

STUDENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Student Council has some exciting things planned for the month of March! Most of which has been announced a couple times over the PA system but here it is in writing as well!

1. **Wear Green Day**
 - a. Wednesday, March 17th
 - b. Spirit Count will be taken

2. **Shamrock Relay**
 - a. Friday, March 19th

Last call for ordering the first Stonegate yearbook!!

Orders for the school yearbook are due March 19, the price is \$18.

If orders are received after March 19th the price will be \$20.

The last day to order yearbooks is April 1. Orders will not be accepted after that date.

Because of the budget this year very few extra copies will be ordered. Fill out the attached order form and turn in to your teacher by Friday, March 19.

PTA/The yearbook Coordinator

IUSD school year to be reduced by four days

Dear Stonegate Elementary School Families,

The IUSD school year will be reduced by four days this year as a result of the [precipitous drop in state funding](#). Additionally, Superintendent Gwen Gross announced last Tuesday that employee groups have agreed to take eight additional furlough days in 2010-11.

The IUSD Board of Education ratified a contract agreement, which included the [furlough days](#), with the Irvine Teachers Association. IUSD Board members also approved similar settlements with other IUSD bargaining groups.

In a letter to staff and the community, Dr. Gross said furloughs are “far from ideal,” but necessary to cope with California’s fiscal crisis. The

superintendent announced that **all schools will be closed on June 7, June 8, June 14 and June 15** to accommodate the district-wide furloughs, which will help IUSD bridge a budget gap projected to exceed \$20 million in 2010-11.

Please update your calendars to reflect that Stonegate Elementary will be closed on June 7, 8, 14 and 15.

Respectfully,

Bruce Terry
Interim Principal

PTA MEETING

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on **Tuesday, March 23 at 8:30am in the MPR**. Come cast your vote for the following PTA Officer Nominees for the 2010-2011 school year:

President: Connie Stone
Executive Vice President: **open**
Vice President: Kelly Freeland
Secretary: Archana Gima
Treasurer: Tina Kreditor
Financial Secretary: Maria Jose Monesterio
Auditor: Tiffany Honda
Historian: Chau Nguyen

We need your help! If you like meeting new people and would like to become more involved in your child's PTA, please consider the OPEN position of Executive Vice President. We have a great group of parents that will help you and the staff and Stonegate are very supportive. Please contact Connie Stone at conmstone@cox.net A.S.A.P. if you are interested. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. We will vote on this position at the March 23th PTA meeting.

Silent Auction help!

Our Silent Auction is coming and we need volunteers to pull the event together. If you are interested please contact Connie Stone at conmstone@cox.net.

“Return to Stonegate in the Fall” SURVEY – K-5

Please turn in your blue survey form by April 2nd.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Calling all kindergarten siblings.....if you have a child who is a sibling of a current student at Stonegate and will be starting kindergarten in the fall, please let the office know this week. Registration packets will be available for kindergarten beginning Monday, March 15th.

SPRING CONFERENCE SCHEDULE CHANGE and MINIMUM DAY DISMISSAL

Please note that our optional spring conference schedule has been changed. Spring conferences will begin on **Friday, March 26th through Thursday, April 1st**. Also, grades 1-3 will be dismissed during conference week at 1:30 p.m. and grades 4-6 will be dismissed at 1:40 p.m. Kindergarten will remain on their regular schedule Friday, the 26th through Thursday, the 1st.

MINIMUM DAY FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND

A reminder that Friday, April 2nd (the day before our week long spring recess), will be a minimum day for grades K-6. All kindergarten students will attend school as Early Birds (8:20-12:00 p.m.). Grades 1-3 will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. and 4-6 at 1:40 p.m. There will be no school April 5th-April 9th.

RESIDENCY VERIFICATION AND AFFIDAVITS

Once again IUSD is requesting all parents submit current Residency Verification and Affidavit forms. Please remember to attach **two current bills from the list provided on the Residency Verification.** The entire bill showing the **service and billing address** is required. All forms are due in the Stonegate office no later than March 31,2010.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Save the dates – June 28th through July 23rd! IUSD and IPSF invite you to join the fun this summer in our Summer Enrichment Program. Additional information regarding course offerings, enrollment, and locations will be distributed at all elementary sites and posted on our website (www.irvinesummerprograms.org) in March.

IPSF iRead

IPSF is sponsoring a Barnes and Noble Book Fair from March 8-21. Visit any of the three Irvine locations (Spectrum, MarketPlace or Woodbridge) and mention IPSF at the register when you purchase a magazine, book or newspaper. Barnes and Noble will donate up to 20% of your purchase to IPSF! Even your purchases at the café count! If you can't visit a BN store, please visit the website at www.bn.com and use the bookfair ID 10162055.

Mar 19	Student Awards Assy. Primary 8:40 Upper 9:30	Apr 1	Famous Americans 9-10 & 10:45-11:45 3 rd Grade
Mar 22-26	6 th Grade Outdoor Education	Apr 2	Minimum Day
Mar 23	PTA Meeting 8:30 a.m.	Apr 2	Report Cards Home
Mar 24	Honors Orchestra Rehearsal 6:30-8:15 p.m.	Apr 5-9	Spring Recess
Mar 24	5 th Grade American Revolution 8:30-11 & 11:30-2	Apr12-15	Book Fair - Mrs. Nelson's
3/26-4/1	Spring Conference Week/Min Days /Thurs to Thurs	Apr 13	ELD Field Trip Centennial Farm 9:15-12:50
Mar 29	Primary Music Open House for 3 rd Grade	Apr 14	Honor's Orchestra 6:30-8:15 p.m.
Mar 31	Honor's Orchestra Rehearsal 6:30-8:15 p.m.	Apr 19-23	Culture Week