

# 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 ONLINE AUCTION

Attend the FOSA Raven Theatre fundraiser to see a high caliber performance while enjoying complimentary drinks and snacks. There are some live auctions items at the event, as well as an accompanying exciting online auction. *Invite friends and family to join you at the event and to bid online.*



## JOG-A-THON

Every spring, students have the option to participate in the Jog-A-Thon. They 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 businesses. *The kids are excited to be active and 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 *Friends of Stone Academy* as your charity
- Clip and collect *Box Tops for Education*



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# FOSA

Friends of Stone Academy

## 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 state funding. Each year, FOSA sponsors a variety of fundraisers to raise the money needed to continue our excellent art residencies at each grade level and help cover the costs of supplemental academic, art and athletic programs. 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. There are many opportunities for you to get active and help support our school.

## You can donate online at [stoneacademy.net/fosa](http://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 your time. Our parent volunteers help plan fundraisers and research grant opportunities. Please attend one of our meetings or email FOSA today at [friendsofstone@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstone@gmail.com) to get involved.

# 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- World 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**

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 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 have lost significant funding in recent years. FOSA funds supplement 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**

Funding for CPS sports has changed several times in the past years. FOSA has always been willing to supplement the school funds to help with referees, transportation and uniforms. Stone currently offers volleyball, 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, Art and Drama**

FOSA funds are used to supplement school funds for the music and art departments. Funds are also used to support school assemblies, the fall play and spring musical.

### **Technology Support**

Computers and other technology in the classroom and around the school is replaced as needed. Technology support is also provided to Stone teachers and staff.

### **Curriculum Support**

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

### **School Enhancement**

FOSA has been able to support 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 and for outdoor recess. A grant secured by the FOSA Grants Committee was used to help build the outdoor classroom.

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