

# Stanford Montessori PTO News August 2011 www.StanfordPTO.com



## Welcome to 2011-2012!

Dear Stanford Families,

Welcome back to the 2011-2012 school year. I think this is going to be a great year. The PTO has been meeting and planning all summer to make this school year the best ever.

I'm excited that parents can keep up with their child's progress this year by accessing Grade Speed, an electronic grade book. Several of the teachers worked with this last year, but it will be available to all parents this year.

I am excited to start the year off again with the Read-a-Thon, and the PTO has planned a fantastic, new fall fundraising activity that will be fun for all families. Remember that we not only fundraise to get needed money into our coffers, but also to bring our families into the school.

I believe that parent involvement has been a huge part in the success of this school. If you are new, welcome. If you are already a part of the Stanford fam-

ily, we're glad your back.

Don't forget that during the first few days of school, dismissal will be difficult as we begin to train our new parents how the traffic flows. I'm sure tempers will be hot just as the temperatures are, but please follow the rules for dropping off and dismissing, and we will have a great beginning of school.

Your Principal,  
Melva Stricklin

## Fall Festival

Please mark your calendar for Stanford's first annual Fall Festival to be held:

Saturday October 8, 2011

10:00am - 3:00pm

Rain or Shine

Families are encouraged to come out and enjoy Stanford's "College Football

Kickoff" themed Fall Festival which is planned to include bounce houses, vendors, games, food, face painting, chili cook off, photo booth, and magic shows to name a few. It's sure to be a fun filled day for Stanford and the community!! For more information or to get involved with planning and volunteering please contact Gwen McCoy

(gwen.mccoy@hcahealthcare.com) or Molly McPeak (molly\_mcpeak@hotmail.com).

The booths for the vendor fair are vendor exclusive, only 1 booth per business. If you are interested in renting a booth for the Vendor Fair, please contact Carri Sanford for more details! carri@execs.com or 615-474-5378

## Join Your Stanford PTO

Stanford Montessori PTO's monthly meetings are open to all parents and families of Stanford students. Childcare is provided in the gym.

Fall meetings will take place in the library and begin at 6:00 pm on Aug. 15, Sept. 12, Oct. 3, and Nov. 7.

Spring meetings will take place on Jan. 19, Feb. 6, March 5, April 9, and May 7.

Our PTO has several key roles that still need to be filled, and your assistance is very much needed and appreciated. These positions are just waiting for the right volunteer:

Newsletter

Grant Writing Chair

Grant Writing Co-Chair

Line Walker Chair

To volunteer for one of these positions

or for more information on the PTO, please contact any of our PTO Board:

PTO President: Amy Cole

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[jroveya@gaylordhotels.com](mailto:jroveya@gaylordhotels.com)

PTO 2nd VP: Mercedes Smith

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## Parent Education Committee

The Parent Education Committee looks forward to providing informative and engaging programs for our Stanford Parents. Possible programs include: Keeping your Child Safe on the Internet, Positive

Discipline, and tips on how to help your child become a better reader. Some programs will be presented in the first 20 minutes of the PTO meeting, however, others may take place on a school night.

If there is a topic about which you are enthusiastic or would like to learn more about, please contact the committee co-chair Shelley Davis-Wise at 512-4250.



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**Please pick-up your student's car signs. If you need any additional signs, they are available in the front office.**

## Teacher Appreciation Lunches

On the first Friday of each month during the school year, Stanford's parents host a special luncheon in the teacher's lounge to show our appreciation for Stanford's wonderful teachers, staff, and administrators.

There is a rotating schedule for hosting the luncheons, so your child's class will only be asked to prepare food or donate supplies once each year.

Teacher Appreciation Lunches for 2011-2012:

**Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 2, April 13, May 5**

Themes and class assignments will be posted at a later date. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for setting up or cleaning up the teacher luncheons, please contact Lisa Yonce or Jan Fox **847-2803**.

## Uniform Swap

Uniform Swap is a way to get and give gently used uniforms. It happens the first Friday of each month in the gym between 7:45 - 8:15am - you don't have to donate to take and you are welcome to donate anytime - come and check it out. We have lots of uniforms to give and you can donate at the swap or deposit your gently used uniforms anytime in the office bin under the volunteer sign in book in the office. Questions: Jill Scott [jill\\_michelle@yahoo.com](mailto:jill_michelle@yahoo.com)

## Really Painless Fundraising

Stanford PTO has raised a significant amount of money for our school recently with our Painless Fundraising program. These easy, ongoing fundraising options provide a wonderful source of substantial funds with a minimal amount of volunteer effort. This year we'll continue Painless Fundraising with the following options:

- Kroger Gift Cards: Purchase your card for \$5 (available now), then load funds when you buy groceries. Stanford receives 4% of your total purchase!
- Publix Partners key chain cards
- My Coke Rewards: Collect the codes in the coke product bottle caps and enter the code online at [www.mycokerewards.com](http://www.mycokerewards.com) then donate the points to Stanford Montessori.
- Box Tops for Education: collect these and turn them in. You get credit for volunteer hours and Stanford receives a donation.
- Spirit Nights at Chic-fil-A and CiCi's Pizza.
- Sales of Stanford apparel (school shirts and sweat shirts)
- Smart Cards
- The "Enjoy the City" coupon book will be available again in Fall 2011

## Soccer Sign-Ups

The Nashville Youth Soccer Association (NYSA) is currently accepting registrations for the Fall 2011 Soccer Season. NYSA is a recreational soccer league for players ages 3 through 18. Each season, NYSA has players that range from first time soccer players to those with many years of playing in a recreational league. Dates for the Fall 2011 Season: August 20 - October 22, 2011

## Stanford Logo Shirts & Sweatshirts

The PTO still has Stanford logo sweatshirts and shirts available. If you would like to order one please contact [stanfordmontessoripto@yahoo.com](mailto:stanfordmontessoripto@yahoo.com).

## Stanford Montessori Violin Program

Give your child the gift of music for the development of a beautiful spirit, heart, and soul. Announcing our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the Stanford Montessori Violin Program with Instructor Rebecca Baumbach, M.Ed. Studio conveniently located on Selma Ave. Spaces are limited so sign up today! Semester begins August 22<sup>nd</sup>, <http://StanfordMontessoriViolin.weebly.com>

## Dates to Remember

### Fall 2011

Aug. 11	1st Day of School 1/2 ay
	Boohoo/Yahoo Party
Aug. 15	First Full Day for 1 <sup>st</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup>
	PTO Meeting 6:00pm
Sept. 2	Book Fair Begins
Sept. 2	Teacher Appreciation
	Lunch & Uniform Swap
Sept. 5	Labor Day, No School
Sept. 7	Book Fair Grandparent's
	Day 3:15-6pm
Sept. 8	Read-A-Thon Begins
Sept. 8	Family Night 5:30-7:30
Sept. 9	Book Fair Ends
Sept. 12	PTO Meeting, 6:00pm
Sept. 12	Perks for Parents
Sept. 14	Progress Reports
	Picture Day
Sept. 23	Read-A-Thon Ends
Oct. 3	PTO Meeting, 6:00pm
Oct. 5	Walk to School Day
Oct. 7	Teacher Appreciation
	Lunch & Uniform Swap
Oct. 8	Fall Festival
Oct. 14	No School, Planning Day
Oct. 17	Development Day,
	No School
Oct. 18-21	No School, Fall Break
Oct. 31	Report Cards
Nov. 1	Parent Conference Day
	No School
Nov. 4	Teacher Appreciation
	Lunch & Uniform Swap
Nov. 7	PTO Meeting, 6:00
Nov. 16	Progress Reports Issued
Nov. 23-25	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 2	Teacher Appreciation
	Lunch & Uniform Swap
Dec. 16	½ day of school
Dec. 19-Jan. 2	Winter Holiday
Jan. 3	Planning Day/No School
Jan. 16	MLK Holiday/No School