



May 2018

# Set In Stone!

## Principal's Message

*Barbara Onofrio*



It's so nice to see May enter with warm weather. I think we can finally say goodbye to winter, and the spring season always brightens our spirits as we get to see more of the sun and experience more of the outdoors. As the Stone community enters into the final quarter of the 2017-18 school year, I'd like to extend my well wishes to every mother for a Happy Mother's Day! We all know parents are a child's first teacher, and we want to give you thanks for preparing them well before they reach us.

April was busy as usual, with various student centered activities, many supported through the generosity of FOSA. Our highlights include: the 8th grade MeMa culminating activity where student presentations we made to parents and students alike, a Healthy Living assembly sponsored by the American Heart Association, our first ever PTA sponsored Spring

Dance for families of students in grades K-5, along with our traditional Grade 2 Living Biography presentation. Thank you to all who attended. I sincerely hope you enjoyed your visits to Stone!

May will be equally busy, starting with our annual Jog-a-Thon, the biggest parent sponsored fundraiser of the year. On Friday, May 4th, our students sprinted merrily around our school after gathering pledges from both family and friends. Thank you to Virginia Falkner, committee chair, who once again spearheaded this endeavor as well as the many volunteers who attended to our children's needs by supplying water, encouragement and cheer along the way. This is always one of our children's favorite activities, as it promotes healthy living and affords a chance to enjoy the outdoors!

Students will be very active in the upcoming weeks. All students will complete their final year-end MAP testing, starting mid-month. Grades 3, 6 and 8 will be the first grades tested, as these are grades with promotional criteria attached. I am confident our

children will perform well, and parents can help by making sure they are well rested before exams. Well wishes are extended to our 8th grade students who will also be taking the Algebra exit exam at the end of the month.

Socially, students have a lot to look forward to in May and June, beginning with the May 4th Jog-a-Thon. Thank goodness the weather was perfect for running! This event will be followed by the 7th grade trip to Great America, the 8th grade overnight Springfield trip and one to Navy Pier as well. Teachers in other grades have many activities planned, so be sure to check e-mails, book bags and teacher websites for activities specific to your child.

The always well attended Heritage Assembly will kick off the month of June on the 1st. I hope every parent will be able to attend this feast of cultural diversity. Traditionally we hold parent performances in the morning soon after student drop off and this year it will start at 8:30.

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Other activities we look forward to will be the 4th grade performance at Blues Fest and our Parent Volunteer Celebration, both on June 8 along with the PTA end of the year picnic, Arts Night on the 12th, and the highlight of the year - 8th grade Graduation Ceremony, which will be held at Northside College Prep on June 14th so that we may accommodate the larger 8th grade class.

Finally, the school year will conclude with the selection and naming of a new principal. Our thanks go out to the LSC Principal Selection Committee, and the LSC for their hard work in searching for a new leader. As I conclude my tenure at Stone and CPS, I want you to know how very grateful I am to all of you for the kindness and trust you have shown and entrusted me with. It has been an honor to be part of such a wonderful community. Stone will live in my heart always.

## Leaving Stone?

While we hate to see you go, we are planning for the upcoming school year and it helps us to know how many open seats we will have. If you are planning on moving and/or transferring schools during the summer, please email or call Olga Estrada to let her know. She'll need to know the name and address of the new school to ensure a smooth transition. You can reach her at 773-534-2045 or by email at [omestrada@cps.edu](mailto:omestrada@cps.edu).

## Dress Code

With the warmer weather approaching, some students may be tempted to stretch the dress code policy; however, we want to remind everyone that it is still enforced. We will continue to lend students uniform shirts and sweatpants when they "forget" to come in dress code. Students will be sent to office and will be lent a shirt or pants to wear. They will be asked to leave their clothing with the office staff until the borrowed clothing has been laundered and returned.

Please take a moment to review the guidelines from the parent handbook:

Teachers will review and clarify expectations with students at the beginning of the year and provide reminders throughout the year. Students are required to wear SOLID dark blue or black pants or skirts and a SOLID white or blue shirt (any shade), blouse or top. Students may wear any official Stone Academy gear. Any sweater or sweatshirt must be solid white, blue or black. All apparel items should be free of decoration.

The following items will not be permitted at school:

- \* Skirts and shorts shorter than 2 inches above the knee
- \* Spandex shorts, t-strap tops and bare midriff blouses
- \* Shirts with inappropriate slogans or advertising
- \* Altered school shirts
- \* Hoop earrings larger than a quarter in diameter
- \* Outside garments such as jackets in the classrooms, (sweaters are acceptable)
- \* Head covering/hats for reasons other than medical/religious
- \* Excessive jewelry
- \* Purses
- \* Baggy, tight or torn pants or shorts
- \* Pants worn below the waist level
- \* Flip-flops

## Map Testing

8th Grade  
May 15 Math and May 17 Reading

7th Grade  
May 29 Math and May 31 Reading

6th Grade  
May 22 Reading and May 24 Math

5th Grade  
May 29 Math and May 31 Reading

4th Grade  
June 4 Math and June 6 Reading

3rd Grade  
211 May 14 Math and May 16 Reading  
212 May 15 Math and May 17 Reading

2nd Grade  
109 May 22 Math and May 30 Reading  
207 May 24 Math and May 31 Reading

1st Grade (Only Math)  
103 June 6  
110 June 4  
112 June 5

Kindergarten (Only Math)  
104 May 23  
111 May 29

*Remember!  
The last day of  
school for stu-  
dents is June 19th.*



## Upcoming Events

Friday, May 4  
9th Annual Stone Jog-a-thon  
3:30pm School Tour for Prospective Parents

Monday, May 7  
Teacher Appreciation Week  
6:30pm Principal Selection Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 8  
National Teachers' Day  
7:00pm FOSA Meeting

Monday, May 21  
6:30pm LSC Meeting

Tuesday, May 22  
6:30pm PTA Meeting

Friday, May 25  
Gift Card order due  
2:05pm Parade of Books

Monday, May 28  
Memorial Day

Friday, June 1  
8:30am Heritage Assembly

Tuesday, June 5  
7:00pm FOSA Meeting

Wednesday, June 6  
7:00pm FOSA Grants Committee Meeting

Friday, June 8  
8:00am Volunteer Breakfast  
6:00pm End of the Year Picnic

Tuesday, June 12  
6:00pm Stone Arts Night

Thursday, June 14  
9:30 Graduation

Monday, June 18  
8:30am Sem 2 Awards Assemblies Grades 3-5  
10:00am Grades 6-8  
6:30pm LSC Meeting



Jog A Thon



Family Dance

