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STONE RIDGE



PTO PAWPRINTS

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CALENDAR DATES TO MARK:

- Sept. 24
Fundraiser
Forms Due
- Sept. 28
El Chico
Night 5-
10pm
- Oct. 1
PTO
Meeting
7:00pm
- Oct. 12
Fall
Carnival
- Oct. 15
-16
Fundraiser
Order
Delivery
- Oct. 26
El Chico
Night 5-
10pm

Be sure and
check out the
PTO website to
see your child's
teacher's updated
wish list.
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First PTO Meeting of Year a SUCCESS

On Tues. the 4th we had our 1st PTO meeting of the year. It was a great success and was well attended. We accomplished many things including approving the Stone Ridge PTO By-laws and getting needed PO's approved for upcoming projects. The 2007-2008 Pet Project was named. It will be to create a new fenced playground on the west side of the school. We will also be providing

books and AR tests to the library as funds are available.

Many of the coordinators for the various committees gave updates on their projects. Please get into contact with the basket coordinator for your child's classroom to see what you can do to help out. We look forward to another productive

meeting on Oct. 1 at 7:00pm. Childcare is provided.

Fundraiser Packets were sent home with all children on Thurs. This is one of the ways we will get the funds to accomplish our Pet Project. Please support our children.

**EL Chico
Night is on
Sept. 28th.**

It's Almost Carnival Time!!!

We are so excited to host **our** 1st annual Fall Carnival, here at Stone Ridge Elementary. The date is Friday, October 12, 2007 from 5-8 PM. If you have attended the Piedmont Carnival in the past, then you know how huge and fun it can be. We expect to carry on the same tradition here at Stone Ridge. We will have some of your favorite games from the past as well as some new and exciting ones. There will be food (including Randy Clonts' brisket), games, entertainers and lots of fun! Plus, the 2007 Fall Carnival won't be so crowded. Fall Carnival is a community event that raises thousands of dollars to support our school. The Teacher Basket Auction coincides with Carnival and raises

money for individual classrooms. Please sign up to provide or make something for your classroom. If you have any questions about booth assignments or auction items, please contact your home room parent.

Teacher Basket Auction

Each year we ask parent volunteers to organize a basket or project to represent their class at the Fall Carnival. The items are auctioned and all monies raised by their baskets go directly to the classroom teachers to spend on their classrooms, directly benefiting your child.

This is a huge endeavor, but it provides a substantial outcome. You can sign up to make or provide an item for a

basket. Contact your homeroom parent or homeroom basket coordinator to find out what you can do. Its best to start as soon as school begins, especially if you are seeking donations. Some classes do themes, while some make one big basket. We also need people to make or provide items that can be auctioned for our specials teachers (music, art, etc.). If you can help, please contact Carrie Attella.

Each teacher is allowed a total of 3 baskets. Any additional baskets will go to the general auction and proceeds will be shared allowing all teachers to receive a minimum amount.

Piedmont Poets



Dickinson

*"A word is dead
when it is said,
some say. I say it
just begins to
live that day."*
[Emily Dickinson](#)

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This is a program that PTO sponsors to encourage memorization and self-confidence in our Pre-K - 1st grade students. We have parent volunteers come to the library at designated times to listen to students recite poems. This is a parent/child project, as teachers do not use

classroom time to work on poems. Once a student has recited their first poem they will be recognized at Wildcat Wake Up. At the end of the year, the students that have memorized and recited correctly ten (or more) poems get a special field trip!

Pre K Requirements - Poems (or Nursery Rhymes) must be at least 30 words (shorter poems are allowed, but only count as half a poem).
Kindergarten and First Grade Requirements - Poems must be at least 55 words long (shorter poems are allowed, but only count as half a poem).

Barefoot Bookworm Party

Michelle Knight and her helpers provided Ice Cream Sundaes for all students who completed their Barefoot Bookworms summer reading. These ladies did a wonderful job and deserve a big thanks. The kids enjoyed the party and so did the teachers, who were

also treated with a sundae. Thank you to all those who made this a success.



Reading Mentor

If you would be willing to donate 2 1/2 hours of time, one day a week to listen to children read, practice their alphabet, etc... We need your help! Your time is truly appreciated and truly can make a difference to our young readers. Contact Mrs. Butler, Reading Teacher. School # 373-4227.

Become a Stone Ridge PTO MEMBER

It's not too late to become a Stone Ridge PTO Member. Join PTO with a \$5.00 membership fee and receive a school wide directory. If you are interested, send your money to Mrs. Farris, 4th grade and she will forward it to the Membership Chair, Lizette Collins. Help support our AWESOME SCHOOL!!!!