Stonewall’s Annual Bash
Starts The School Year
Out with a Bang!
Stonewall’s PTA welcomed new and returning students on August 9th during the “Back to School Bash”!! Students met teachers and visited their classrooms, while also enjoying free pizza, chips, and water provided by the PTA! This event always gets everyone excited to begin the new school year!
The Bash requires a tremendous amount of planning and volunteer work from our PTA! We congratulate and thank the PTA for providing this wonderful annual event!

Get Excited for Stonewall’s First Spirit Night of The New School Year!!
Where: Chipotle/Fayette Mall!
When: Thursday, 9/13th 4-8 pm!
Chipotle will donate 50% of all purchases back to Stonewall! This is a great opportunity to show your school spirit while also enjoying family and friends!

Kentucky PTA KIDS’ DAY 9/21!!
This day is set aside to remind each and every student how special they are! Stonewall PTA will have the Kona Ice truck on location outdoors to provide a special treat to each Stonewall student!

Important September Dates
Monday 9/3 - No school!
Thursday 9/6—Picture Day!
Friday 9/7—Grillin’ with Gatiffany/1st gr
1st School wide Exploration Walk
9/13—Spirit Night—Chipotle/Fayette
9/17—PTA MEETING—6:30 pm
9/21—KY Kids Day
9/22—Super Hero 5K
9/24—Book Fair begins
9/25—SBDM meeting—5:30 pm
9/27—Literacy Night—6:30 – 8 pm
9/28—Popcorn Day!

SMILE AND SAY CHEESE!
School picture day is Thursday, September 6th!
This will be the headshot used in the school yearbook!
Stonewall Book Fair To Kick Off on Saturday, 9/22!

Our Scholastic Book Fair is going to be Saturday, September 22 - Friday, September 28. Fourth grade is having a 5K run starting at 9 a.m. on that Saturday. Following the run, we will have a kick off for the book fair. Refreshments will be served and the book fair will be open from 10 a.m. until noon. Monday thru Friday we will be open from 7:15 p.m. until 2:45 p.m. Thursday, September 27 is Literacy Night, and we will have the book fair open from 5:45 p.m. until 8 p.m. The literacy event doesn't actually start until 6:30 p.m. on September 27 - we will just have the book fair open a little earlier for parents who may want to come in and shop. We look forward to seeing you!

-Ms. McClellan

WANT AN EASY WAY TO BE REMINDED ABOUT PTA NEWS AND EVENTS??

SIGN UP FOR “REMIND”!

For smartphones access the following link: rmd.at/stonewaPTA

No smartphone—sign up for texts: Text the message “@stonewaPTA” to 81010
STONEWALL WELCOMES NEW STAFF

My name is Allyson Corman. I am a second grade teacher here at Stonewall! This is my 24th year of teaching. I have spent the majority of my years in first and second grade. I LOVE what I do! When I am not at school, you will find me outside riding my horses or walking the dogs! I love the outdoors!

My name is Mr. Piercey and I am one of the new fifth grade teachers. I am entering my 12 year of teaching elementary school! Before coming here, I previously taught in Woodford County for seven years and I’ve spent the last four year teaching fifth grade in Eminence KY. I love to explore, and this December I’ll be traveling with National Geographic to Antartica on a teacher fellowship! Stonewall students will travel virtually alongside me! I am so excited to be a part of the Stonewall family!

Hello! I am very excited to be teaching here at Stonewall! I’m the new preschool teacher. I have taught preschool for 17 years and love every minute of it. I live here in Lexington with my husband and two sons. My sons are in 5th grade and in kindergarten. We are a sports loving family. GO Big Blue!! My hobbies are to read, hang out with my family and watching movies!  
Trisha Manning/Preschool teacher

Hello! My name is Erika Johnson. I am very excited to be team teaching in 3rd grade this year! This is my 14th year of teaching. I taught at Booker T. Washington Academy and Clays Mill Elementary before coming to Stonewall. I have two adorable sons at home. Henry is 2 years old, and Owen is 2 months old.

My name is Leslie Bliziotis and I am the new Food Services Manager. Born and raised in The Bronx, New York, I later lived in New Jersey for 15 years with my husband and 4 children. We closed up shop at our family owned restaurant and relocated to KY for a change of pace. During the last 4 years we have made so many wonderful friends! I enjoy working for FCPS in Child Nutrition since my arrival here. I hope that I can help to make a change and a positive impact in a child’s life and that they see the dedication that I have for them!

Darrel Allen Harris, that’s my name and I’m 26 year’s young! I’m enjoying being new to the custodial staff. I love traveling, hiking, backpacking, and photography! I have traveled much of America and even a little outside of the states. I love to see new things and meet new people!
Have You Joined the Stonewall PTA?

What is the PTA and why do we have it?
It is the Parent Teacher Association. Parents and teachers come together to enhance learning and to support the students in the school in both practical and unique ways. The PTA exist to benefit the students in the school.

What does the PTA at Stonewall do?
The PTA is part of many things at Stonewall; Back to School Bash, Science Night, Literacy Night, Field Day, Popcorn Fridays, Yearbook, Fundraising, Tshirt sales, Walk to School Day, Family Movie Night, purchasing supplies for our school such as student agendas and chromebooks. The PTA also provides a student allotment fund which gives each teacher an allotment of money per child in their class. Many times teachers use that for class field trips. The PTA creates the monthly newsletter. Teachers are supported by the PTA from a hospitality group. There are monthly meetings and all PTA members are Invited to but not required to attend.

How can I be a part of the PTA at Stonewall?
Just by joining the PTA you are supporting your child and their school. If you are unable to help beyond that, you are still a part of the PTA and are partnering with us to provide the best school experience for your child. If you have not signed up yet, look for a PTA form to come home in your child's folder. If you would like to request an additional form be sent home with your child just email a request to angelasanderson13@hotmail.com

The number one reason to join the PTA is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help support your child’s school. If you have already joined and you would like to donate a PTA membership to a teacher or staff member in the building there is a place on the form to donate a membership.

We are off to a great start, we currently have 351 PTA members. We would love to have you join us!

-Angela Justice
Stonewall PTA Membership
Stonewall’s September “Help Us, Help Others” donations will benefit Sweet Blessings Bakery!

Stonewall is dedicated to giving back to community!

Donations will be accepted throughout the entire month of September.

Checks or boxes of vanilla pudding mixes may be donated!

Sweet Blessings is a nonprofit organization which creates unforgettable birthday cakes for children living in poverty, with a life-threatening illness or with special needs.

In 2017, Sweet Blessings made 2,730 birthday cakes for area children, and we need your help to reach even more kids this year!

Vanilla pudding mixes (Instant or cook and serve) and tax-deductible donations are needed.

The school has requested checks be made out to Sweet Blessings, instead of cash.

For more information about Sweet Blessings, to donate or to volunteer, go to: www.sweetblessingscakes.org
MEET THIS YEAR’S NEW PTA BOARD MEMBERS!

**THANK YOU EVERYONE!**

**Angela Justice – Membership**

My name is Angela Justice. I’ve been around Stonewall for five years. I have two boys. Alex is in Kindergarten and JJ is in 4th grade. My husband and I have been married for 11 years. He is a social worker for the State. I taught preschool for many years and was the Director of a Head Start center prior to having kids. I then taught preschool again part time until this year when Alex started Kindergarten. I now work as a para educator at Stonewall in the special education department and I am loving it. My family and I spend a lot of time outside together. We camp and hike and the boys both play different sports throughout the year. We also just like to be at home together in the backyard hanging out. Our boys have amazing imaginations and we enjoy watching them bring those imaginations to life playing outside. We feel very fortunate to be a part of the Stonewall family. I have been involved in the PTA the 5 years I’ve had children at Stonewall. I have seen so many benefits that the PTA has towards our school and its students. It’s a great feeling to love your kids school then go to work there and realize it IS as wonderful as you perceived it to be.

**Lauren Keller – Recording Secretary**

My name is Lauren Keller. My daughter, Juliet, is in 2nd grade and my son, Nate, attended Stonewall previously. I’ve been an active member of Stonewall’s PTA since 2011 and a Board Member since 2012. In my time on the board I’ve served as Vice President for Programs (2 years), Health & Wellness Chair (2 years), and Vice President for Membership (1 year).

**Jennifer Clark – Treasurer**

My name is Jennifer Clark and I am interested in the PTA Treasurer position for 2018-2019. My husband Kris and I have been married for 11 years and have lived in Lexington since 2008. My son, Jacob, is a first grade student at Stonewall and we love being a Stonewall family! I have been a PTA member since my son started at Stonewall last year and regularly volunteer for PTA events (Popcorn, Hospitality, etc.). I have decided that I would like to get more involved next year so am seeking a PTA Board position. I have been a stay-at-home mom and when Jacob started kindergarten I began working part time for the FCPS Technology Department and also watch children in my home a couple of days a week while Jacob is in school. My previous career was as a Product Development Manager for a Financial Services company and an IT Project Manager for a large manufacturing company.
STUDENT NEWS

Congratulations to 5th grader Sam Thompson!
His artwork was chosen to be featured in the FCPS 2018-19 Family Handbook & Calendar!
His drawing is representing the month of October!
Sam is in Mr. Piercey’s 5th grade class this year!
Way to represent Stonewall, Sam!

A NEW STONEWALL TREND

We’re only a couple of weeks into the new school year and a cool trend seems to be becoming very popular…..SOCKS!
Check out the socks below…who wore them best??!!

Breaking “SOCK” News!!
A very special, first ever event for 4th & 5th graders is in the works!
Hint: Get some great socks ready for this Friday evening, 10/26 event!
More information coming soon!!!
ARE YOU A MEMBER?
JOIN THE PTA TODAY! SEPTEMBER 17TH/6:30 PM IS THE NEXT MEETING

IT’S A GREAT TIME TO BECOME A MEMBER OF AN AWARD WINNING, DEDICATED PTA TEAM!

We are already 350 members strong, but we can do more!
Though we would love to have volunteers, becoming a member does not require that you participate at events!
Your $5 membership fee helps in so very many ways...student allotment, programs, events, yearbooks, chromebooks...the list is endless!
Request a form today by emailing angelasanderson13@hotmail.com!

A special welcome to new Stonewall parents!
You are the future of the PTA!

2018 Stonewall PTA Commendations

16TH DISTRICT AWARD
Outstanding Program
For
“Love the Arts” Night!!
A NOTE FROM OUR PTA PRESIDENT

Stonewall Stallions,

Hello and welcome to another awesome year at Stonewall! We are so excited to begin the 2018-19 school year. It was great to see new and familiar faces, as many families attended the Back to School Bash. We hoped you enjoyed the pizza meals provided by the PTA and picked up new Stonewall spirit wear. We have some amazing things planned for September (including Spirit Night, Kentucky Kids Day, Literacy Night and Popcorn Fridays – check the calendar included for important dates and more information). The Stonewall PTA is committed to serving our students, staff and families. We are here for all of YOU. Please take a moment to read over the newsletter – it contains so much information about what our PTA and our school staff are doing to make Stonewall SPECTACULAR. If you’ve already joined PTA, THANK YOU! If not, there’s still time. Membership forms are available in the front lobby of the school, in this newsletter and through our awesome website (www.stonewallpta.org). This year, we are offering our families access to our REMIND app, an easy way to get updates directly from Stonewall PTA (directions included in the newsletter). We want you to stay informed of all the activities we have planned this year. Please feel free to contact me, or any of the other PTA board members, with your questions or concerns. We want to work together to make this your best year yet!

Amy Recktenwald, PTA President
stonewallptapresident@gmail.com

We know that everyone is busy, but we’d LOVE to have you at our next PTA meeting!

Monday, September 17th @6:30 pm in the library

Follow us on Facebook (@StonewallElementaryPTA)

THANKS TO EVERY PTA MEMBER WHO VOLUNTEERED AT THIS YEAR'S BASH!

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE SATTERLY FAMILY FROM “YARD CARD BARN” FOR GRACIOUSLY DONATING A SIGN FOR THE BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!!
YEARBOOK NEWS

Hi everyone!

We would like to take the opportunity to thank each and every student, parent, and staff member who purchased last year’s yearbook! We successfully sold 425 books which made a profit of $4600! This was the first time that the yearbook made a profit of more than $200, as it is not a fundraiser and normally is a break-even school product. The funds raised are being put towards further school Chromebook purchases! Yahoo!

Our family dedicated ourselves to last year’s memory book and had the best time ever creating it, but this year we are passing the baton to Katie Taylor—who is very excited to be heading up the project! Please remember that by purchasing this year’s yearbook you are not only preserving your child’s memories, but you are helping to donate funds to the school PTA—it is truly a win-win! Also, thank you for the countless emails regarding the yearbook—they were all so truly appreciated! As we said millions of times, Stonewall students brought the book to life and also helped to earn the honor of top 3 elementary yearbooks in the state! It’s going to be a phenomenal year at Stonewall! Keep taking pictures!

Adam & Rebecca Thompson/Stonewall Communications

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2018-19 YEARBOOK!!!

The yearbook committee is assembling and looking for volunteers. We would love to have at least one parent per grade who can help coordinate taking photos and make sure there is coverage of events that happen for each grade. If you are interested in helping, please contact Katie Taylor at Katie.taylor@proforma.com or 859-361-6373. Thanks!! -Katie

Watch for the yearbook order form to be coming home soon!
Hi everyone!

Our school’s lifetime BTFE earnings to date are now $35,395.08.

On Monday, August 20, we began to collect box tops and will do so every school day morning. We collected just over 2,000 the first few days of school! Please send in your Box Tops!

Here’s how you can help us!

Buy any of the many products that have Box Tops on them. Look for Bonus Box Tops whenever available. Download the Box Tops APP on your Smart Phone. Collect and send the Box Tops to school with your student(s), but don’t save them too long. They do expire. Logon on to www.btfe.com and sign up for Stonewall. Enter the many contests to win Bonus Box Tops.

When your student brings in 10 Box Tops on a sheet of paper, in a baggie, or in an envelope, they’ll get to pick things from the Treasure Boxes. (Students that were here last year know exactly how that works. Just ask them!)

We will continue to use our Box Tops funds to help with school field trips, Field Day and other programs that need our help. The money earned all goes back to help our students in some way.

We will have contests throughout the school year and the “winners” will get something “special”. Each month, the class with the most box tops turned in will get a Grimaldi’s Pizzeria pizza party for their classroom. Hilda Hismeh, in Mrs. Peavler’s room, won the guessing contest for the big gorilla at The Bash. There were 768 Box Tops in the jar, and she guessed 718!

Recently, Grimaldi’s sponsored a staff luncheon at school. They are going to be our Box Tops partner again this school year. Please visit the store at The Summit, and tell the management that you’re from Stonewall.

THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR ALL THE BOX TOPS THAT WILL BE DONATED THIS YEAR!

YEEEEAAAHH BOX TOPS!!!

Bruce Moore, Box Tops Coordinator
Superhero Scramble
*Book Fair to Follow*

This year fourth grade is hosting a Superhero Scramble 5K to raise money for the Stonewall garden. This run/walk will take place on September 22 at 9 AM at Stonewall Elementary. All proceeds will go to helping maintain and grow our garden. The theme is superheroes. We encourage the students to dress up like their favorite superhero to help motivate them and soar through the 5K.

Registration is $12 per superhero (athlete) who is participating in the 5K. This will include a race day t-shirt. Sidekicks (dogs) are welcome.

All ages are encouraged and welcomed. Only elementary and middle school aged students will receive awards. Age groups will be K-2, 3-5, and middle school students. Awards will be given to the first, second, and third place boy and girl finishers for each age group.

*Be the superhero that we know you are!*

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 7th
Contact info: lauren.lawrence@fayette.kyschools.us
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STONEWALL INSIDER

EDITION #1

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD/LABOR DAY!

PICTURE DAY IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH!

FROM THE EDITORS

We welcome and encourage students, staff and parents to contribute to the newsletter as it represents the entire Stonewall Community! Thanks to everyone that contributed this month!

Please contact us should you wish to make a contribution! Feedback is always welcome!!

-Adam & Rebecca Thompson/PTA Communications/StonewallPTAComm@gmail.com