



Stough Stallion EXPRESS

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Stough School News

A great big Stough Welcome goes out to Cheryl Stidham our new Principal! Ms. Stidham comes to us from Ohio and has many years of public school administration under her belt. She has lots of great ideas in store for us and has already begun implementing many of them.

We would also like to extend a welcome to all of our new Staff members! Stough is such an awesome school and we are very proud to have you on board.

Back to School Picnic and Meet the Teacher Night

DATE: Thursday, September 8th

TIME: 6:00pm- 8:00pm
PTA Meeting and Picnic 6-7pm
Meet the Teacher 7-8pm

Come out and join us for this event. This will be our first PTA meeting of the year and a chance to hear about some of the upcoming events. You will also get to meet your child's teacher (if you missed Open House), visit the classroom and find out what they will be learning this school year. Bring your own dinner, chairs and/or blankets. Drinks will be provided by the PTA.

Dates To Remember

- * **September 5th**
Labor Day- NO SCHOOL
- * **September 8th**
Back to School Picnic & Meet the Teacher Night
- * **September 27th**
Volunteer Dinner
- * **October 4th**
Fall Picture Day
- * **October 5th**
Walk to School Day
- * **October 27th**
Science & Math Night



Box Tops for Education

The Fall Box Top Competition has begun and will continue until November 30. The class that collects the most Box Tops will receive an ice cream party in early December. So ask everyone you know to CLIP THOSE BOX TOPS: grandparents, friends, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, brothers, sisters!

Also, each student who attaches at least 10 Box Tops to a collection sheet will receive a treat from the PTA! A collection sheet must be used to receive a treat. Find collection sheets here: www.boxtops4education.com/earn/clip/Projects.aspx.

Be sure to register at www.boxtops4education.com and to designate Stough Elementary as your school. Once you need to make an online purchase, go to www.boxtops4education.com/marketplace to access your favorite retailer's website. When you make a purchase, the retailer will send a donation to Stough!



Stough Needs Your Vote in the Pepsi Refresh Contest

Stough Elementary once again needs your vote in the September Pepsi Refresh contest to win \$25,000 for Promethean Boards in our Special Needs classrooms. Students with Autism as well as other special needs benefit from 21st century learning that interactive whiteboards provide!

Vote daily at: www.refresheverything.com

Please Vote EVERY DAY in the month of September all 4 ways!

1. Vote online using Pepsi Refresh login at link above
2. Vote online using Facebook login at link above
3. Text your vote -Voting Code **108654** to Pepsi at 73774
4. Collect Power Votes for the Classroom Contest found on yellow Pepsi bottle caps & carton packages.

Each voting method [except Power Votes] will give you 5 votes for 5 different projects so we have formed an alliance with:

- **Stough** - Text* 108654 to Pepsi (73774) to vote from your mobile
- **Broughton** - Text* 108665 to Pepsi (73774)
- **Forest Pines** - Text* 108674 to Pepsi (73774)
- **National Inclusion** - Text* 109076 to Pepsi (73774)
- **North Forest Pines** - Text* 108700 to Pepsi (73774)

Re-link Your Shopping Cards!

Link your Harris Teeter VIC cards and Food Lion MVP cards to help Stough earn "free" money. You can also link your cards online at www.harristeeter.com and www.foodlion.com. Please use school code **1263** to link your VIC card online and school code **214569** to link your MVP card..

You can also link your Target RED card online at <http://target.com/tcoe>. Stough's Target School ID is **81096**.

Have you JOINED THE PTA?

YOUR PTA-YOUR MEMBERSHIP MAKES A DIFFERENCE!!!

The PTA Membership drive is going on now. Please stop by the membership table on Thursday, September 8th during the Back to School Picnic and Meet the Teacher Night. You can also join by returning your payment in the envelope that will go home in your child's folder next Friday. The class with the highest percentage of members in the K-2nd and 3rd-5th grade classes will receive a celebration party!

GET INVOLVED!!!!!! Stough needs you. If you are interested in volunteering at Stough please return the volunteer sign-up form that will go home next Friday. You can also contact Tracey Taborn, the Volunteer Coordinator at attaborn@gmail.com.

Carpool Information

Please **NO LEFT TURNS** onto Edwards Mill Rd. when leaving the carpool lane in the afternoons. This disrupts the flow of traffic.