

Counselor's Corner

Mrs. Kerry Zdrojewski

Now is the time of year that it is a great idea to have a safety talk with your children. According to eHow.com, "Accidental injuries and deaths are preventable, and parents should be aware that there are five primary areas of concern for kids during the summertime. They include bike riding accidents, car accidents, falling, drowning and pedestrian accidents. Parents also need to be concerned about sun and heat exposure, insect bites and stings, and other types of backyard injuries."

You will find valuable information at this website; they have articles on pool safety, pet safety, summer safety, street safety, and much more.

Read more: Summer Safety for Kids | eHow.com http://www.ehow.com/way_5144856_summer-safety-kids.html#ixzz1sP7TEKlT or go to eHow.com and do a search for your topic of interest about safety and kids.

Reading to Therapy dogs at Town Hall Library

We have made a lot of progress on our R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Dogs) program at the Town Hall Library in North Lake. This month, we will have two dogs available to accommodate young readers. We never know which dog our handler will decide to bring! It could be a whippet or an Irish Sheep hound or anything in between.

The next R.E.A.D. program is scheduled for Thursday, April 26th, from 6 to 8 p.m. Please call the library at 262-966-2933 or stop by to reserve a time.

Christine Slowinski
Public Information Specialist
Town Hall Library, North Lake

Planner

Monday, April 23
- ☞ 6:00 p.m. Regular Board of Education meeting in the library

Tuesday, April 24
- ☞ 9 to 10 - 6th grade band rehearsal at Lake Country School
- ☞ 1:00 - **Ronald McDonald presents "Giving Back" to 5K through 4th graders in the commons**.
- ☞ 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. - 5K students and their dads gather for "Space Night."
- ☞ 7:00 p.m. - Booster Club meeting in the library

Wednesday, April 25
- ☞ **2:30 - 6:00 - Library Opportunities OPEN - 2:30 Middle School Book Club**.
- ☞ 6:00 - BOE Personnel Committee meeting in the conference room
- ☞ 7:30 - Richie Clark Tournament Committee meeting in the teachers' lounge

Thursday, April 26
- ☞ 9 to 10 - 7th and 8th grade band rehearsal at Lake Country School
- ☞ 10:45 - 1:30 - 5K field trip to C. Holwitz Planetarium
- ☞ 2:45 - 3:30 - Dance/Workout Class in the commons for 4th - 8th graders, staff and parents

Friday, April 27
- ☞ Early hot lunch served -
  10:40 - 4K & 5K 10:45 - 1st 10:50 - 2nd 10:55 - 3rd 11:00 - 4th 11:05 - 5th
  11:07 - 6th, 7th, 8th grades eat together
  11:30 - Student council and parent volunteers help clean the commons and setup for Spring Fling
- ☞ 12:00 - 2:00 - ***Enjoy the Spring Fling*** - tickets sold throughout the fair.

Monday, April 30
- ☞ 9 to 12 - 6th grade band rehearsal at Lake Country School.
- ☞ **Open Enrollment application period ends at 4:00 p.m. today**
- ☞ 5:30 p.m. - Elementary track meet for students 8th grade and under at AHS - sign up at the door and experience a track meet with lots of instruction for newcomers.
- ☞ 7:00 p.m. - Healthy School Task Force meeting in the library.

Tuesday, May 1
- ☞ 8 to 1:45 - 7th & 8th grade band and jazz band Tour visiting Richmond and North Lake
- ☞ ***6:30 - 7:30 - Band Concert at North Lake***
- ☞ 7:00 - PTO meeting in the library

Wednesday, May 2
- ☞ **8:30 - 7th grade leaves for Camp Whitcomb**
- ☞ WCATY Face to Face for "Computational Thinking" at Lake Country; "Maiden Voyage" at Oshkosh

Thursday, May 3
- ☞ 8:30 - **8th grade graduation pictures taken**. Individual and group pictures taken.
- ☞ 2:45 - 3:30 - Dance/Workout Class in the commons for 4th - 8th graders, staff and parents
- ☞ **6:00 pot luck dinner at Camp Whitcomb for 7th graders and their families**.

Friday, May 4
- ☞ **2:15 - 7th graders return from Camp Whitcomb**
- ☞ Next Issue of Reaching Out #17 distributed
- ☞ **Boys Volleyball Tournament begins at Arrowhead today and throughout the day tomorrow**.

Saturday, May 5 through Monday, May 7
- ☞ ***Student Council State JAM Conference at Green Bay***

3rd Qtr. Honor Roll for 6th , 7th, and 8th grade is on the webpage under Parent tab.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer School Information and Registration materials may be found on our webpage under announcements.

Cost is $5.00 per class (some enrichment courses cost more) - for residents and students currently attending Stone Bank School. $75 per class for non-residents.

Track Meet

There are two great opportunities coming up for our students to participate in track and field meets at Arrowhead High School. The first meet is Monday, April 30th, at 5:30 p.m. This is open to all students 8th grade and under. Sign up at the door and experience a track meet with lots of instruction given to newcomers.

May 16th is the annual grade school meet with opportunities for kids in 5th - 8th grade to participate in an official track meet, competing against kids from other area middle schools. There will also be opportunities for kids in 4th grade and younger to compete. The field events will start at 4:30, followed by running events starting around 5:30 p.m. Fifth through eighth grade students interested in competing in this track meet should sign up ahead of time with Mrs. Vance and Mr. Green.

Spring Fling - Friday, April 27th

Our annual student council sponsored "Spring Fling" is coming next Friday from 12 to 2 p.m. Students will be served lunch and then the faire begins at noon to 2:00 p.m. Lunch will start earlier and be done by 11:30 p.m. At that time we will need parent volunteers to help the student council set up the commons for the event.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS - Please come and join in the fun and excitement. Please respond to Sharon Wilson, coordinator, at s.wilson@stonebank.k12.wi.us if you will be able to help that day. Volunteers needed to setup, monitor and take down games and booths.

Profits from this event helps with community needs, student needs, student council leadership camps and other student council school projects.

Weekly After School Dance/Workout Classes to begin April 26th!

Who: 4th - 8th grade students, staff, parents
Where: Stone Bank School Commons
When: Thursdays, April 26th, until the end of the year. 2:45 to 3:30
What: 45 minutes of working out to fun music! All fitness levels and dance abilities!
Why: Fun, fitness, **it's free**!

Anything else? Bring comfortable clothing, gym shoes and a water bottle!
Students need the completed permission slip below and return to the office before April 25th.

My child _____, has permission to participate in the after-school dance/workout program. I will provide or arrange for transportation following classes. I understand that the instructor (Mrs. Workentine) or the school is not responsible for injuries that may occur during the class.

_____ _____
Parent/Guardian Signature Date

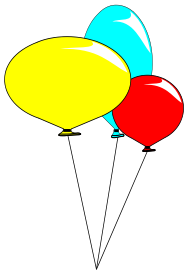
SPRING FLING (Sponsored by Student Council)

Friday, April 27, 2012, from 12:00 to 2:00

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	COST
COOKIEVILLE	Decorate sugar cookies	COMMONS	1 ticket per cookie
CHAMBER OF CREATIVITY	Make friendship bracelets, picture frames, visors, bookmarks	STAGE	1 to 4 tickets per item
FACE WORKS, TATOOS, NAILWORKS	Face Painting, Tatoos, Nail Painting	MUSIC ROOM	1 ticket per design
BINGO	Bingo	LIBRARY	1 ticket per game
CARNIVAL OF GAMES	Many Different Games	COMMONS/GYM	1 ticket per game
TAILOR YOUR PORTRAIT	Join Your Friends and have your picture taken	STAGE	4 tickets per picture
MAKE YOUR OWN BUTTON	"Make and Take" - personalize your own button	STAGE	3 tickets per button
SPRING FLING CAFETERIA Open from 12:00 to 2:00	Popcorn, nachos w/cheese, pizza slices, snow cones, candy bars	COMMONS	2 to 4 tickets for each item
SPLONGEE THROW	Have a Splongee Challenge with your Friends	BAND ROOM	1 ticket/2 minutes
GOLF EXTRAVAGANZA	Miniature Golf - Make a putt for a prize	GYM	1 ticket
HOCKEY CHALLENGE	Score a goal for a prize	MUSIC/BAND HALLWAY	1 ticket
JUMP HOUSE	K-3 only	GYM	1 ticket/2 minutes

TICKETS ARE 25 CENTS EACH

Students may purchase in advance or the day of the Event!



Our "Carnival of Games" area will have games all costing 1 ticket per play. We have many games to enjoy! Hot lunch will be served that day starting 15 minutes earlier. Select food items will also be available for purchase for 2-4 tickets each during the fair. Send money for tickets in an envelope with your child's name, teacher's name, $ amount on it - a day before or the day of the carnival. Tickets will be returned to your child before the fair begins. Tickets may also be purchased in the office throughout the fair.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help set up the commons at 11:30 immediately following lunch!

Calling all 1st – 3rd Graders…

JOIN KICKBALL!

2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

This kickball program is available to students in grades 1-3 at Stone Bank School. There is NO fee for this program. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, May 8 **Thursday, May 10**
Tuesday, May 15 **Thursday, May 17**
Tuesday, May 22 **Thursday, May 24**
***Raindates* (if needed): May 29, May 31**

We will meet in the Commons on kickball nights. Students will leave their belongings on the stage. After attendance is taken, we will go outside to play the kickball games. Games will end at **3:15 p.m.** Please pick your child up promptly in front of the building at this time.

If your child is walking home, going home with a friend, or attending Y-Care following kickball, please send a note! We will not release any children to anyone other than a parent.

***In the event of rain, kickball will be cancelled. We will make the decision by 1:00 p.m. on the kickball day. In the past, it has been rainy at this time and then cleared up, but we need to stand behind this time and the decision.

Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Klein, & Mr. Ktorides

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Please return only this part of the sheet to Mrs. Boyd by Friday, May 4, if your child is playing kickball. (Keep the above information for the schedule.)

Name of Child _____ (please print)

Grade and Teacher _____

List any significant medical information that the instructor should be aware of, i.e. asthma, allergies, physical limitations, etc.

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_____

I give my child permission to participate in the 1st – 3rd grade kickball program at Stone Bank School. I am aware that there are inherent risks of injury when playing kickball and I know my child is physically capable to participate.

Parent Signature _____ Print name _____

Date _____

May is Better Hearing and Speech Month

Did you know that May is Better Hearing and Speech Month? This annual event raises awareness about communication disorders to help improve the quality of life for those who experience problems with speaking, understanding, or hearing. Let's talk about hearing protection. Whether your family participates in indoor or outdoor activities, high levels of noise can be a factor and noise-induced hearing loss can be prevented if you follow a few, simple precautions.

Many toys are so loud that they can cause hearing damage in children. You might be thinking of drums and whistles, but even squeaky rubber toys can emit sounds as loud as a lawn mower (up to 90dB—regular speech is 60dB). At these levels, workers would have to wear ear protection on the job and your child may be exposed to it daily! Most children hold these toys directly to their ear creating as much as a 120dB sound which is equivalent to a jet plane at take-off and results in permanent hearing loss. Other toys that can cause damage include toy guns, talking dolls, walkie-talkies, and musical instruments.

There are also many typical day to day activities that expose you and your children to high levels of noise, such as: lawn mowers, leaf blowers, hair dryers, kitchen appliances, and farm tractor noise. In fact, farmers are at the highest risk of noise induced hearing loss. This could be you, your neighbor, or your relative! Not only does large equipment cause hearing damage, but the recreational activities your child participates in can be a source of hearing loss, which includes hunting, water sports, snowmobiles, 4-wheelers, and iPods. *Did you know that you can set the volume control on your child's iPod to prevent them from listening at levels that will permanently damage their hearing?* Preventing high levels of noise and the effects it has on your child's hearing is a parental responsibility. A good rule of thumb is to remember that if you have to shout to be heard, avoid the situation.

Tip 1: Before purchasing a new toy, listen to it. If the toy sounds loud, don't buy it.

Tip 2: Examine toys you already have at home. Remove the batteries or discard the toys if they are too noisy and pose a potential danger to hearing. Some parents place heavy duct tape over the speakers on noisy toys.

Tip 3: If you will be exposed to loud noise, wear hearing protection.

Tip 4: Avoid prolonged exposure to loud sounds (fireworks, emergency vehicles, guns in a parade).

Tip 5: Lower the loudness levels on iPods and listening devices to half volume.

Tip 6: Look for noise ratings on appliances, tools, and toys.

Tip 7: Advocate for yourself. Speak to the movie theater or place of entertainment if the volume is too loud.

Remember, your ears will not "get used" to loud volumes and noise induced hearing loss is permanent. It takes place gradually and once destroyed, you will not get it back. Taking these simple precautions will help you and your child preserve one of your most important senses!

If you are interested in having your child's hearing screened at school, please contact me via phone or email.

Happy spring!

Jackie Phillips, Speech-Language Pathologist
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Coin Collection Challenge

This year, one of our goals is to put more books into the hands of students and on the shelves of classroom libraries. We call it One for Books. During the week of May 7th, we will be having a Coin Collection Challenge. Please feel free to send loose change in with your student. We will be collecting…..

Pennies on Monday, May 7th
Nickels on Tuesday, May 8th
Dimes on Wednesday, May 9th
Quarters on Thursday, May 10th

All monies raised will be used by the classroom to purchase books at the Book Fair. Scholastic will match monetary donations raised with a donation of books to three non-profit organizations dedicated to helping kids and families in need. They include the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc., and the Kids In Need Foundation. The two Stone Bank Classrooms raising the most money will receive a free book for each student in the class.

Come to Our Book Fair!

Monday, May 14th	**7:30am – 3:00pm**
Tuesday, May 15th	**7:30am – 4:00pm**
Wednesday, May 16th	**7:30am – 3:00pm**
Thursday, May 17th	**7:30am – 6:30pm**
Friday, May 18th	**7:30am – 12:00pm**

Please visit our school's book fair homepage at http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/stonebankschool.

Tornado Awareness Statewide Drill - the students and staff practiced a tornado drill on Thursday, April 19th with the rest of the state at 1:45 p.m. For frequently asked questions and safety suggestions for home, work and play - visit http://ready.wi.gov/tornado/default.asp

Stone Bank School

Healthy School Task Force

Temptations are everywhere. Research consistently shows that many of the choices we make as adults were shaped by the choices and behaviors we learned in grade school. Therefore, schools have a great opportunity to be an inspiration to kids and families to make healthy and sustainable life-style choices. With this in mind, we are creating a Healthy School Task Force at Stone Bank School.

> **Purpose: To identify ways to increase the presence of healthy options in all areas of the school. This could be accomplished by changing the lunch and snack food choices offered at school¸ the use by increasing the use of locally sourced foods and products by the school, by offering additional fitness opportunities to teachers, students and families, and by decreasing food waste at Stone Bank School. The Task Force will also be considering the overall cost of the lunch program and ways to make improvements without impacting the overall school funds.**

We are looking for volunteers to serve on this task force and help to identify and implement changes throughout the school. Interested parties should email Heather Kohls at heather.kohls@marquette.edu to get involved.

This year's plans: Members will first be asked to participate in the school lunch program at Stone Bank School by eating lunch at school before the first meeting, which is scheduled for April 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the library. During lunch, members should observe and document what aspects of the school lunch program work well, what aspects could be improved and ideas on how to make these improvements. We will start our task force by conducting an analysis of the current lunch program.

DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THE TASK FORCE BUT LOVE THE IDEA? You can still send your suggestions or comments to Heather and be sure to fill out survey that we will send home to all families in May.