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# STONEHURST STORIES

The official newsletter of Stonehurst Hills Elementary School



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## Congratulations

to Mr. Desmond  
Chisholm!

Mr. Chisholm was  
promoted to principal of  
Stonehurst Hills  
Elementary School!

**Principal:  
Mr. Desmond Chisholm**

**Assistant Principal:  
Mr. Ernest Patrick**

The countdown  
is on...

**18**

days until

**SUMMER BREAK!**

## Looking Forward...

**May 20 – Art Festival**

**May 23 – School Board  
Committee Meeting**

**May 25 – Color Day**

**May 26 & 29 – No School**

**June 6 – School Board Meeting**

**June 7 – 5th Grade Move-Up  
Ceremony**

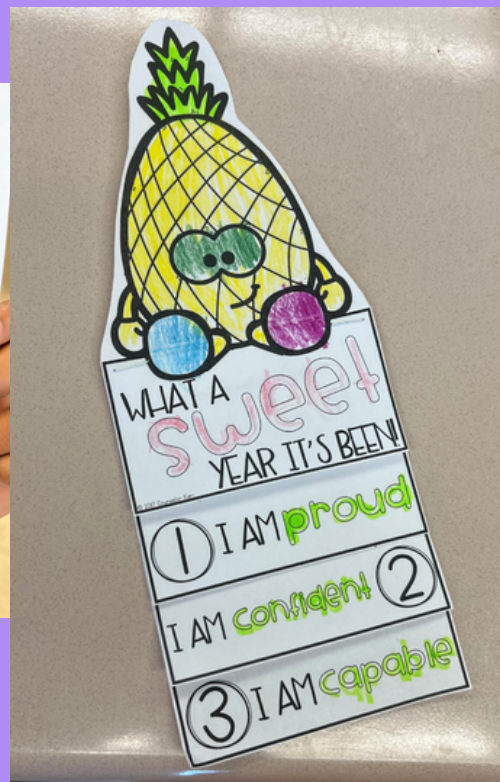
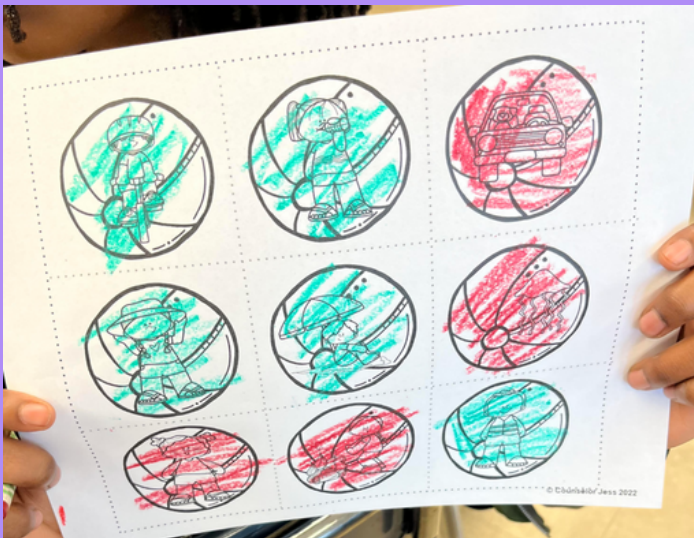
**June 9 – Early Dismissal @  
12:05**

**June 13 – Last Day of School/  
Early Dismissal**



# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

This month, Ms. D's counseling lessons focused on preparing for Summer! In first grade, we talked about coping skills that can be used in the summertime. Second grade learned about summer safety! In third and fourth grade, students reflected back on the school year and how they have grown and overcome challenges. In fifth grade, we talked about middle school! Students learned the differences between elementary and middle school, discussed common feelings about going to middle school, and learned about tips for middle school success.



# TEACHER TALKS

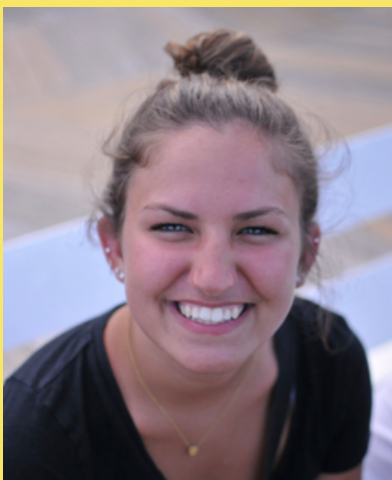
## College:

I attended West Chester University for my undergraduate degree in communication sciences and disorders. I went to West Virginia University for my masters in speech-language pathology! Go Mountaineers.

## Years Teaching:

This year is my first year as a speech therapist! I have done many placements as a speech therapy student in West Virginia and had an externship in DC. Last summer, I worked as a speech therapist during ESY at the Vanguard school in Malvern, PA.

**About me:** Hi! My name is Ellie Kingsley! I am from Lancaster, PA. I moved to Philadelphia this year and am having so much fun exploring! I enjoy seeing friends and family, and watching my favorite shows! I love trying new things, painting, pottery, and thrifting! I am so excited for summer so I can get back to swimming and spending time outside!



**College:** Millersville University - Bachelors in Special Education, Bachelors in General Education; Currently certified in general education grades prek-4 and certified in special education grades K-8

**Years Teaching:** This is my first year at Stonehurst Hills teaching 4th grade learning support. I have been teaching for three years. I taught at Mast Community Charter School III in the self-contained classrooms for emotional support (2nd-4th grade) and autism/multiple disabilities (K-2nd grade).

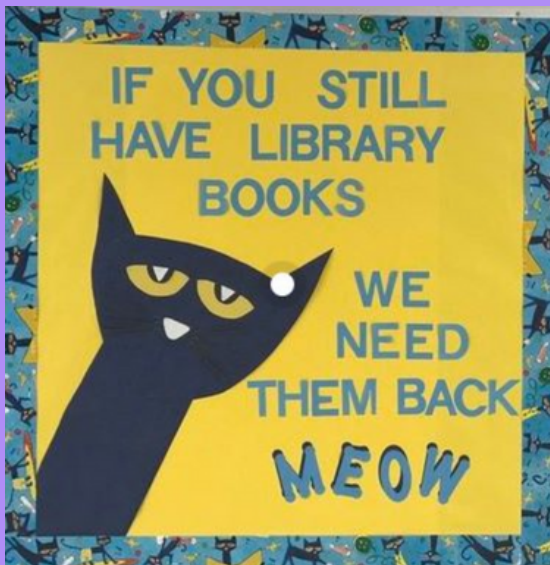
**About me:** Hi! My name is Quanae Patel. I am from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my baby, husband and family. I love arts, books, traveling and music.

# SPECIALS SPOTLIGHT

## From the Library...

♪ **Bring Back! Bring Back! Bring Back Your Library Books!!!**

**As the end of the school year ends, it's time to return those books!**



Please be aware that we do NOT charge any overdue fines. We only charge for lost or irreparably damaged items at the original price of the book, not the replacement price.

The last day of Library book check-out will be Thursday, May 18th. Starting on Tuesday, May 30th, the push will be on to get all checked out materials returned or lost books paid for. Overdue notices are e-mailed out weekly. If you have any questions about books or money owed, please reach out to Ms. Margie Weil at [mweil@upperdarbysd.org](mailto:mweil@upperdarbysd.org)

Remember, we still have free books available to add to your home libraries in the school lobby. If your child comes home with books without a library barcode, those are books for you to keep.

Thanks to money raised earlier this year, ALL Stonehurst students will receive a brand new book of their choice FREE! This title is for them to keep and is not a loan. We hope all students will be active readers this summer. Before the school year is done, we will also be sharing resources to help students to find books for the summer. We want all students to READ all summer long!



# SPECIALS SPOTLIGHT

## From the Art & Music Room...

The Stonehurst Hills Elementary School's Night of the Arts was a huge success! Students showcased their talents in the visual and the performing arts. Nearly 500 pieces of artwork were on display representing the tremendously creative work from 1st through 5th grade students. Students from orchestra, band, and chorus performed beautifully to cheering crowds of families and friends. We are thankful to all the incredible families who came out to support our amazing students.



# E.L. COLUMN

In this issue we are featuring a third grader, Wilmer Salguero. Wilmer is from Guatemala and moved here in 2020 with his dad.



**Q: How long did you live in Guatemala?**

A: I lived there for 5 years and came to Upper Darby in 2020.

**Q: What was the weather like?**

A: It was kind of hot and it rained sometimes.

**Q: What did you do for fun?**

A: I played with my cousins and my sister. We played tic-tac-toe, jump rope, tag, and Simon says.

**Q: What was your favorite food to eat?**

A: My favorite food to eat was chips shaped like tornadoes and beans with cheese.



**Q: What do you miss most about Guatemala?**

A: I miss my bird. His name is Penny.

# FIELD TRIPS



In April, first grade visited the Philadelphia Zoo!





# FIELD TRIPS



In April, fifth grade visited the Philadelphia Art Museum!



# STUDENT OF THE MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS to our April  
Students of the Month!



## First Grade

Levi Tarpeh, Makenzye Jason, Nayerli Fernandez, Rayan Hasan, Lailah Morgan, Su'Haylah Stewart, Mason Robey, Marcella Fountain-West, Noah Wanamaker, Mariam Issaka, Riley Wilson, Tymir Upshur, Adiba Hossain, Jose Ramirez Perez, Emmanuel Tommy, Michael Terrence



## Second Grade

Stephanie Santos, Carlos Sacasari, Steven Santos, Anzaria Hines, Nye'Lah Hudson, Diane Jackson, Jacob Waengkham, Zoe Stokes, Presdi Kisamba, Amylie Levin, Christine Romero, Barae Boushab, Nikolas Dosa, Abdulallah Kone, Dylan Williams, Ludin Gutierre



## Third Grade

Yoely Pena, Aviana Nguyen, Era Ali, Audrey Owens, Hassan Mangara, Suemahha Tucker, Braylan Moreno Madrid, Terrence Johnson, Saifan Khan, Bintou Konneh, Skye Williams, Flor Saori, Quentin Hall



## Fourth Grade

Payton Wynter, Jermaine Robinson, Inaaya Ibrahim, Malachi Williams, JoeJoe McCaffrey, Imani Hilton, Kamani Mcgougan-Elsayed, Izra'eel Cheeves-Wilson, Mariam Kone, Mahjabeen Chowdhury, Tony Nguyen, Elaya Crenshaw, Bea-Ruth Barthel, Eunice Queateh, Kenaly Brissney, Long Ngo



## Fifth Grade

A'Kier Gladden, Aminata Bidanessy, Mekhi Harley, Reginae Mills, Andrew Waengkham, Vasayo Konneh, Jahmir Williams, Sakoya Page, Tajir Hudgins, Markenly Michel, Ashley Kumar, Chloe Cryor, Tremayne Roberts, Kourtney Thompson