



Stough Stallion EXPRESS

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Stough School News

Fall has come with its changing weather, changing colors and changing time. All these we eagerly look forward to. This fall has also brought a change that is bittersweet for all of us at Stough.

Our own Mr. Douglas will be making a change of his own at the end of October. He will be the new Principal at Dillard Dr. Elementary School!

We want to thank Mr. Douglas for the great job he has done at Stough and for all that he has given to the faculty and students here. We wish you much success, but you will truly be missed!

Pepsi Refresh Grant Update

Thanks to a lot of hard work and great teamwork among parents, teachers, staff and students, Stough finished in the Top 15 in Pepsi's September Refresh Everything Program for \$25,000 in grant money. Stough finished with a ranking of number 14. Each of the top 15 projects will be awarded \$25,000. We are now considered a "finalist"; the official winners will be named on Oct. 23 once all projects are verified.

Stough will use the money to fund interactive white boards (Promethean Boards) for our four Special Needs classrooms. Most of our homeroom classrooms already have Promethean Boards. The grant money will provide our students with autism and other special needs a 21st century classroom too!

The Pepsi Refresh Grant is a competitive, nationwide contest based on voting numbers alone using a social networking platform. Supporters voted via the Pepsi Refresh website, again on the Refresh website with their Facebook account, and finally via text on a mobile phone. Students, parents and teachers also collected thousands of yellow Pepsi bottle caps and boxes, which were logged into the website for extra "PowerVotes."

The PTA thanks all who participated in this wonderful team effort! Congratulations!

Dates To Remember

- * **OCTOBER 21ST**
Stough Spiritwear sale ends
- * **OCTOBER 27TH**
Math & Science Night & General PTA Meeting
- * **OCTOBER 30TH**
Daily Volunteer Registration ends
- * **NOVEMBER 1ST**
Fall Picture Day retakes
- * **October 5th**
Walk to School Day
- * **October 27th**
Science & Math Night
- * **NOVEMBER 10TH**
Family Night- Qdoba

Stough Annual Math and Science Night 2011

This FREE event is sponsored by your Stough PTA.

October 27th 5:45 to 8:00 pm – Please join us in the cafeteria from 5:45-6:30 for a General PTA Meeting and Pepsi Grant Celebration. The PTA will provide free drinks and Pepsi Floats. Buy a slice of pizza for just \$1 or you may bring your own dinner.

Activities and exhibits will open at 6:30 and will take place in Classrooms, the Media Center, and the Multipurpose Room.

See Science Projects from your fellow classmates! Mad Science Experiments and Hands-On Demonstrations! See Live snakes, lizards, cockroaches and so much more!

STOUGH PTA NEEDS YOU!

Deadline for Classroom Pizza Party is October 28th!

YOU CAN JOIN THE PTA AT ANYTIME, BUT FOR OUR KIDS TO ENJOY A PIZZA PARTY WE NEED YOU TO SEND IN YOUR MEMBERSHIPS!

So far Ms Dey's class is winning for K-3rd
Ms Crow is winning for 4th -5th

Keep sending in your memberships!

We need your support!



Please submit to your teacher the box tops and collection sheets that you have gathered so far. General Mills' deadline for submitting box tops to be counted in our December check is October 31, and we want that check to be as large as possible! The box tops that you submit will be added to your class's total. Remember to keep collecting because the Fall classroom competition does not end until November 30!

The Book Fair is Coming! The Book Fair is Coming!

Stough PTA Book Fair Committee is looking for volunteers for the upcoming Barnes and Noble Book Fair. The Book Fair will take place after school at the Barnes and Noble at Crabtree Valley Mall on Dec. 01, 2011. Please contact Kellie Duke at dukesinthewoods@att.net to be a part of this very special event that has become a family favorite!

SchoolStore.net

Please participate in the SchoolStore.net fundraiser! It is easy! All you have to do is go to www.schoolstore.net and enter our school ID #168628. Send at least 3 email invitations to friends and family, and then pick a prize! The friends and family who receive the email may choose to do nothing, send a gift card to your child's teacher or shop online from popular retail stores (Stough receives a donation from the retailer based on the purchases made). Either way, our school benefits and there is no further obligation from your child or your friends and family. Finally, each child who sends at least 3 emails will be entered into a drawing to win a remote-controlled robot!

Stough PTA Cultural Arts Committee is proud to present the following performers, writers and artists to Stough Elementary for the 2011-2012 school year:

- **Bright Star Touring Theatre** - *The Lady of Bullyburg* and *Jack's Adventures in American History* - Nov. 2011
- **Billy Jonas** - *Music from Anything* - March 2012*
- **Barbara K. Cleary**, *The Lovable Poet* - 4th and 5th grade Writer Residencies*
- **Rachel Nicholson**, felt artist - 5th grade Artist Residency

**These programs are supported by a grant from the United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County, Inc. Additional support is provided by the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Cultural Resources.*

If you would like to be involved with the Cultural Arts Program at Stough, please contact Kellie Duke at dukesinthewoods@att.net for more information on how you can become a volunteer.

Science Fair for 4th and 5th graders. Please remember to bring your project to the Media Center by 5:45 on Math & Science Night, October 27th