

FUNDRAISING EVENTS



ANNUAL FUND

Our goal is to fundraise for the children - plain and simple. In addition to our other fundraisers, FOSA conducts a pledge drive throughout each school year called the Annual Fund. We simply ask you to pledge an amount that you can donate in one payment or installments. *Payments for a \$300 pledge for the school year would be \$30 a month.*



RAVEN THEATRE AND SILENT AUCTION

Attend the FOSA Raven Theater play event in support of our wonderful Raven Theatre artist-in-residence program. See high caliber theater and enjoy complementary drinks and snacks. There are some live auctions items at the event, as well as an accompanying exciting silent online auction.



JOG-A-THON

Every spring, students have the option to participate in the Stone Jog-A-Thon. Your child can walk or jog around the school for an hour during the school day. Your child collects pledges per lap or receives a flat donation from family, friends, and local businesses. *The kids get a chance to be active and are excited to help their school.*



RESTAURANT FUNDRAISERS

Throughout the year, FOSA partners with local restaurants to have Stone days of dining. Stone receives a percentage of the sales. *You can dine in or carry out and support our school!*



YEAR ROUND FUNDRAISERS

- Buy gift cards through our *Gift Cards for Kids* program for everyday shopping and teacher appreciation gifts
- Shop online through *Amazon Smile* (smile.amazon.com) and select *Stone Scholastic Academy* as your charity
- Clip and collect *Box Tops for Education*



Questions? Contact FOSA at friendsofstone@gmail.com



WHO IS FOSA?

The Friends of Stone Academy (FOSA) is the fundraising arm of Stone's parent organizations which include the PTA, the Local School Council, and Room Parent Organization. FOSA organizes a variety of fundraisers, researches grant opportunities, and reaches out to businesses to help support our school.

WHY FUNDRAISE? FOR THE KIDS OF COURSE!

The arts and enrichment programs at Stone go well beyond the reaches of Illinois state funding. Each year, FOSA sponsors a variety of fundraisers to generate the financial support needed to continue our excellent art residencies at each grade level and help cover the costs of supplemental academic, arts and athletics. Funds raised also support after school programs, technology needs, extra curriculum materials, and much more.

EVERY CONTRIBUTION IS IMPORTANT - WHETHER IT IS \$5 OR \$500

Your contribution makes a real difference to our school and students. The programs funded by your donations promote literacy and cultural awareness. They add to the educational, physical, and emotional development of our children. With your generous gifts, we can continue to keep these incredible programs alive for all students at no cost to them. Together we can make sure Stone stays a competitive and great school.

Descriptions of the art residencies and enrichment programs, as well as brief descriptions of the annual fundraisers are included in this introduction. Choose one fundraiser or participate in all of them. Get active and support our school!

To make a donation online visit stoneacademy.net/fosa

FOSA is a registered 501(c)(3) organization and your gift is tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

Equally important are contributions of time. We cannot continue to raise money without parent volunteers. Email FOSA at friendsofstone@gmail.com to get involved today. We are all in this together!

FOSA SPONSORED ARTS RESIDENCIES AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

GRADE LEVEL ART RESIDENCIES

K- Ballet with Chicago Dance Crash

Kindergartners receive ballet instruction and perform in the spring school assembly.

1st- Tap Dance

First graders receive tap dance instruction and perform in the spring school assembly.

2nd- Drama with Raven Theatre

Second graders are instructed in theater arts and perform at the school. Some students have the opportunity to participate in a performance at Raven Theatre.

3rd- Cultural Dance with Dancing with Class

Third graders learn about different cultures and their music. They learn intricate dance steps and perform in the spring school assembly.

4th- Blues Music with Blues in the Schools

Fourth graders learn about blues music and its history. They perform at the world renowned Chicago Blues Fest in Grant Park.

5th- Ballroom Dance with Dancing with Class

Fifth graders learn ballroom dance, “an exciting way for students to develop important social skills that lead to success both in the classroom and throughout their lives.” - *May I Have This Dance website*. They perform in the spring school assembly and some students have the opportunity to compete in a citywide ballroom competition.

6th- The World Weavers Project with the Minasian Rug Company & Urban Gateways; White Pines Camping Trip

Sixth graders participate in an 8-week textiles curriculum, culminating in the production of one handmade rug designed by a student. Our sixth graders also have the option to participate in a two-night camping trip, allowing them to be independent in an appropriately supervised setting.

7th- African Dance with Urban Gateways

Seventh graders learn about African culture and music. They receive dance instruction and perform in the spring school assembly.

8th - MeMA-Music: Arts-Integrated Social Studies Enrichment Program

Students critically examine the culture, history and landmark achievements of the 1960s through exploring socially conscious music, art, film clips and more. Students link what they learn to real-world issues they face today. The program culminates in a student-created showcase of social justice projects using digital media, art and more.

STONE ACADEMY

SCHOOL-WIDE ENRICHMENT

As FOSA's ability to fundraise has increased, more programs have been supported:

After School Programs

Chicago after school programs lost significant funding in recent years. FOSA funds match a percentage of school funds to continue to provide this valuable resource for students. The after school programs that are offered include arts, athletics and supplemental academic programs.

Our Winning Sports Teams

CPS no longer offers sufficient athletic funding for elementary schools. Having sports teams require transportation, referees and funding. We currently offer soccer, basketball, cross country, and track for our Stone Eagles.

Library

Each school must fund its own books through their school based funds. FOSA and the PTA provide a budget and books to our library each year to ensure we maintain a collection that is current and interesting to our students.

Music and Drama

Regular music enrichment is offered to each child at Stone, but there is additional music available through after school programs like chorus, band, the fall play, and the spring musical.

Technology Support

Technology in the classroom and around the school is replaced as needed.

Curriculum Support

Some curriculum, like reading and science, need additional books and materials throughout the year.

School Enhancement

Small enhancement projects in the building and on school grounds as needed. For example, FOSA funds were used to buy health and fitness equipment for our new fitness room.

School Partnerships

FOSA sponsored a partnership with Public Allies' AmeriCorps program to host an apprenticeship at Stone to support our technology curriculum.

**ALL PROGRAMS ARE MADE POSSIBLE
BY YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS**