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Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year! We look forward to a great year of working with you and your student(s)!

Stony Point School has been a busy place this summer! We have had several renovations to our building that we are excited for you to see! Our outside doors have been painted, our front offices and foyer area have been updated with new flooring and paint, and our hallways have been brightened with fresh blue paint on the door jambs! We also got a new well! In addition, our custodial staff has been working hard to make sure that our building is ready and looks great and our teachers have been working hard to get ready for our students.

Please join me in welcoming the newest additions to our teaching staff, Rosemary Moriarty, Katie Fessel, Jeremiah Greer, Tim Howeth, and Lexus Anderson.

Rosemary Moriarty is our new school guidance counselor. Rosemary has her Master's degree in School Counseling and is licensed as both a school counselor and special education teacher. She has experience in school counseling, special education, and in community engagement. We are excited to have her as a part of our Stony Point community!

Kathryn (Katie) Fessel is joining Kendra Butler in first grade this year. Katie graduated with a Master's degree in Elementary Education. She comes to us from Charlottesville City Schools where she taught Kindergarten, but also has 7 years experience teaching first grade in Northern Virginia. In addition to her degrees and other certifications, Katie has her ESOL endorsement and has been trained in Mindfulness, Project Based Learning, and Responsive Classroom. She is a great addition to Stony Point!

Jeremiah Greer is joining Keren Heckathorn in third grade. Jeremiah has his degree in Elementary Education. He has worked with several ACPS schools in their summer school programs and as an EDEP Site Facilitator. In addition to his experience working in Albemarle County Schools, Jeremiah brings a background of creative making and working with diverse student needs. We are excited to have him join the Stony Point community!

Tim Howeth is not only a licensed art teacher, but has achieved National Board Certification as an Early Childhood Generalist. In addition to art, Tim has taught grades K-5 in Albemarle County since the 1990s. He also has experience teaching in California. Tim will be teaching art part-time at Stony Point this year. We are so happy to have him!

Lexus Anderson is joining us as a Teaching Assistant this year. Lexus is a graduate of Lynchburg College and has her degree in Elementary Education. Lexus will be working as a flexible member of our staff in order to support teacher and student needs. Lexus will be a great addition to the Stony Point community.

Stony Point is fortunate to have each of our new staff members. We are looking forward to an incredible school year!

LaTishia Wilson, Principal



Come To Our Open House

Please drop in for our ***Open House on Monday, August 20th, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.*** At this time, your child can meet his/her new teacher and classmates for the upcoming year. Class rosters will be posted outside each teacher's door. Please plan to park in designated areas and try to leave room for others to park as well. Extra parking is available behind the learning cottages on the grass (entry on left rear side of front parking area).

If you are new to Stony Point, and have not already done so, please bring your child's original birth certificate, physical/immunization record and two proofs of residency with you to the Open House. We need to copy original documents for our student records.

SCHOOL HOURS FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Our county school hours for elementary school students are from 7:55 am - 2:30 pm each day. If you need to check your child out of school, please come to the front office to sign your child out. We will send for your child at that time. **If you need to make changes to your child's after school plans, please call the main office @ 434-973-6405 or email stonypointofficestaff@k12albemarle.org by 1:45 p.m.** No changes will be accepted after 1:45 p.m. Thanks!

- ** Children arriving by car should arrive no earlier than 7:40 a.m. because no one is available to supervise children prior to 7:40 a.m.**
- ** If you drive your child to school, please be sure that your child has time to get to his/her homeroom no later than 7:55 a.m. after which time they will be considered tardy. After 7:55, parents must sign their child in at the front office prior to the child being admitted to class. Our instructional time is precious and classes need to start promptly.**



BUS SCHEDULES AND ROUTES

Bus schedules and routes are available through the Parent Portal. If you have questions about routes or stops, please call Transportation at 973-5716. **Please plan to have your child ride the bus to and from school on the first day of classes!** Our parking and bus areas are much safer when traffic is limited.

☞ ***Remember that when buses are in the student drop off area - no cars can pass them when the stop sign is out- it's the law!*** Thanks for your cooperation.

****Please note, school bus pick-up and drop-off times can change from year to year. Please make sure to double check these times in Parent Portal.**

RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER: THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school for students *in grades PK-5 will be **Wednesday, August 22rd***. Please be sure to send a healthy snack with your child(ren) daily. Each classroom has a designated snack time. We encourage students to keep a water bottle with them throughout the day. Please do not send sodas to school for snack or lunch.

CAFETERIA CORNER

The Cafeteria will be in operation on the first day of school. Please view the Cafeteria Menu at <https://www2.k12albemarle.org/dept/osp/nutrition/Pages/menus.aspx>. The cost for breakfast is \$1.45, \$.30 (reduced), and \$.00 (free). Cost for a full lunch is \$2.70, \$.40 (reduced), and \$.00 (free). Costs for a la carte milk, chocolate milk, or juice are 55 cents and ice cream/cookies 75 cents. Consider paying in advance for a month or five meals at a time. Paying in advance speeds lines, avoids the daily search for money, and reduces the likelihood of lost money. If your child is absent, he/she will carry pre-paid meals forward until the account is used.

Free and Reduced Breakfast/Lunch

A form for free or reduced breakfast/lunch eligibility will be sent home with your child. Families are encouraged to complete this form on-line to be considered for eligibility in this program. This can be done at any point in the school year if circumstances change in your family. All information submitted to the school will be kept confidential. Completing this form/on-line process does not mean that you are required to accept free or reduced breakfast/lunch. Call Pat Ewers or Rosemary Moriarty at 973-6405 if you need help completing the forms. Our school may receive extra financial support for more staff based on the number of children receiving free/reduced lunch. It is very important to our school that you complete this form if you think you qualify and the biggest benefit will be to your family. Thanks!

EXTENDED DAY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Stony Point Elementary School will offer after school care. Ms. Sheila Avery will be the Site Facilitator of the program. The Extended Day Enrichment Program is offered to children from 2:30 - 6:00 p.m. Activities include indoor and outdoor recreation, homework assistance, arts and crafts, and enrichment units. Snacks are served daily.

Information can be obtained about the program by calling 973-8810 or 296-5840.

What do children do during the After School Program?

- Play Games/Recess
- Do Homework
- Read or listen to stories
- Eat Snack
- Do art, science, nature, crafts, seasonal studies, acting
- Study a foreign language
- Join Sports Groups
- Use computers

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Often students need to take medication at school. Please follow these **mandatory guidelines** when your child needs medication at school:

- 1.) Medication must be brought to the office by an adult. It must be in the original container complete with

pharmacist's label showing the child's name. Only an authorized school employee can dispense medication.

- 2.) A Medication Release form must be completed by a physician for prescription medication or by the parent/guardian for nonprescription medication. (Forms are available in the office). This form can be faxed to the school at 973-9751.
- 3.) Please send a spoon or other accurate measure for liquid medicines. In order to have an employee authorized to administer a prescription medication for insect stings or bites, your doctor must sign a standard statement for approval. **This form must be signed annually and is available from our office.**

PTO NEWS

The PTO is excited about the coming school year! We have two new Co-Presidents this year, Lauren Truslow and Megan Carper. The PTO helps to raise funds for the school and then uses the funds raised to enhance the learning experiences at Stony Point Elementary. In the past, the PTO has funded half the cost for field trips for all grade levels, provided teacher stipends for classroom supplies, purchased teaching materials, and much more. The PTO also organizes community gatherings, as well as hospitality events to help support our teachers and staff throughout the school year.

Please plan to attend our first PTO meeting of the year on Tuesday September 4th from 6-7pm in the Stony Point School Library. We look forward seeing you there!



GETTING IN THE GROOVE FOR SCHOOL

Here are several simple suggestions to help your child gear up for a great school year.

- Make a plan for after-school activities and talk with your child about the schedule.
- Reduce TV time and add at home reading time.
- Re-establish "school night" bedtime and morning wake up time and routines.
- Set up a calendar for monthly activities and schedules.
- Start a change jar for milk and lunch money.
- Collect important phone numbers and update lists at home/school.
- Develop a back up plan for emergencies and make sure your child knows and can use the plan.
- Make sure your child has an inviting work space to study and do homework.
- Make sure your child gets plenty of play time (away from the computer).
- Set up a file for school papers and notices.

Young children feel safe starting school when they have talked through:

- ◆ the routines for getting to and from school,
- ◆ how to keep track of lunch money,
- ◆ your plans for them if school and after school programs are closing early,
- ◆ what to do if they are having a problem at school.

*******Save the Date*******

Back to School Night: Thursday, September 20th