



November 2017

Set In Stone!

Principal's Message

Barbara Onofrio



One of Stone's greatest strengths is the tremendous support we receive from parents, and none is more

apparent than what we see on Parent/Teacher Conference Day. On Wednesday, November 15th, staff looks forward to welcoming you from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., at which time they will break for lunch. Conferencing will reconvene from 2:45-6:00 p.m. Please take the time to confer with teachers regarding your child's progress. Parental involvement is a huge contributing factor to a child's success. Also, please take a moment to check out other activities such as the Scholastic Book Fair and the Lost and Found for any articles of clothing that may belong to your child. Be sure to visit the main office to satisfy any outstanding student fees. Report Card Pick-Up day is a day of non-attendance for students, however they are welcome to accompany you

during classroom visitation. November begins the holiday season, additional days of non-attendance for students will be: Friday, November 3rd (School Improvement day), and Wednesday through Friday, the 22nd - 24th (Thanksgiving Holiday). From our staff to your home and family- Happy Thanksgiving!

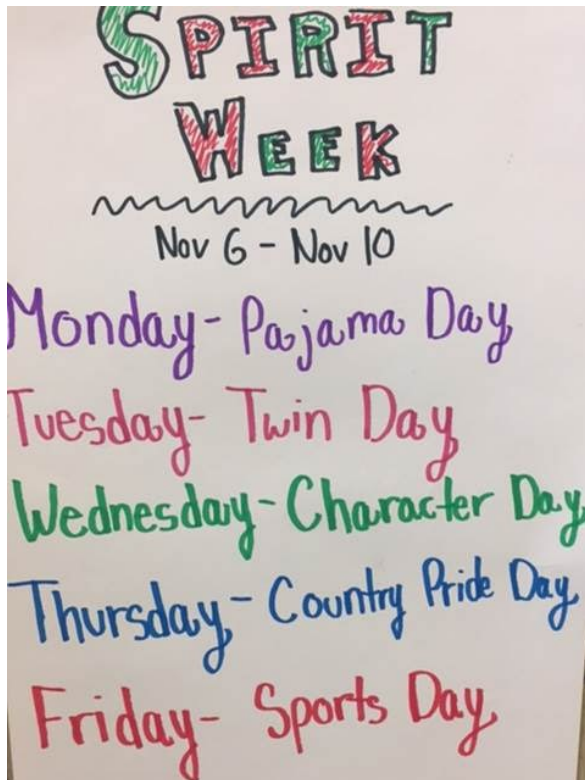
As mentioned, the Scholastic Book Fair coincides with Parent/Teacher Conference Day and extends throughout the week of November 12-17th. Students will have the opportunity to visit the fair with their homeroom. Parents are encouraged to shop the fair on the evening of November 14th which is Family Reading Night and at Report Card Pick Up. PTA sponsors this event and is always looking for volunteers to help ensure the sales success. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Michelle Douglas at grabdoug@sbcglobal.net with any questions.

Good News

I am very excited about the next piece of news. Very recently, I was contacted by CPS about a rare opportunity for Stone. CPS is partnering with a com-

pany called Amer-i-can on various school projects. The specific opportunity extended to us is to have our auditorium seating refurbished free of charge! There will be other aesthetic improvements to the floors and wood-work areas. CPS high school students, under the supervision of experienced craftsmen from Amer-i-can will be performing this work. I see this as a win-win for all involved. Neighborhood youth will be learning valuable skills, earning a modest wage and gaining job experience that can only help them in their future endeavors. The work is currently underway and we plan on having our face-lift done in time for our Holiday performance!





Sixth Grade Spotlight

The current 6th grade class visited the Miniasian Brothers showroom in Evanston and learned more about carpet design as part of the World Weavers program. Students were able to see priceless carpets from around the world and learn how carpets are used to tell stories. In addition to the World Weavers program, sixth grade students recently participated in their annual outdoor educational field trip to White Pines Ranch in Oregon, Illinois. While exploring the 200 acres of pastures, woods and sandstone canyon, children began to develop valuable life skills of bonding with their peers and strengthening relationships with teachers. Some trip highlights included orienteering, a scavenger hunt, team building games, fossil excavation, hiking, wildlife studies and survival skills. The students enjoyed a hay ride, got lost in a corn maze, learned a couple line dances and sang campfire songs and told stories that ended with S'mores!

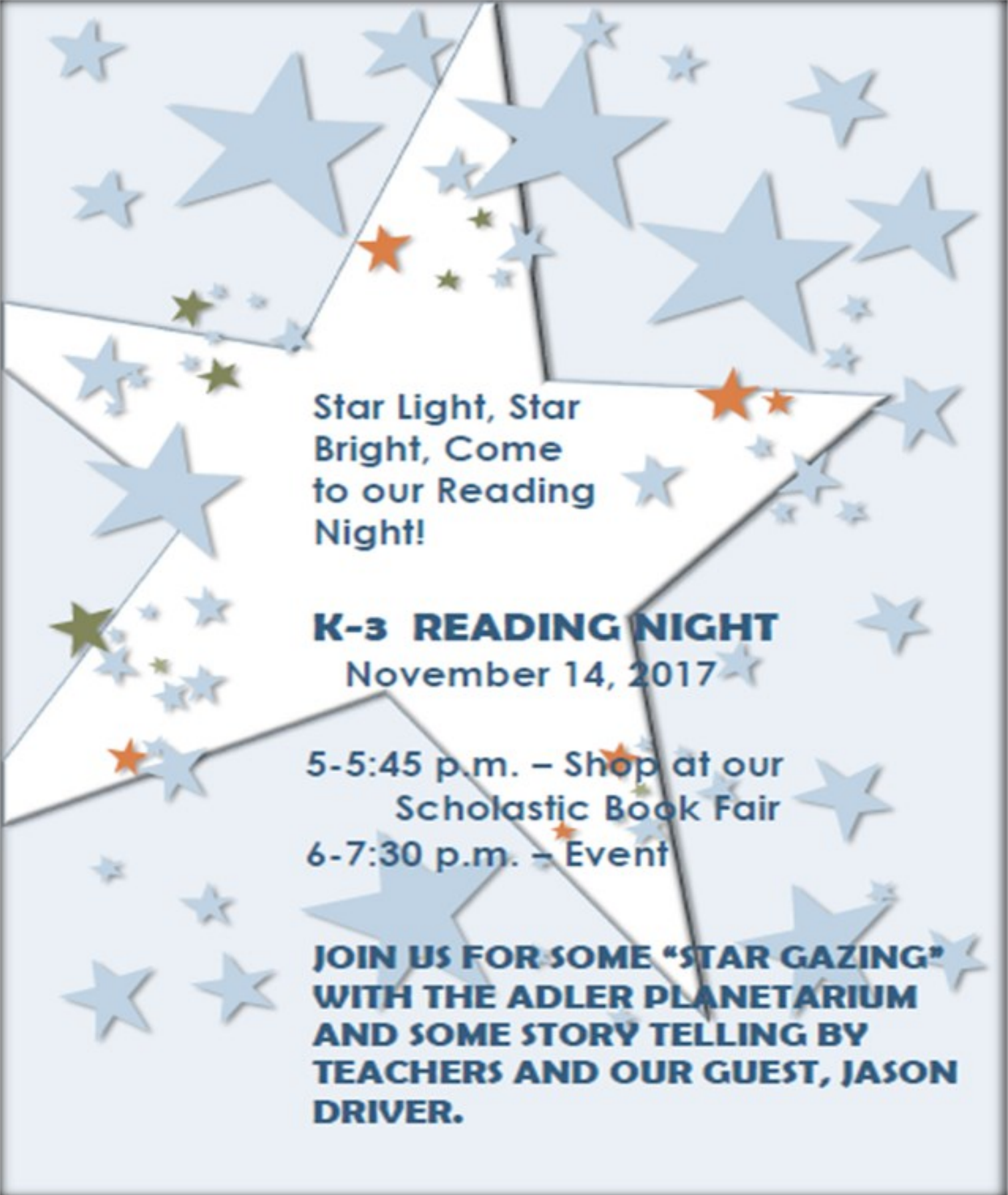
Safety Is Our Main Concern

When it comes to our students, there is nothing more important than their safety. I know mornings can be hectic, people scurrying to get to school, work and on with their day. Often we are in a hurry, which can cause our patience to run thin and is a prime condition for accidents to occur. In 2012 a group of parents stepped up and began the parent patrol. I am very grateful to these volunteers who show up rain, sleet or snow to help our children arrive safely. I am asking all who drive your child to school, please be respectful of their efforts and follow these procedures:

- Pull up to the curb and stay in your car. Volunteers will assist with children exiting the vehicle-this includes book bags, etc. Children should be ready to exit when you pull up.
- It is helpful to have children on the passenger side of the car.
- Watch volunteers for directions. Pulling up forward, aligning with the car in front of you helps speed the line and ensures the safest and most efficient drop off.
- To minimize congestion, please do not pull onto Leavitt if there is not room to pull forward.
- If you must enter the school, please find parking in the neighborhood and walk to the school.
- Please be considerate of all involved. We are a community and need to show respect to all our members.



This year, we are pleased to host Family Reading Night on Wednesday, November 14th. This year's festivities will feature guests Jason Driver and folks from the Adler Planetarium who will help K-3 students discover the beauty of the solar system, as well as the fascinating world of literature. The event runs from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.



Star Light, Star
Bright, Come
to our Reading
Night!

K-3 READING NIGHT
November 14, 2017

5-5:45 p.m. – Shop at our
Scholastic Book Fair
6-7:30 p.m. – Event

**JOIN US FOR SOME “STAR GAZING”
WITH THE ADLER PLANETARIUM
AND SOME STORY TELLING BY
TEACHERS AND OUR GUEST, JASON
DRIVER.**

Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 2

End of 1st Quarter

4:00pm Panera Restaurant Fundraiser

Friday, November 3

School Improvement Day- No School for Students

Saturday, November 4

7:00pm Improv Tonight fundraiser at Bug-house Theater

Sunday, November 5

2:00am Daylight Savings Ends- Set you clocks back an hour!

Wednesday, November 8

7:00pm FOSA Meeting

Friday, November 10

Gift Card Order due

Monday, November 13

Fall Book Fair Starts

Tuesday, November 14

6:00pm Family Reading Night

Wednesday, November 15

11:00am-2:00pm and 2:45pm-6:00pm
Parent Teacher Conference Day - No School for Students

Monday, November 20

6:30pm LSC Meeting

Wednesday, November 22-Friday, November 24

Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, December 1

Science Fair 7th and 8th

Tuesday, December 5

6:30pm PTA Meeting

7:00pm FOSA Meeting

Coming to Stone Next Year

Applications are currently on line for children wishing to attend Stone next year. The window is open from October through December. Any student admitted to Stone must go through the application process, including siblings.

