



# The Stoney Point PTA Press

News we need to know to help us grow!

January 2017

## Principal's Ponderings

### Motivated to Learn

**What's the best way to keep your child inspired to learn? Help him learn to motivate himself! Raise a self-motivated youngster with these tips.**

#### Point to the future

Your youngster may feel more motivated to learn something if he understands how it will be important later. Tell him about ways you use school subjects like math and writing at work. You might explain how to count the money in from a cash register back to a customer. Or show him advertisements and talk about their design.



#### Move on from mistakes

There are two ways to react to mistakes: Feel discouraged, or get motivated. Encourage your child to look at a mistake as an opportunity to succeed next time. If he made careless errors on a report, for example, he could proofread papers more carefully in the future or take a quick break before proofing.

#### Celebrate hard work

Have your youngster find natural motivators when he is faced with a big job. For instance, he may plan to read a new mystery he's been looking forward to after finishing a challenging book for school. Or you might let him organize a fun family activity that's related to his science project—perhaps a visit to a cavern if his experiment involves minerals.♥

### Short Notes

**School Supply Inventory** The year is halfway over! Your child's school supplies may be running low, so check if he needs more pencils, paper, or highlighters. You might also ask his teacher about shared items like tissues, baggies or wet wipes.

**Good Handwriting Matters** Although your child will type more of her work as she gets older, it's still important for her written assignments to be legible. Also, she will be less apt to make math mistakes if she writes numbers clearly. Encourage her to take pride in completing her work neatly.

Happy Learning,  
C. Anderson

### Dates to remember

- Jan 23-Feb 7: Candy Grams on Sale
- Jan 24: AR Night, 5-7 (Rescheduled)
- Jan 27: Popcorn Friday
- Jan 27: End of 9 Weeks
- Jan 30: Teacher Workday
- Feb 1: Firehouse Subs
- Feb 2: Class Photos (Prepaid)
- Feb 2: PTA Planning, 6:00
- Feb 3: Report Cards go Home
- Feb 3: Scrip Orders due
- Feb 8: Awards-8:15, 4<sup>th</sup>;  
9:30, 2<sup>nd</sup>; 1:00, K
- Feb 9: Awards-8:15, 5<sup>th</sup>;  
9:30, 3<sup>rd</sup>; 1:00, 1<sup>st</sup>
- Feb 10: Coffee & Copies
- Feb 14: Candy Grams Delivered
- Feb 14: Rudinos
- Feb 20: Teacher Workday
- Feb 23: Digital Learning Day
- Feb 23: AR Night
- Feb 24: Popcorn Friday

### Worth quoting

I know nothing in the world that has as much power as a word. Sometimes I write one, and I look at it until it begins to shine.”

*Emily Dickinson*



### ... for the Holiday Potluck

Thank you to all who donated items for our Staff Holiday Potluck!! Everything was greatly enjoyed! Thanks for spreading some holiday cheer with our wonderful Stoney Point staff!

### ... for the HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated items for our Holiday Food Drive! We were able to pack plenty of food for some local families to have a fabulous holiday dinner. Again, thank you for your generosity!!

### ... for the Candy Grams

We had a very successful holiday Candy Gram sale. We were able to raise about \$1400, which will go towards Science equipment and ELA supplies.



Buddy Grams will be on sale Jan 23- Feb 7. Send some valentine spirit to your friends with a Blow Pop and a special message from you for \$1/gram.

### Jump Rope for Heart 2017

Monday January 9th -Friday January 13th your child watched a promotion video for Jump Rope for Heart during their PE class.

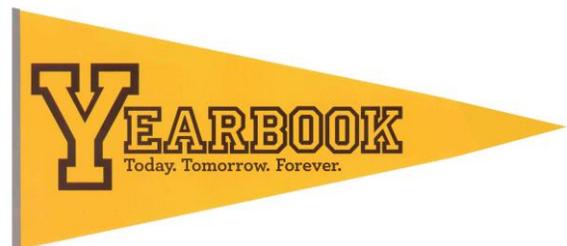
On Tuesday January 24th , your child will bring home the information about Jump Rope for Heart.

Included in the information will be: The Participant's Sponsor Form, Parent Letter explaining how and why it is so important to raise money for Jump Rope for Heart, and Information from the PE teacher stating what you should do when you donate money.

Donations will be accepted Wednesday January 25th through Monday February 6th . Students should return money and forms to their classroom teacher. Please do not turn in donations to the office.

Monday, Feb. 6th is the final day donations will be accepted so that prizes can be returned in a timely manner.

The Jump Rope for Heart Celebration will take place during your child's PE class during the week of February 27th through March 3rd .



### YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE!

Yearbooks are now on sale for \$20. Name personalization is available for an additional \$2. Yearbooks will be on sale thru Feb. 15. There will be limited extra yearbooks to purchase at the end of the year, so I encourage you to pre-order now.