

Stanford Montessori PTO News



Dates to Remember:
Winter/Spring 2012

January 2012 - www.stanfordpto.com

- Jan. 9 PTO Meeting, 6pm
- Jan. 13 Teacher Luncheon
McCLAIN, PAYNE,
CATIGNANI – Casseroles
Uniform Swap 7:45a-8:15a
- Jan. 14 Saturday Walking Group, 10a, Kohls
- Jan. 15 Rivergate Skate Center, 2 - 6
- Jan. 16 **NO SCHOOL** - MLK Holiday
- Jan. 17 Report Cards Issued
- Jan. 21 Saturday Walking Group, 10a, Kohls
- Jan. 28 Saturday Walking Group, 10a, Kohls
- Jan. 30 Stanford Fitness Night, 6p, school
- Feb. 8 Progress Reports
- Feb. 20 **NO SCHOOL** - Professional Dev. Day
- Mar. 8 End of 3rd Qtr.
- Mar. 9 **NO SCHOOL** - Planning Rec. Day
- Mar. 12 4th Qtr. Begins
- Mar. 19 Report Cards Issued
- Apr. 2 **NO SCHOOL** - Professional Dev. Day
- Apr. 3 - 6 **Spring Break Holiday**
- Apr. 9 **NO SCHOOL** - Professional Dev. Day
- Apr. 18 Progress Reports Issued
- Apr. 30 - TCAP Testing
- May 4
- May 24 **HALF DAY / LAST DAY!!**

Teacher Spotlight: Ms. Cindy Catignani



Although she considered architecture and accounting as professions, Ms. Catignani's heart kept calling her back to teaching.

Even at the early age of 5, Ms. Catignani loved school. She remembers standing in her driveway, excited that school would soon start. Her parents inspired her love of learning. They valued education and encouraged her and her 14 siblings to do their best, knowing that by getting a good education, their lives would be better.

Ms. Catignani attended Father Ryan High School and received her Bachelors at Belmont University and her Masters at Middle Tennessee State University. She has taught for 31 years - 10 at Stanford Montessori. She is involved in many activities and has received numerous awards including District Teacher of the Year, 2002 and Stanford Teacher of the Year, 2003.

Her teaching philosophy centers around recognizing and teaching to the strength of the child as well as that children need to be active to learn - learning is not passive. Her fond teaching memories are many and revolve around working with students in the garden, working with butterflies, and watching the love of learning come alive in students. "There is nothing more satisfying than sparking an interest in a child that you know will continue through their life," she says.

When asked what she would share with her Stanford family she says "I have seen Stanford grow and change. We have had our challenges, but through it all, we realize that as Maria Montessori said, 'The child is both the hope and a promise for mankind.' I hope to see Stanford nurturing this hope and promise for another 10 years."

Help Children in Haiti

Clean out those toy boxes/Help Children in Haiti. Dr. Janet Clodfelter, a Stanford neighborhood dentist on Shady Grove Road (a mile from Stanford) is delivering dental care and helping to supply a K-7th grade school in Haiti. We are in need of your gently used educational toys. Dr. Clodfelter will be traveling to Haiti next month and would love any of your educational toys, picture puzzles, or clean plush toys. The native language is Creole, so books unfortunately are not ideal. Please contact Juli Schumann artlife@comcast.net or 397-2238 for her to pick up your generous donations. Thank you.

Financial Advisor Info

If you were unable to attend the Financial Advisor presentation by D.J. Cordes, of Edward Jones Investment company Monday evening and you would like more information, please contact Mr. Cordes at (615) 885-3244.

PTO MEETINGS		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
1/9/12	6 pm	Library
2/6/12		
3/5/12		
4/9/12		
5/7/12		

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

- ☞ Poverty in America Awareness Month
- ☞ Mentoring Month
- ☞ National Braille Literacy Month
- ☞ Hot Tea Month
- ☞ National Oatmeal Month
- ☞ National Soup Month
- 1 New Year's Day
- 5 National Bird Day
- 11 Amelia Earhart Day
- 16 MLK Day
- 20 Inauguration Day
- 21 Hugging Day
- 23 Chinese New Year
- 22-28 Family Fitness Week
- 23-27 No Name-Calling Week
- 28 Christa McAuliffe Day



Fundraising News

- § Please keep collecting the Coke bottle tops for Coke Rewards - We are trying to reach a goal to redeem the Coke Rewards for Flip Cameras needed for the School! Send them into school with the Box Tops for Education and remember this also counts towards Volunteer Hours!
- § Kroger Cards and Stanford Sweatshirts and Polos are available for purchase - Please contact Tiffanie Fitzpatrick 615.554.0646 or rttfitz@comcast.net.



Uniform Swap

Next scheduled time: January 13th - 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. in the gym. The uniform swap is also available in the back of the library before and after PTO meetings. We take gently used donations throughout the year, so if you don't see anything in the size you need, be sure to check back.

Teacher Luncheon Schedule

January 13 – McClain, Payne, Catignani – Casseroles

February – Mott, Warner, Morrell – Heavy Hors d'oeuvres (appetizers)

March – Stewart, Feralin, Cage – Bar-B-Q

April – All Call – International Foods

If you have any questions please e-mail Jan Fox: mummafox@gmail.com

**Thank
YOU!**
for your delicious
donations and help!!

Stanford Active Fitness

We would love to see parents, teachers, students, family and friends join us for our fitness events (lots of fun events listed below). If you have any ideas for fitness activities or would like to teach a fitness class, please email Kim Stevens at roscop001@aol.com.

January 14, 21, 28: Saturday Walking Group
Meet at the greenway 10:00am in front of Kohl's. (If it's under 40 or raining walking group will be canceled).

January 15: Skating Fitness
Meet your Stanford Friends at Rivergate Skate Center from 2-6. The cost is \$6.00 per person including skates.



January 30: Stanford Fitness Night
Join us at the school at 6:00 for some great fitness activities for the whole Family.



REMINDER: All families are asked to volunteer 35 hours per year.

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