



# Stone School Snippets



Happy Holidays  
Have a joyous and thankful holiday season!!!  
The Stone School Staff

Christine L. K. Pfaff, Principal

December 17, 2009

### Dates to Remember

- 12/18 - Tiger Stripes Assembly
- 12/18 - Holiday Parties
- 12/21 - 1/3 Winter Break
- 1/4 - School Resumes
- 1/6 - PBIS Behavior Expectations Review day
- 1/7 - Roller Skating Party
- 1/8 - Early Dismissal - **No School for EC & Kindergarten**
- 1/11 - During this week, K & 1st grade students will be taking the winter AIMSweb benchmark test

### Waste Free Wednesdays

Mrs. Bekkedal and the recycling club launched the Waste Free Wednesday program at Stone. They kicked off the Wednesday events at an assembly held in late November. The recycling club shares that packing a healthy and delicious lunch for your child is always good but not if excessive packing accumulates into a kid-sized heap of garbage. Stone is joining thousands of other schools across the United States in dedicating Wednesdays to packing waste free lunches. When packing a waste free lunch try to avoid plastic baggies, foil, and single serve items. Instead, pack in reusable containers, include a cloth napkin, and use a reusable thermos. Packing a waste free lunch helps children learn eco-friendly habits early on which will not only help in saving a bit of grocery money but will also reduce garbage in our land fills. Students have been weighing the garbage produced at lunch and are happy to report that on Wednesdays, students have reduced the weight of garbage by 12 pounds!!! We are excited about making a difference in the environment!!!

**-Stone School Tigers -  
Be Safe  
Be Respectful  
Be Responsible**

\*\*\*\*\*

**Recent Cool Tools**

**Good Sportsmanship**

**Indoor Recess**

### SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

Teaching children how to protect themselves is a very important responsibility for the police, schools, and parents. The principles of Stranger Danger need to be reinforced at home, and school, often and not just when children are young.

\*Teach your children to walk or play with friends and not alone

\*Have your children always tell you where they are going and which friend they will be with

\*Teach your children never to go inside anyone's house, including a friend's house, without your permission

\*Teach your children the HALF WAY RULE: If they are more than half way home and something happens, run home. If they have not reached the half way point, then turn around and run back to school or their friend's house

\*Teach your children to always take the safest route to and from school, stores and a friend's house-*not to take shortcuts*

### Mittens, Scarves, & Hats

Thank you for sending your child to school with the proper winter gear. Sometimes students are reluctant to wear these items at recess and on the way home. Please encourage your child to bundle up for recess and dismissal times. We will continue to do so as well. Thanks for your help.

### NURSE'S CORNER

Good nutrition is one of the most important components in a child's ability to do well in school. According to dozens of studies from researchers around the world, the most common reason that children do poorly in school is because they have missed breakfast. Children who don't eat breakfast also have more behavior and attention problems. Missing that first meal of the day can make your child slower at recalling vocabulary words, figuring out math problems...all of which can make them more irritated and easily frustrated. Helping our children succeed in school equals starting them out every day with a healthy and well balanced breakfast!

### Bus Stop Safety

Please know that a bus must stop a minimum of 10 feet from students. This is especially important in winter weather to ensure student safety in that students may slip on ice or snow.

### TECHNOLOGY CORNER:

Here is the website of the week:  
[www.isbe.net/assessment](http://www.isbe.net/assessment)  
This is the Illinois State Board of Education website. Here you will find interactive ISAT sample questions students can practice online.



**ABSENCE:** If your child is going to be absent, you must call in the absence. We have 24 hour voice mail.

**Call: 628 - 4054**

Stone School ~ Building Positive Futures

1404 Stone Avenue ~ Addison, Illinois 60101 ~ Phone: 630.628.4020 ~ Attendance: 630.628.4054 ~ Web: [www.asd4.org](http://www.asd4.org)