

August 2021

Dear Stone Mill Parents:

What a whirlwind!! One of the things I love about the beginning of the school year is that I know many, many new things will happen, and I cannot ever predict what they will be. That has certainly been true over the past two school years! Here we are again (or maybe for the first time for our Kindergarten students) sitting before the gift of a school year yet to be opened. What will be inside? Only time will tell. Whatever may be in this gift of a school year, we will open it and enjoy it together. 😊 I am excited to begin this journey with you and your children!

This year our bell schedule will be:

- 9:05 – Children can come on school grounds (no adult supervision prior to this time)
- 9:15 – First bell and children can enter the school
- 9:25 – Late bell and instruction begins
- 3:45 – Walkers and car circle dismissed
- 3:50 – Buses loaded as they arrive

The entire staff is looking forward to a wonderful year of working in partnership with you. We encourage all parents to take an active role in the school and to communicate regularly with the staff at Stone Mill. That being said, we are not sure yet how many volunteers will be safely allowed. Please stay tuned. We are trying to return to as much pre-pandemic things as possible, but will err on the side of safety for the children when in question. We will still be using our wonderful, automated, phone and email communication system where we call and inform families about important events at Stone Mill. So, if you get a recorded message from Stone Mill, please stay on the line to hear the updates. When you receive an email that says, “No Reply” that’s not spam. Please read everything from me, the teachers and from the school. 😊

After a short greeting from our Assistant Principal, Chris Lyons, important informational items about the opening and operation of school for the upcoming year will follow. Please read carefully as there have been changes made since last year. Should you have any questions, please contact the office at (240) 740-5450.

Sincerely,
Dr. Kimberly A. Williams Cascio
Principal

Dear Stone Mill Elementary School Family,

I know that this year will bring great learning and much enjoyment to everyone. As always, we will challenge children so that they can reach their fullest potential. I look forward to working with all the children in person!

Sincerely,
Chris Lyons
Assistant Principal

TIMES TO VISIT AND LEARN ABOUT STONE MILL

CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

As always, we will be posting class assignments on our home page. The children will be listed by first name and last initial. You will be able to see the entire class when you visit the site! The classes will be posted by 4 pm on Thursday, August 26th . If you don't have access to a computer, you can either visit the public library or call the school office beginning Thursday at 4. Our web address is: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/stonemilles/>

OPEN HOUSE

The annual **Open House** for all PreK – 5 students and parents will be on **Friday, August 27, 2021. Due to our effort to reduce the numbers in the building at one time, we are dividing the open house by students' first letter of the last name.** The schedule is as follows:

Grade PreK-5 students

Last name A-K	2:00–2:30 P.M.
Last name L-Z	2:30-3:00 P.M.

The Open House is a time for students to see the school, meet their teachers, find their new classrooms, and meet some of their classmates. Teachers will be available to greet students, but will not be discussing programs. Families can stay for a maximum of 10 minutes per classroom and cannot visit previous years' teachers.

A formal presentation on curriculum for all classes will occur VIRTUALLY at our **Back-to-School Night, Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. immediately following the PTA meeting at 6:30.** The grade Pre-K to 2 presentations will be from 7:00-7:45 and the grade 3-5 presentations will be from 7:50-8:30.

KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATION MEETING-During Kindergarten Orientation

We will be holding a short informational parent meeting for parents new to Kindergarten at our Kindergarten Orientation, August 18th for families that are fully registered for Kindergarten with the school. We will be discussing name tags, first week information, birthdays, etc., as the children are in the Kindergarten classroom. We will join the children for the final 10 minutes.

ENROLLMENT

Summer is a busy time at Stone Mill as we continue to enroll new students and say goodbye to children who are moving. If you have new neighbors who have not yet enrolled their child(ren), please encourage them to come by the school office as soon as possible.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AT SCHOOL

Parents often enjoy dropping off treats (food or non-food – not both) for the class to celebrate his/her child's birthday. Classroom birthday celebrations are for the children at the lunchroom table. Because the celebrations are quite brief and occur during the work day for families, parents are asked to drop off the treats and have a separate family celebration at home if desired.

Again this year **summer** birthdays will be celebrated on the child's half birthday. For example, if your child's birthday is August 1st, he/she can celebrate in the classroom on February 1st. PLEASE contact your child's teacher prior to dropping off any treats. Also, please keep in mind the following rules for what to bring in:

- All foods MUST be store bought with the ingredient label still on. (We have children with life-threatening allergies and need to know what items are entering the school).
- If your child has allergies to foods, please let our health tech, Evelyn Berkoh Asamoah, know and consider sending in non-perishable treats or treats (like baked goods) that can be frozen to store in the health room for your own child. **No child with documented allergies will be given foods that are sent in by others for birthdays.** As I cannot guarantee a child with allergies safety to foods brought in by others, I will not risk lives for birthday treats.
- **No juice, balloons, whole cakes with knives to cut them, treats that need freezing or refrigeration or homemade foods are allowed.**
- Treats should be small and easy to eat.
- **Small non-food treats or small goody bags are only allowed if that is the only treat.** Goody bags or non-food treats cannot be given in addition to a food treat.
- **Birthday party invitations for parties outside of school can NOT be passed out at Stone Mill** (unless you are inviting every single person in the class).

LUNCH PROGRAM

School lunch menus will be available on the web. At this moment, similar to the spring and summer semesters, all food is free of charge. Lunch will happen in the cafeteria. We will resume hot meals, but a choice menu is not currently available. Children with special dietary needs (i.e., vegetarian) will have to inform the teacher/school when ordering.

Nut and Seed Free Table - This year we will again be having a "Nut/Seed Free" table in the cafeteria. Children who have life-threatening allergies to peanuts, tree nuts and/or seeds will be able to sit at this table daily. The children can have non-allergic friends sit with them at the table, but the friends' lunches must be peanut, nut and seed free for that day. Should your child have an allergy and you would prefer your child to sit with his/her class, simply send a note to the office letting us know. Children cannot move back and forth between the two tables. A family must decide which table is the better option for their child.

LUNCH/RECESS

To best distance the children we will have every grade level (except for K and 1 as those are lower numbers and smaller children) at a separate lunch and separate recess. So, second grade will eat with only the second grade and will have recess with just those children in the second grade. MCPS is allowing the sharing of equipment during the school day, so things like 4-square and basketball will be allowed at recess. Masks will not be required at lunch or recess (unless the rules change between now and then). Outdoor masking for unvaccinated people is recommended but not currently required.

TRANSPORTATION

Bus routes have changed since last year, so please look carefully at the attached schedule.

Children who live within 1.1 miles from the school and have a safe walking route to the school do not receive bus transportation. Children who are enrolled under a “Change of School Assignment” do not receive bus transportation. MCPS does not permit children who are “walkers” to instead go to a nearby bus stop and take that bus to school. MCPS also does not allow children to cross a street in order to board a bus. For example, the first stop on bus route #5311 is listed as, Lake Winds Way and Settlers Landing Way – RSO.” RSO stands for right side only. Children who live on the opposite side of the street are not to cross the road in order to receive bus transportation or to pick up a bus at an earlier or later time than the one assigned to your home. We have had some difficulty with too many children riding buses to avoid walking, and it is unsafe to cross roads in traffic to catch a bus. Any child needing to ride a non-assigned bus in order to visit a friend after school for a play date will need a written note from home that will have to be approved and signed in our main office once it is determined that a seat is available.

Parents who drive their children to school can begin dropping them off starting at **9:05 A.M.** **NO adult supervision will be present prior to 9:05.** It is essential that children be safe in the front lot, so please drop your child off on the sidewalk at the car circle. Children should NOT be discharged in the lot. They should only be discharged onto the sidewalk at the car circle. We do not want children to have to walk among moving vehicles. Please remember that we have two lanes in the car circle: one for dropping children off and one for leaving the lot. After your child is dropped off safely onto the curb, please pull into the outside lane so that other cars can move up and we can unload as many children as possible. **For the safety of the children, please NEVER move the barrels at the end of the lanes. We need to keep traffic flowing in a predictable and safe pattern.** Finally, all children are to be safely transported as above. Stopping, dropping up or picking up children on the side street, Quietwood Drive, is not allowed. Please obey all traffic signs posted on school grounds and the surrounding area. (Please see the attached traffic pattern map).

KINDERGARTEN TRANSPORTATION

With full-day Kindergarten, no special transportation is provided for our Kindergarten students. However, safety patrols will be on duty to assist walking children in crossing intersections. All children, including Kindergarten students, who live in areas where bus transportation is regularly provided, may ride the buses (see above). Walkers should walk with peers, and very young children should find an older, school-aged buddy to walk with.

Since the transportation of students is a very complex operation for the first few weeks of school, I encourage you to wait with your child for the bus to arrive, to be at the designated stop when the bus returns, and to allow ample waiting time until the schedule has been refined.

LETTER TO STUDENTS

Please share the attached letter with your child.

SCHOOL HOURS

The Stone Mill instructional day officially begins at 9:25 A.M. **Children will be permitted to enter the building and move to their classrooms at the 9:15 A.M. bell.** If your child is a walker, please assist him/her in planning what time to leave so that he/she arrives between 9:05 and 9:20. If you drive your child or your child takes a bus to school, he/she will be permitted to enter the building as early as 9:15. Should a bus or walker arrive slightly earlier, the children will be asked to wait in grade level lines at the front door until the prescribed time. There is no adult supervision earlier than 9:05, so please have your walkers arrive on time rather than early. Children being driven to school can begin to arrive at 9:05. The car circle is pretty empty between 9:05 and 9:15. All students entering after 9:25 A.M. need to have his/her parent ring the bell for the child to gain entry.

CROSSING GUARD HOURS - The Montgomery County Police, School Safety Unit is gearing up for the start of another safe and successful school year! **Our crossing guard's post times will be as follows: Stonebridge View Drive (Front of School) - 8:55 - 9:25 am and 3:45 – 4:15 pm.**

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR – To view the MCPS school year calendar, please visit: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/calendars/> The calendar is available in multiple languages.

SCHOOL BEGINS MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021! ☺

The regular school hours are as follows:

9:15 - Students enter classrooms.

9:25 - Instruction begins.

11:00 – 2:00 Lunch/recess (Each class has one hour for lunch and recess).

3:45 Walkers and car circle dismissed.

3:50 Bus riders dismissed.

PEP HOURS

PEP Classic	9:25-11:55 and 1:20-3:50
PEP, INC	9:25-11:55 and 1:20-3:50
PEP, full day	9:25 - 3:50 P.M.

EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

All K-5 and PEP full day students will be dismissed at 1:15 P.M. after lunch.

IMMUNIZATIONS

If we do not have a copy of your child's immunizations, please bring the information to school as soon as possible. **Students in grades K-5 are required to have two measles immunizations.**

MASKS/DISTANCING/VOLUNTEERS/COVID-RELATED ITEMS

Indoor masking is required in all MCPS facilities. Distancing is not at the forefront of regulations right now, but we all know that it's not a bad idea to give everyone space – with or without COVID being a factor. 😊 So, we will be striving to allow for space all around. MCPS will allow for parents to enter the school buildings on an as needed basis only. If you don't have to enter the building as an absolute necessity, please don't. (You can talk with staff outside, call the school, send an email, etc.) The school system has said that any late drop offs or pick ups for doctors' appointments, etc., will remain "touchless." That means that parents will continue to ring the door bell and use the door intercom to move children in and out of the building or talk to the office during instructional hours. At this time, we are NOT having volunteers in the building. In an abundance of caution, we will start the school year with just staff and children in the building. As we see how things unfold, we will reevaluate as necessary.

RECOGNIZING AND REPORTING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT TRAINING

When we reopen for regular or even occasional visitors/volunteers, field trip supervision, secret reader, class presentations, etc. the Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect Training MUST be completed. It is an online module that takes about 30 minutes and is available on the Stone Mill and MCPS websites. If you completed the module last year, your training is valid for three years. If prior to the pandemic, you should redo the training. If you are a new parent to our school, you must complete the training prior to visiting any space other than our main office. Once you complete the training, please email your confirmation number to me so that we can ensure your name is on our list. For your convenience, here is the link to the training:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/childabuseandneglect/>

HOME SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

We want to ensure that home and school are communicating regularly! It is very important that you provide us with accurate email addresses, cell phone numbers, home numbers and work numbers so that the health room, main office and teachers are able to communicate with you effectively and efficiently. Each teacher will be asking you to send him/her an email so that he/she has your correct email address and can add it to a classroom and then principal's distribution list. If you do not have access to email at home or at work, please let the teacher know. In addition, as in previous years, you will be receiving the "Student Emergency Information" form. When you receive this, please be sure to check that your telephone numbers are correct when you return the form to the school. It is the home number on this form that the Connect-Ed phone system calls to provide you with updated information.

CELL PHONES/COMMUNICATION DEVICES FOR CHILDREN

Children are not allowed to be communicating with the outside world (that includes family, sorry) during the school day. Our focus must be on instruction and the tasks at hand. If your child has a cell phone, it must be off and in the backpack during the school day. If it rings during the day, is pulled out of the backpack during the day, or is used in any fashion, an adult will hold it for you to pick up and not send in again. Some children have taken to wearing Apple watches or wrist devices that allow for calls and/or texting. The same rules apply. Children are not to be wearing these during the school day. Thanks!

WE NEED PHONE NUMBERS TO REACH YOU AT WORK DURING THE DAY

Our health room will only call you at work in the event of a health emergency. We will not use your work number for recorded calls or other non-time sensitive issues. Too often parents will not list a work number, and we'll have a child with a raging fever in the health room for hours because we can't reach a parent on his/her cell. For the health and well-being of your children, please make sure we have numbers to reach you during the work day.

SICK CHILDREN – PLEASE KEEP THEM HOME

It is our goal at Stone Mill to keep our school open and our children healthy. This was true prior to COVID. This is even more important now. Should your child(ren) have fever and/or vomiting, sore throat, cold symptoms, or cough, PLEASE keep him/her/them home and consult with your doctor. It is NOT acceptable to give your child(ren) Tylenol, Motrin, Advil, or any other fever reducer in the morning and send the child to school for the day. As a working parent myself, I truly understand how difficult it can be to miss work to stay home with a sick child. As an educator, I also understand the importance of children coming to school in order to keep up with the rigorous curriculum. All that being said, it will help your child and the entire school for sick children to stay at home until they are fever and vomit free for a full 24 hours. By keeping your sick children home, you are helping to keep our school open for everyone. If you need to talk to the health tech, please call 240-740-5452. Thanks in advance for your help!

ONLINE PAYMENT FOR ASSIGNMENT BOOKS, FIELD TRIPS, ETC. – If you are choosing to purchase your child's assignment book from the school, you are now able to pay for the assignment books for grades 3, 4 and 5 (and field trips for ALL grades) online with credit and debit cards.

If you registered your child last year, you do not need to register him/her again. If you need to register you can do that at the Online School Payment website. If you are going to order an assignment book, please do so by August 22nd so we can get it to your child for the open house.

The Stone Mill Online School Payment link is on the right had side of the Stone Mill web home page.

Click on the bold print for the item you want to purchase: for an assignment book, click on the grade (3, 4 or 5) that your student is in; for a field trip, click on the link with your child's teacher's name and the name of the field trip. The default screen shows the price and the quantity of 1. Click "add to cart." Click the blue, "checkout" button. The next screen asks you to either login (you may have an account if you have a child in middle or high school) or to register as a

new user. Follow the instructions to register or log in. You are then asked (in the center of the screen) to “select student profile.” If you have never registered before, you will choose the dark, grey button at the top that says, “Add Student Profile.” You will need your child’s six-digit ID number which is on your child’s current report card. Then click “next.” The next screen takes you through inputting your credit or debit card info into the system. And then you’re done! There is a 3.75% fee for using this service, so as an example, a \$10 field trip would cost an extra 37 and a half cents. If you have any trouble, please call Mrs. Wynant in the office for help.

STAFF UPDATE

We have had a few exciting changes on our staff this year. We are thrilled to welcome some new teachers and teachers changing positions to a wonderful new school year. In our PEP program, we welcome Chata Atuanya (Classic/Pilot) and Jacqueline Hirsh (INC) and Erin Bettinger as an additional parent educator. In ESOL, we are thrilled to have Cheryl Ruffa. Erin Crouthamel will be joining our third-grade team as second grade only needs 3 teachers. In our health room, we will have Evelyn Berkoh Asamoah as health tech and Stephanie Somers-Roblero as our nurse. Kari Anderson got married this summer and is now Mrs. Hodgson. Dinia Yeo had a baby girl and will return later in the fall. Mr. Dodelin will resume as her substitute until October 11.

As always, our new staff members like our veteran staff are excited and ready to continue bringing excellence to our school.

VIDEO TAPING, PHOTOGRAPHY, AND YOU TUBE

We are not currently planning any large group events or concerts, but I wanted to include this info in the event we do later in the year. To protect the privacy of children and staff members and in deference to families with custody issues, I ask that you refrain from taking photographs and/or videos of children other than your own. We have had parents video and/or photograph teachers, chorus or instrumental concerts, talent show, etc, and then post them on the Internet. PLEASE DON'T. ☺

PATROL UPDATE AND BELT PICK-UP

Once again, we will not be assigning patrols at intersections beyond where the crossing guard can see the children. There will be no patrols present at the intersections farther from the school down Stonebridge View Drive. As always, parents should please advise their children on safe crossing techniques and the importance of walking to school in groups. Patrols may pick up their belts from our patrol sponsor Mrs. Lynch during the open house up in the fifth grade hallway. Just FYI, outdoor patrol duties begin at 9:00 and indoor patrols at 9:05 this year.

PTA INFORMATION

We need you in the PTA so if you have not yet joined, please do so now! The parents of PTA are such an amazing support to our school and our children, and your membership and involvement are needed to keep the school strong. Please mark your calendars with the following important dates:

PTA meeting -- September 9, 2021, 6:30-7:00 pm virtually.

Back to School Picnic (Food trucks available) – September 3, 2021, 5:30-7:30 pm on the back field

SEE YOU SOON!

We look forward to working with you and your child (ren) this coming school year. We are very excited about getting to know each and every one of you personally. We hope to see everyone at the **Open House on Friday, August 27, 2021**. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

August 2021

Dear Stone Mill Student,

I hope you are ready for another (or maybe your first) exciting year at Stone Mill! I am looking forward to a year where we will be together in the building!

I hope you have been enjoying summer as much as I have been. I hope you have had an opportunity to travel, learn and explore this summer too! Make sure when I see you, you fill me in on all the wonderful things you have done this summer.

Stone Mill has been somewhat quiet since summer school, but some workmen have been keeping us company! We have new cement out front and are hoping our courtyard renovations will be done by the time you come to school. Everything has been cleaned and shined. Wait until you see how beautiful your school looks! Let's remember to keep it looking great!

We have some new teachers and staff members who can't wait to see you in person, as I've told them so many amazing things about the children at Stone Mill. And as always, Mr. Jake, Mr. Steve, Mr. Carlos and the building services crew have worked really hard to make the school extra beautiful for your return.

Have Mom or Dad help you look on our website on Thursday, August 26th after 4:00, to see your new class, and I look forward to seeing you at the Open House on August 27th.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and I will see you soon!

Sincerely,
Dr. Williams
Principal

Kindergarten Parent Meeting



Uncertain about what to expect for your new Kindergartener?
Wondering about transportation? Then this is the meeting
for you!

Parents of Kindergarten students who have already been enrolled, are invited to attend a brief meeting to discuss Kindergarten expectations and transportation. This is an opportunity for parents to have their questions answered. This happens DURING your slot at Kindergarten Orientation. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 18th while your child is in the Kindergarten room.

Department of Transportation - Shady Grove South Depot

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August 1, 2021

Dear Elementary School Parent:

Enclosed are route schedules for buses serving your child's school. This information is also available on the MCPS website. Please note the appropriate time, location, and route number for your child. Route numbers are displayed on each bus, on the side window. Questions about transportation should be directed to your transportation depot. Your school or the MCPS website can provide you with contact information for your transportation cluster manager.

Bus stops previously scheduled may have been eliminated or relocated to provide economies in operation. Every effort is made to minimize inconvenience to students and parents, and provide a reasonable level of service. Saving support budget dollars provides more resources for classrooms.

Appropriate student behavior is important to the safety and comfort of everyone. Parents are encouraged to discuss behavior with their children regularly to reinforce this message. It is important that all students follow the rules stated in the "*Ride by the Rules*." campaign. For more information on this, please visit: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/transportation/> or ask your school for one of the "*Ride by the Rules*" pamphlets.

School bus transportation is provided for elementary school children who live more than one (1) mile from their home school. If you live within one mile of the school and you do not see a stop on the list that is in your neighborhood, your child is not eligible for transportation.

Parents are responsible for their children on the way to the bus stop, at the bus stop, and on the way home from the bus stop. Children should arrive at the stop at least five minutes before the established pick-up time. Parents are responsible for children as soon as they get off the bus at the afternoon bus stop and should plan to meet the bus or arrange for a caretaker or other responsible adult to accompany the children safely home or to the child care provider. Parents should instruct their children where to get off the bus and familiarize them with unique aspects of the bus stop or landmarks so that, prior to the first day they will ride the bus, the children will clearly know the stop where they should get off the bus. Please note: bus operators do not know all of the possible caretakers for each child that might be picking up a student on a particular day,

and are unable to match each child to a specific adult. When students get off the bus, they are entirely in the care of the parent or other caregiver, or are on their own to walk home if no parent or caregiver is present. Please provide the tools for your children to become independent riders by making sure they know exactly where to get off the bus as well as the need to immediately alert the bus operator, before getting off the bus if possible, if they do not see a parent or other person who normally meets them at the bus stop. Once alerted, the bus operator would return the student to the school, or take other steps to ensure the child's safety.

If you usually meet your child at the bus stop, and cannot make it on a given day, call the school well before dismissal time and ask that your child be kept at the school to be picked up rather than placed on the bus. This is an emergency back-up plan that should only be used in those rare circumstances when you are unexpectedly and unavoidably delayed in making it to the bus stop. Keep the school phone number in your cell phone or other convenient place so you will be ready should an emergency arise. Establishing a buddy plan for your child with an older sibling or classmate is advised in case your child ends up at the afternoon bus stop without you or another caregiver. Bus schedules are approximate and may vary due to traffic, weather conditions, and student changes, so be at the bus stop ahead of the normal drop off time.

Following safety rules when boarding, riding, and getting off the bus is very important. Reviewing safety rules with your child will help to ensure bus safety.

Key Points:

If you want your child to be supervised by an adult while walking home from the afternoon bus stop, you must make sure that happens. Once the student gets off the bus, only you can ensure your child is appropriately supervised. We recommend the following when students need supervision after getting off the school bus:

- Plan for you or another caregiver to be at the bus stop ahead of the normal drop-off time as the bus could come early on any given day.
- Plan in advance for another adult who is normally at the bus stop to care for your child if you are not there one day.
- Call the school, well before dismissal time, if you have an emergency and cannot make it to the bus stop one day, so your child will be kept at school for pick-up rather than put on the bus. Be sure you always have the school phone number with you in case you need it.
- Be sure your child knows and can identify the proper bus stop and knows not to get off the bus at any other stop.
- Arrange an older student "buddy" who will walk home with your child, or allow your child to stay at their house until you pick up your child. Be sure to work with the other student's parent when arranging this plan.

- Be sure your child knows to tell the bus driver, before getting off the bus, if something is “not right.” This could include, among other things, a parent or caregiver who is usually at the stop being absent; missing their stop; or having gotten on the wrong bus and not recognizing any stop.

When bus stops are scheduled at intersections, students should stand safely away from traffic, within 150 feet of the stop. Students waiting for buses may choose to stand in carports and garages for protection from the elements. This is acceptable only if: (1) it does not alter the route; (2) it does not increase the number of stops; (3) it is acceptable to all parties involved; and, (4) it is reasonably close to the regular stop (so that a substitute bus operator, not familiar with special arrangements, may easily locate the students). Please note that bus operators are only authorized to stop at designated stops. Please do not request unauthorized stops. Montgomery County Public Schools realizes a substantial fuel savings by limiting the number of bus stops.

Students who wish to ride home on a friend’s bus, or get off their own bus at a friend’s stop must bring a note from their parent. Once approved and signed by the principal, the student should give this note to the operator of the bus they will be riding. This practice will normally be approved where space permits.

Inclement weather creates many hardships for us all. It is not possible to provide additional transportation during winter months or on rainy days, and for this reason, students should dress accordingly. In case buses are not able to reach designated stops due to snow and ice accumulation, parents are encouraged to make advance arrangements with bus operators so that students who live in these areas can board at alternate locations when necessary.

Student transportation can only operate effectively if we all do our part to make things work. Parental assistance and cooperation is needed to provide a safe transportation system for student riders.

Sincerely,
Robin Wolff

Robin Wolff
Depot Manager

Route 5301 – (RED)

First Stop Time: 9:12 A.M.

Seq.	Stop Description
1	SWEETWOOD AVE AND RED ASH WAY
2	SHADY GROVE RD AND SHINING WILLOW DR IN THE COURT
3	CALABASH LA AND CALABASH CT

9:20 A.M. at Stone Mill Elementary

Route 5302 – (YELLOW)

First Stop Time: 9:04 A.M.

Seq.	Stop Description
1	SHADY GROVE RD AND SILVER BELL TER
2	CHINKAPIN DR AND SWEETWOOD AVE
3	SHADY GROVE RD AND PROCERA DR @FIRE HYDRANT

9:20 A.M. at Stone Mill Elementary

Route 5303 – (WHITE)

First Stop Time: 9:12 A.M.

Seq.	Stop Description
1	LAKE WINDS WAY AND SETTLERS LANDING WAY – RSO
2	LAKE WINDS WAY AND CARTWRIGHT WAY – RSO
3	LAKE WINDS WAY AND OUTPOST DR – RSO
4	LAKE WINDS WAY AND STONECUTTER DR – RSO

9:20 A.M. at Stone Mill Elementary

Route 5306 – (PURPLE)

First Stop Time: 9:06 A.M.

Seq.	Stop Description
1	ROLLING GREEN WAY AND CAPTAINS WALK CT
2	ROLLING GREEN WAY AND SOFT WIND DR

9:20 A.M. at Stone Mill Elementary

Route 5311 – (BLUE)

First Stop Time: 9:11 A.M.

Seq.	Stop Description
1	LAKE WINDS WAY AND SETTLERS LANDING WAY – RSO
2	ROLLING GREEN WAY AND GREEN WATCH WAY
3	KINGS GRANT ST AND FLINTS GROVE LA
4	14737 DUFIEF MILL RD – CARE A LOT DAYCARE

9:20 A.M. at Stone Mill Elementary

Route 5320 – (ORANGE)

First Stop Time: 8:59 A.M.

Seq.	Stop Description
1	POTOMAC EDGE WAY AND POTOMAC OAKS DR
2	MILLS FARM RD AND POTOMAC OAKS DR
3	TRAVILAH RD AND UNICORN WAY
4	TRAVILAH RD AND HILLTOP ASCENT DR

9:20 A.M. at Stone Mill Elementary

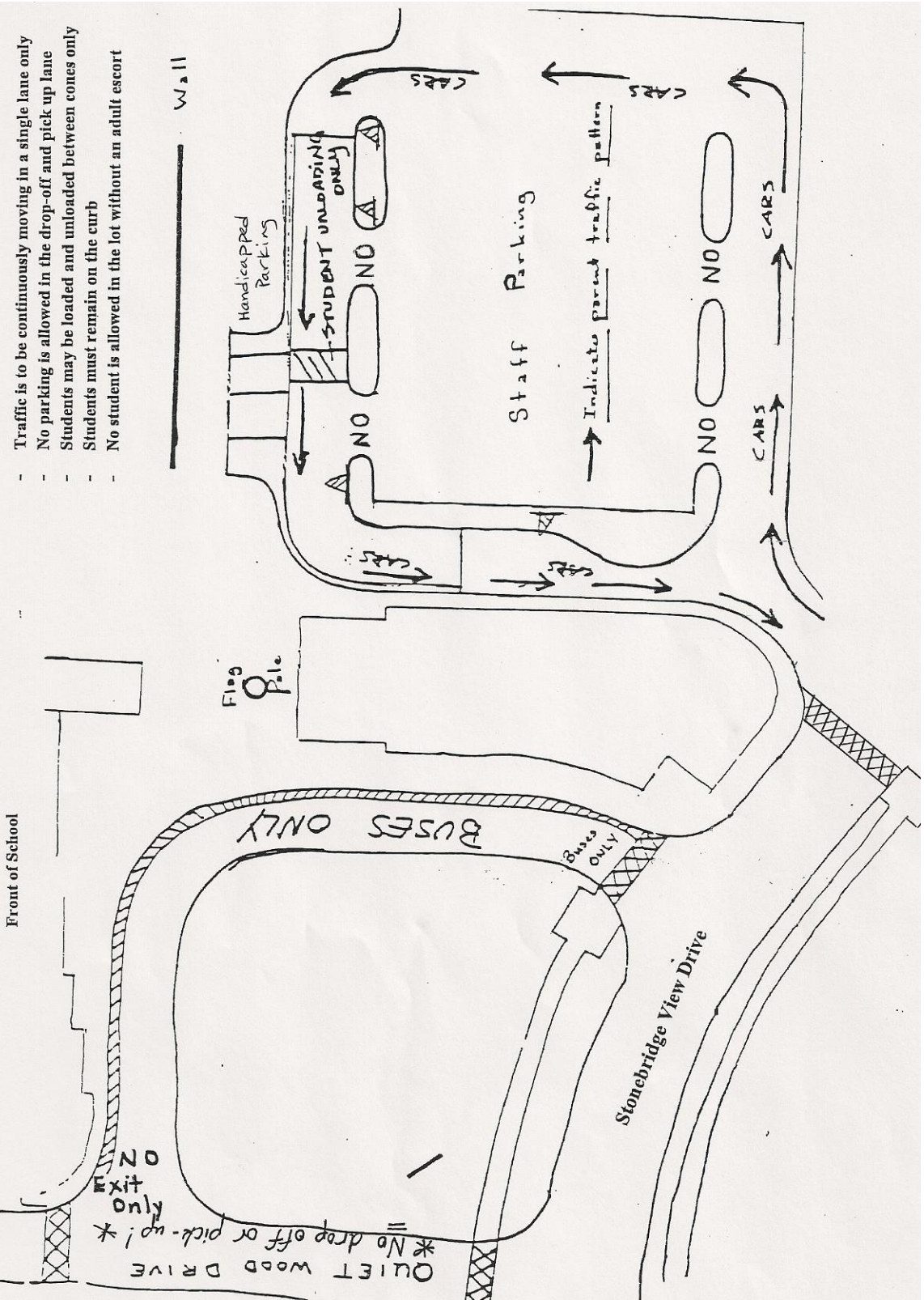
Route 5323 – (GREEN)

First Stop Time: 9:03 A.M.

Seq.	Stop Description
1	WOOTTON CROSSING CT AND WOOTTON CREST WAY
2	14150 TRAVILAH RD 20850
3	14010 TRAVILAH RD 20850

9:16 A.M. at Stone Mill Elementary

- Traffic is to be continuously moving in a single lane only
- No parking is allowed in the drop-off and pick up lane
- Students may be loaded and unloaded between cones only
- Students must remain on the curb
- No student is allowed in the lot without an adult escort



PTA News

PTA Welcome Note and Back to School Checklist:

Stone Mill ES Parent Teacher Association welcomes you to the 2021-2022 school year! We are gearing up for an enriching and fun year for our kids! As you prepare for your child to return to school, we would like to share some important information about your PTA.

What we do?

Your PTA provides great support to the school and staff to enrich our kids' learning experience. Please visit our website for details, a calendar of events, and contact information:

www.stonemillespta.org

PTA Back to School Checklist

☐ Become a Member!

How can you support the school and staff? Become a PTA member! Your membership helps support PTA programs and connects you to your PTA. Please visit:

www.stonemillespta.org/membership

☐ Verify your Directory Information and Sign up for Store Rewards!

The School Directory is a great resource for arranging play dates, contacting students in your child's class, etc. You will receive an email from AtoZ Directories inviting you to update your Directory and Store Rewards information online. If you haven't received an email yet, please visit: https://cdn.atozconnect.com/atoz-assets/files/pdf/What_to_Expect.pdf or email at firstvp.smespta@gmail.com.

☐ Complete your PTA Waivers!

All students and family members are required to complete a PTA participation waiver every school year. To reduce paperwork, please complete your waiver online at: www.stonemillespta.org/pta-waiver.

If you do not have internet access, please fill out the attached PTA Membership/Donation/Directory and Waiver forms.

☐ Stay Informed!

The PTA Newsletter is normally sent out every two weeks, and contains up to date information on PTA activities and upcoming events. Stay in the loop by signing up for the newsletter at: www.stonemillespta.org/newsletters or email us at: stonemillespta1@gmail.com.

Questions?

If you have any questions or comments, please email us at: stonemillespta1@gmail.com.

We look forward to your participation in the PTA.

-Your PTA Board