

# STONEHURST STORIES

*Official newsletter of Stonehurst Hills Elementary School*



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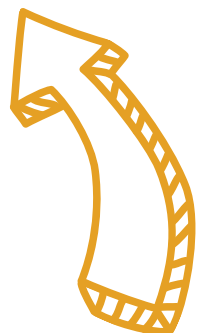
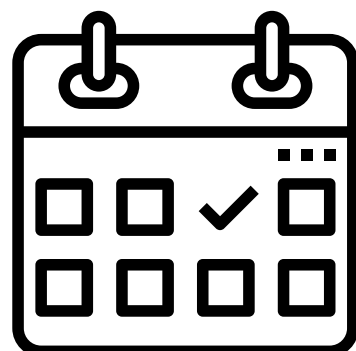
**Important Dates:**

10/11

No School - Indigenous Peoples' Day

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S MORNING SCHOOL VISIT!**

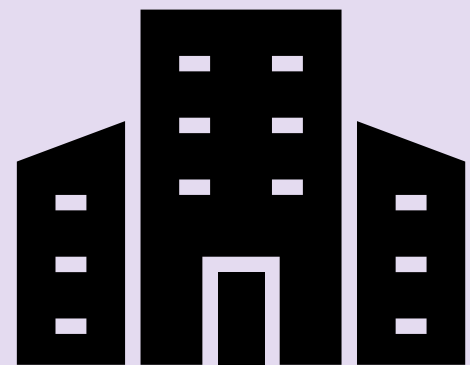
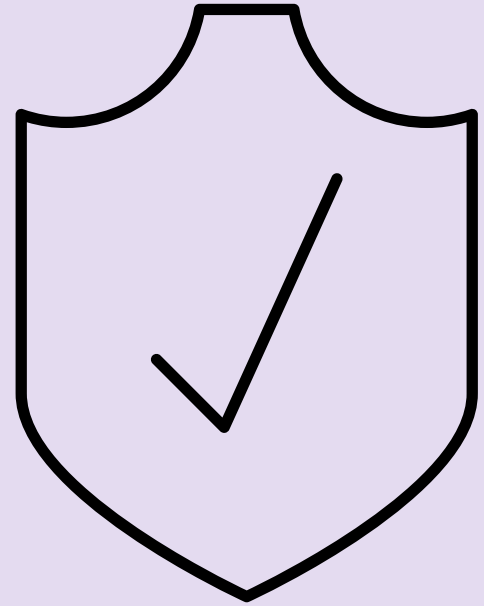
Dr. McGarry will be visiting Stonehurst Hill Elementary in their school Library on Friday, October 22nd from 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM. All families are welcome to attend this exciting meeting and talk with our district superintendent!





## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Over the past month, Mr. K has been working with students on ways to safely solve problems at Stonehurst. While at Stonehurst, students are expected to keep themselves and others safe so that everyone can focus on learning instead of worrying about getting hurt. Students are also expected to practice solving problems in safe ways now so that they can do so when they have a job or career in the future. Students are regularly reminded that physical aggression in the workplace typically leads to getting fired.



### **Building Principal:**

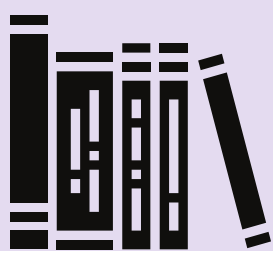
Mrs. Melissa Wallis

### **Lead Teacher:**

Elizabeth Terrell

### **Building Guidance Counselor:**

Zachary Kasabo



# SPECIAL SPOTLIGHT



## Library Update

**WE NEED YOU!**

**We need LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS! Please consider working in the library for a few hours a week AND/OR help us during our upcoming Book Fair (coming in mid-November). We regularly need help shelving books, getting our new books ready to add to our collections for students and to repair books that now need some TLC! I'm happy to teach you whatever you need to know and the hours are flexible. Please reach out to the librarian, Ms. Margie Weil at [mweil@upperdarbysd.org](mailto:mweil@upperdarbysd.org) THANKS!**



## Art Update



**Creative things are always happening in the Art room.**

3rd -5th grade are finishing up their personalized sketchbooks which they will use all year as a learning tool and be able to take home at the end of the year!

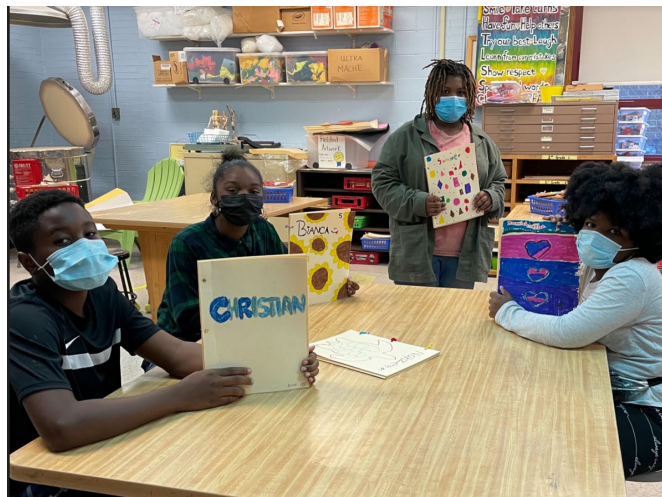
Stonehurst students are also learning about the Elements of Art and this month we are focusing on Line.

1st grade looked at the work of contemporary artist Carl Krull and then made their own line inspired works of art using their hands.

2nd grade responded to the surrealist work of artist Joan Miro with their own animal mashups and automatic drawing.



1st grader Obediah room 109



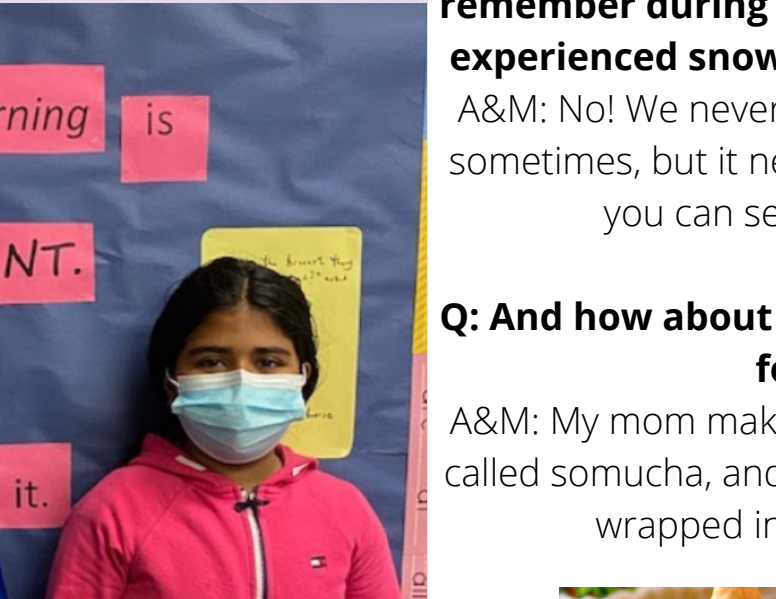
5th graders: Christian, Bianca, Summer, Ramiah showing off their sketchbook designs



2nd grader Mariame room 105

# E. L. COLUMN

*In this issue we are featuring two of our third graders, Marnia and Afsana. Both girls came to the US from Bangladesh when they were little.*



Both girls shared that their favorite holiday is Eid, and leading to this celebration, Ramadan. They both love family gatherings, picnics and hanging out with their cousins and friends.

**Q: What would you like your friends to know about your country?**

A: I remember the strange weather there. There were often hurricanes and floods.

M: Yes, the climate is different. My favorite season is spring, when everything is getting green, and colors are more vivid.

**Q: What kind of weather do you remember during the winter? Have you experienced snowfalls in Bangladesh?**

A&M: No! We never saw snow! It gets cold sometimes, but it never snows. Sometimes you can see hail though.

**Q: And how about your favorite Bengali food?**

A&M: My mom makes this special dish, it is called somucha, and it's meat or vegetables wrapped in crispy dough.



# TEACHER TALKS



**College:** Bachelors - Slippery Rock University ; Masters - Slippery Rock University ; Currently wrapping up my Principal Certification and collecting hours towards my Board Certified Behavior Analyst Certification at Slippery Rock University

**Years Teaching:** This is my 3rd year teaching 2nd grade at Stonehurst Hills.

**Grade Teaching:** Second

## About me:

Hi! My name is Taylor Kowalewski. I am from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania but moved to Philadelphia to be closer to my now husband, Scott, and our dogs Finn and Huckleberry. I love to go hiking, make pottery and travel to new places!



**College:** Bachelors - West Chester University; Masters and Reading Specialist Certification - Cabrini College; Currently at Gwynedd Mercy University getting my Special Education Certification

**Years Teaching:** This is my sixth year teaching first grade at Stonehurst Hills but my tenth year teaching. Previously, I taught at Ad Prima Charter School in Philadelphia for two years. In addition, I've taught pre-Kindergarten and substituted.

**Grade Teaching:** First

## About me:

Hi! My name is Katie Harkin! I grew up in Wayne but moved to Delaware County with my husband about five years ago. We recently sold our home in Aldan and are currently looking for our forever home. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my friends and family, going on hikes with our dog, Keegan, and reading.

# HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



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*Teachers, staff, students, and families are invited to attend meetings on the second Tuesday of each month to stay up-to-date on school happenings!*



Due to current COVID-19 Guidelines and Regulations all meetings will be held over Google Meet until further notice. Thank you!

SEE YOU THERE!

*2nd Tuesday of every month  
5:30 pm - 6:15 pm  
meeting code: SHhome*

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