

# Stonegate Elementary School PTA

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## **DON'T MISS THE BROCK EDWARDS MAGIC SHOW, FRIDAY JANUARY 15TH AT 7PM!**

Presale tickets will be distributed Thursday, January 14th. Tickets will be available at the door for \$9.00 per person. This show has sold out for the last 4 years! Great family entertainment! See you there!

## **MLK HOLIDAY**

Remember there is no school on Monday, January 18 to honor Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

## **PTA MEETINGS:**

Stonegate PTA is holding two meetings this month in order to accommodate working parents. Please plan on attending either of these two dates:

**January 26, 2010    Tuesday    8:30 am    MPR**

**January 28, 2010    Thursday    6:30 pm    MPR**

## **YEARBOOKS**

Order your 2009-2010 Stonegate yearbook today! Capture the memories! The yearbook will be a full color digital photo yearbook. Order deadline is March 19. Reserve yours today for only \$18. Price increases to \$20 after march 19. Order forms are available in the front office, or a PDF file is attached.

## **PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS TO INCLUDE ART**

Once again the K-6 art program is being considered for elimination. Community support in the form of voices to the school board or e-mails to the school board and district administration have been effective in maintaining the program in the past years.

Please write a few words about how you value the program and would like to see it continue or simply cut and paste the following into an e-mail and send it to:

Sharon Wallin: [Swallin100@aol.com](mailto:Swallin100@aol.com)  
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Art is essential in creating well-rounded students with critical thinking skills. The K-6 art program is important to the elementary students in Irvine and should be maintained. It is precisely because of educational opportunities like the art program that we chose to live in Irvine and enroll our children in IUSD. Programs such as art give our children a competitive advantage and maintain our property values. We believe there are other places money can be saved without degrading the elementary curriculum in this way.

### **5TH GRADE GUY STUFF**

Due to scheduling conflicts, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Guy Stuff will be rescheduled. Watch for more information to come.

### **GIRLS SOFTBALL**

Attention all Stonegate girls ages 4 ½ - 14: Looking for a fun sport to play with your friends? Irvine Girls Softball is the place! Games are played on the best fields around. 6U and 8U teams are formed by neighborhood and schools. You can play with your friends! Registration for spring 2010 is open, and teams are forming now! Visit the website for complete information and to register. **Deadline is January 31.**

[www.IGSATeams.org](http://www.IGSATeams.org)

### **TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

Congratulations to Mrs. Judy Dickey, Stonegate's Teacher of the Year for 2009-2010! Mrs. Dickey will be honored at a banquet and ceremony on April 23. This is also Mrs. Dickey's last year to be teaching, as she is retiring at the end of the school year.

### **STONEGATE PTA WEBSITE**

Please check out the PTA website for up to date information and event news. You can access the website by going to [www.iusd.org](http://www.iusd.org), choose Stonegate under Elementary Schools and then click on PTA. Or just go directly to the website below.

<http://sites.google.com/site/stonegateptairvine>

### **PTA NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Stonegate PTA nominating committee is currently looking for persons interested in serving on the PTA board next year. If you or anyone you know are interested in being a part of the action, please contact Janice O'Toole at [janot@cox.net](mailto:janot@cox.net) or 949-552-7670.

### **TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS**

Talent Show Auditions will be *Thursday, February 4th* in the MPR after school. (Please note date change). The show is March 5th. Sign ups will be posted after Martin Luther King day.

### **PATS**

See the attached flyer or visit [www.ipsof.net](http://www.ipsof.net) for more information on how you can honor your favorite teacher or staff member.

# Parents Appreciating Teachers and Staff”

Thank a special teacher or staff member for all of their hard work through the **Parents Appreciating Teachers and Staff (PATS)** program. There are many reasons to participate:

- ❖ It is a great way to recognize individuals; teachers, principals, administrative staff, the school nurse or custodian....anyone who makes a difference in your child’s education.
- ❖ Your tax-deductible donation goes directly back into the classroom through IPSF’s Innovative Teaching Award Program (ITAP), providing grants to IUSD teachers.
- ❖ Teachers and staff members receive a personalized CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION with a small GIFT expressing how much you appreciate them.

**APPRECIATE YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER OR STAFF MEMBER TODAY!**

- \$20.00 donation recognizes one (1) teacher or staff
- \$40.00 donation recognizes three (3) teachers or staff
- \$60.00 donation recognizes five (5) teachers or staff
- \$80.00 donation recognizes seven (7) teachers or staff
- \$100.00 donation recognizes nine (9) teachers or staff

**All Donations Must Be Received By March 5, 2010.**

**Certificates will be distributed during Teacher Appreciation Week in May 2010**

**IUSD TODAY:**

See what’s happening around the Irvine Unified School District in the latest edition of IUSD Today (available online @ [http://www.iusd.org/district\\_news\\_information/IUSDToday.html](http://www.iusd.org/district_news_information/IUSDToday.html))

**BOARD BRIEFS:**

Find out what has transpired at recent IUSD Board of Education meetings by reading Board Briefs (available online @ [http://www.iusd.org/district\\_news\\_information/BoardBriefs.html](http://www.iusd.org/district_news_information/BoardBriefs.html) )

**CALENDAR:**

Jan 14	Culture Week Meeting 3:00pm	Feb 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip to OCDE 9:45
Jan 15	Brock Edward's Magic Show 7 p.m.	Feb 4	Talent Show Auditions 3:00PM MPR
Jan 18	MLK Holiday - No School	Feb 5	Progress Reports Home
Jan 20	4-6 Meet the Musician Assembly	Feb 8	President's Day-No School
Jan 21	Kids on Block MPR/AM 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Feb 9	Dairy Assembly K-3 8:45; 4-6 9:45 a.m.
Jan 22	Awards Assembly 8:40 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.	Feb 10	Honor Orchestra Auditions 1:30-8:30 p.m./MPR
Jan 26	PTA Meeting 8:30 a.m./MPR	Feb 11	Honor Orchestra Auditions 2:30-9:00 p.m./MPR
Jan 28	1 <sup>st</sup> grade "Old Fashion Kid Assembly" MPR/10:30-11:45 a.m.	Feb 12	Jump Rope for Heart envelopes due
Jan 28	PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.	Feb 15	President's Day-No School

Jan 29	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Olden Days	Feb 17	Staff Development Day 2-4 p.m.
Jan 29	Winter Music Concert in MPR	Feb 23	PTA Meeting 8:30 a.m.
Feb 1	Jump Rope Fundraiser Begins		