



SHARKBYTES



The PTA Newsletter for the Families of Stonegate Elementary School OCTOBER 2009

Dear Stonegate Families:

Thank you for your great response to the Sept. 2009 Sharkbytes and for contributing to this October issue. Special thanks to Shari Delaney for enriching the SharkShare column with healthy tips and recipes for parents and kids and to Peter Frassrand and Ginny Bailey for launching our SharkSpecials column with notes on art, music, PE, and reading. Remember, Sharkbytes is the voice of the PTA and also your forum to share questions, resources, issues and concerns. Help us keep this newsletter fun, interactive, and informative. Do share your feedback, suggestions, and any bits and bytes you think will be useful to other Stonegate families. And turn the spotlight on you kids, we'd love to feature their accomplishments and examples of their creativity if you'd share them with us.

Best Regards,

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Backpack Mail: Shifra Dayak,

Ms. Dantzler's Second Grade class

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SHARK Interview with the Principal



INSIGHTS

— This month, Sharkbytes asked Principal Audra Fladung to tell us a little bit about herself — her passion and her dreams. Her insights reveal why she is such a strong and caring leader.

What inspired you to become a school principal?

School has always been an important part of my life. As a student, I enjoyed participating in the “workings” of a school. I served in SGA, the National Honor Society, and on the Future Teachers of America board. As a teacher, I always wanted to be a part of the decision-making processes that support students in their academic and social development. I served as a team leader and worked closely with the administration to create positive programming for students. Becoming a principal seemed like the natural next step.

What did you do before you became principal of Stonegate Elementary in Feb 2007?

I served as a teacher for six years. I taught 2nd and 3rd grade at a nearby elementary school in Silver Spring. I was a Staff Development Teacher for 2 years, and then a Reading Specialist. Next I entered the administrative pool

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SHARK Interview with the PTA President



CHAT

Sharkbytes asked PTA President Tammy Forsyth the same questions we asked Principal Fladung. Forsyth's comments reveal what leads her to volunteer, with so much drive and commitment, to making Stonegate a better place for kids and families.

What inspired you to become PTA President?

My commitment to Stonegate Elementary started the day I took my son Michael to the school playground when he was three years old. I saw the outdated playground equipment at the school and couldn't believe my eyes, I expected it to look much newer in this neighborhood. So when Michael entered Kindergarten, I made it my mission to get the equipment replaced. I found out it would take Montgomery County Public Schools ten years to replace it, so I turned to the PTA and that's when I got hooked!

What is your background?

I have been a stay at home mom since the day Michael was born. Before that I was a TV news videographer and ran a newsroom at a South Carolina TV station as assignment editor.

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and worked as an assistant principal at Potomac Elementary before coming to Stonegate.

What skills and strengths do you believe you bring to the job?

I believe I am enthusiastic about children and their learning. I love working with our students, staff and families and learn so much from them. I enjoy the instructional curriculum and process and understand what makes a strong instructional program. I am an organized planner and implementer, and a good listener.

What are your greatest joys and rewards?

My greatest rewards are being a part of progress and positive change. I love learning new things and watching our children create, problem-solve, and build relationships.

What are your greatest challenges and aggravations?

The bureaucracy of a system as large as ours and the budgetary restrictions of the last few years.

If you could change one thing, what would that be?

I'd get Stonegate Elementary a brand new building!***

Who are the people that inspire you the most?

First and foremost, my family, in particular my grandmother. She was smart, strong, and sassy! She assured me that all is possible. My students — our children — are a close second. They are simply amazing in every way.

****Speaking of a brand new building, the PTA's advocacy focus this year is to help get Stonegate Elementary on the list of Montgomery County public schools needing renovation, through FACT — Facilities Assessment with Criteria and Testing process. FACT ranks schools in priority order for modernization. A team of trained technicians evaluates schools based on physical condition and educational program capability. Weighted scores are applied to the assessment for various aspects of the building, and a final score is calculated with a maximum of 1,000 points. Future issues of Sharkbytes will update you on the PTA's progress and explain how you can support the campaign for a new building!*



Decision-making is an important part of everyday living. School Counselor Jaclyn Berning shares tips to help you guide your children to make good choices over poor choices.

1. STOP and CLARIFY.

Ask questions to find out as much as possible about the situation.

2. EXAMINE the information and motivation.

Distinguish between facts and opinions and think about who is pushing you to act a certain way and what interest they have in your decision.

3. THINK about the consequence and DECIDE.

What will happen if you act one way rather than another? Does your decision accord to the Core Values at Stonegate? (respect, responsibility, collaboration, commitment)? Will it harm you or others; will it be good for others?

4. ACT: Once you've made a decision about what to do, plan how you will carry it out.

Make certain your plan benefits as many people as possible and hurts as few as possible.

5. MONITOR and MODIFY.

Watch what happens after you've acted, and keep an eye out for new information. If the consequences aren't as you expected or you discover something new, be prepared to make a new decision using the process outlined above.

"It is our choices...that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."

J.K. Rowling

School Store

Shark Shack, the Stonegate school store is open Thursday mornings from 8:25 to 8:50 am. Come with a dollar or two and shop for pens, pencils, erasers, notebooks, paper, novelties. We're located at the bottom of the stairs on the way to the 2nd grade cluster.

Questions? Contact Michelle Bridgegum at bmbriagegum@aol.com or 301.774.2594

Interview with the PTA President

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What skills and strengths do you believe you bring to the job of PTA President?

I am organized and love to plan (and make lists)! And, this volunteer job has helped me grow so much in areas where I was not so strong.

What are your greatest joys and rewards?

My greatest rewards are being part of change for the better and creating new programs that are successful.

What are your greatest challenges and aggravations?

Government red tape!

If you could change one thing, what would that be?

Well, my next project is the school lunches! But I expect that one will be a difficult one.

Who are the people that inspire you the most?

My children inspire me to do my part to make this world a better place for them and their children.

How much time does your role as PTA President require?

The level of commitment depends on how much you want to get out of this. My time varies from week to week but I would estimate it is at least 3 to 4 hours a day.

How does your involvement impact your family/kids?

I am lucky to be a stay at home mom and have the time to commit to being PTA President. My husband is very supportive and my kids actually enjoy helping behind the scenes.



Given the success of Math Night on October 22, I thought some of you might be interested in a great website that combines math and music, www.philtulga.com/resources.html. At this site, educator Phil Tulga shares free, interactive music activities and arts integration lessons connecting music to math, reading, and science. My favorite activity is the musical fraction bars, where you create your own songs out of fractions. Hope you like it!

Peter Frassrand

Music Teacher and Specialist Team Leader

A Day in the Life of...Ginny Bailey

"Hi, I'm Ginny Bailey. I've been the Reading Initiative teacher at Stonegate for four years. Reading Initiative is basically another reading classroom. It was designed to make the reading groups smaller in first and second grades, giving the students more individual attention in small group settings. This year I have 16 first graders from 9 to 10:30 am, and 17 second graders from 10:30 to 11:35 am. My classes are heterogeneously grouped, meaning I have students that range from above grade level to students who need extra help to catch up to their peers. In the afternoon, I work with individual students and small groups to help them learn specific reading/writing or spelling skills.

Now, I'd like to share a few tips to help parents create a reading environment at home for your kids:

- ❖ Encourage reading for recreation, for pleasure, and even in bed at night.
- ❖ Read together every day — choose books you as well as you kids enjoy.
- ❖ Encourage conversations about books.
- ❖ Offer questions and explanations when reading with your kids.
- ❖ Display magazines, newspapers, and lists.
- ❖ Visit the local library regularly.
- ❖ Read yourself so your kids will have a positive role model.
- ❖ Give books as gifts"

Watch this NEW Sharkbytes column for more from the Stonegate Specialists in coming months.



The school could really use YOUR help. Here are some ways you can consider getting involved and contributing.

Become A PTA Member

Show your children, and your community that you care. Join the Stonegate PTA — your involvement can be as little or as much as you have time for. Your membership supports educational activities for your kids and fun family events through the year.

Single Membership: \$20

Includes one copy of the PTA Directory (contains class lists, family addresses, other important school information), and a subscription to eWAVE, our new monthly e-newsletter sent only to PTA members.

Family Membership: \$30

Includes two memberships, two PTA Directories, two subscriptions to eWAVE, and a Stonegate grocery tote bag.

When you sign up, remember to add Stonegate PTA to your charitable giving this year.

PTA membership forms are available at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/stonegatees (Go To Stonegate PTA and look under PTA News). Complete and send your form and check to school in your child's backpack.

Questions? Contact PTA Membership Chair Patty Parachini at pattyparachini@verizon.net or 301.879.0646.

Volunteer with Learning for Independence

- ❖ Chaperone a community outing for LFI students to a grocery store, library, lunch at a fast food restaurant, etc. Fridays, 10:30 am – 1:00 pm.
- ❖ Visit the school at lunchtime, 11:45 am – 1:15 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays during December and April and help with LFI Snack Sales.
- ❖ Be a one-on-one chaperone for a an LFI student for an upcoming field trip.
- ❖ Help in the LFI classroom — printing, cutting, laminating, sharing computer skills, downloading activities from websites, scanning books, etc.

Email Katherine Vancavage at katherine_c_vancavage@mcpsmd.org if you can help with any of the above

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To Pam Troutman and Kim Perikles for taking us around the world with a successful Book Fair that brought in about \$2,500 for the Stonegate PTA.

To Allison Soussi-Tanani and Marta Steliac for chairing International Night and to all the Stonegate

families that exhibited, entertained, brought food, and attended.

Grazie, Danke, Dasvidania, Hsie Hsie, Shukria, Tack Ma Mycket, Tesekkur, and Thank You!

To the members of the Math Committee, chaired by Amy Nguyen and Cindy Dantzler, for a super-duper Math Night.

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**Tips & Resources...
Anything & Everything**



Shari Delaney has this great healthy recipe to share from Hungry Girl.

Grab 'n Go Breakfast Cookies

Per Serving (1 cookie): 154 calories, 1.5g fat, 166mg sodium, 32.5g carbs, 5g fiber, 10.5g sugars, 5g protein

Ingredients (Makes 4 huge servings)

- 1/2 cup regular oats (not instant)
- 6 tbsp. whole-wheat flour
- 1/4 cup Fiber One bran cereal (original), ground to a breadcrumb-like consistency in a blender or food processor
- 1/4 cup Splenda No Calorie Sweetener (granulated)
- 1/3 cup Gerber Peaches (or another brand of pureed peaches, found in the baby food aisle)
- 1/4 cup canned pure pumpkin
- 1/4 cup fat-free liquid egg substitute (like Egg Beaters Original)
- 1 tbsp. golden raisins
- 1 tbsp. Ocean Spray Craisins (original)
- 2 tbsp. brown sugar, not packed
- 2 tsp. Coffee-mate Sugar Free French Vanilla powdered creamer
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/8 tsp. salt

Directions

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
- Chop raisins and Craisins into small pieces. Set aside. Keep your kid safe carving knives from pumpkin

carving and let kids help chop!

- In a mixing bowl, combine the oats, flour, Fiber One crumbs, Splenda, brown sugar, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt. Mix well.
- In a separate bowl, dissolve Coffee-mate into 2 tbsp. hot water. Add all other wet ingredients (pureed peaches, pumpkin, and egg substitute), and mix well.
- Add liquid mixture to the dry ingredients, and stir until completely blended. Slowly sprinkle chopped raisins and Craisins into the batter, making sure they don't all stick together.
- Spray a large baking pan with nonstick spray, and spoon batter into 4 evenly spaced circles. Spread batter out a bit with the back of a spoon.
- Place pan in the oven for 12 – 14 minutes (until tops of the treats are just slightly crispy).
- Allow to cool slightly.

Then grab 'n go!

Workout Fun

What's your favorite Wii/Nintendo/Playstation game that gets you up and moving? I love Free Step on Wii Fit. I can step in time while watching my favorite TV series that I've recorded!

Shari Delaney

Parents, share your health tips and other resources through this column. Email contributions to Meena.Dayak@gmail.com

Fourth and fifth grade students are excited about the **Black-Eyed Susan Club**. Students who read at least six of the nominated books will get to vote to choose the book that wins the grades 4-6 state award.

Students who have already passed quizzes to prove they have read are

- Adriana Triplett, Alayna Jordan
- Aranya Banjeree, Austin Gill
- David Singleton, Drew Ardizzone
- Drew Gatlin, Erik Gonski
- Gunguk Kim, Hana Khan Tareen
- Jake Dunn, Katie Mettam
- L.J. Enloe, Marley Williams
- Matthew Brooks, Natasha Kodgi
- Olivia Plihal, Rosa Pyo
- Rourke Smith, Sam Redman
- Samie Broer, Sheldon Ellis
- Sheryna Gandnou
- Stephanie Mendez
- Tanner Murdock, Waziri Ibrahim

Second graders have started reading picture books and will all be voting for the Black Eyed Susan Award in April. Many thanks to the PTA for supporting this motivational program.

*Patricia Warnock Safford,
Media Specialist*



Members of the 2009-2010 Stonegate PTA We Couldn't Do It Without You!

A big thank you to our PTA members who gave a charitable contribution to benefit our kids!

Because of these and other families who wish to remain anonymous, we raised \$1,580!

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 Jose Zelaya



Happy Birthday Stonegate Staff

Nov 2	Linda Morgan Fourth Grade
Nov 4	Elisa Cohen Reading Initiative & ESOL
Nov 15	Anita Elaraj Staff Development
Nov 30	Jaclyn Berning Counselor

SHARK GUIDE



Get all these exciting events on your calendar NOW — there's plenty of fun and learning in store for you.

Stonegate Family Fun Night, Nov 14

Join us at Blake High School on Saturday November 14, 6 – 8:30 pm. It's a fun-filled night that encourages kids and parents to play and learn together. Questions? Want to help? Contact Wendy Enloe, event chair at enloe@comcast.net or 240.242.4635.

PTA Curricular Workshops Start Oct 6

Understand and better support your child's progress at school. Delve into the mysteries of math, reading, data notebooks, instructional assessments, and much more with PTA-sponsored workshops presented by Stonegate staff. Submit your questions on each topic for answers onsite or subsequently through the principal's and PTA newsletters.

- Nov 3 Keys to College Readiness
- Dec 1 Reading Programs at Stonegate
- Feb 2 Math Programming at Stonegate
- Mar 2 Assessments Informing Instruction: MAPR, MClass, TN2, and MSA
- Apr 7 Accelerating and Enriching
- May 4 Positive Behavior Interventions

PTA MEETINGS

Meetings are open to all Stonegate PTA Members and are held on the first Tue of the month and start at 7 pm. **Principal Audra Fladung provides a school update at the start of every meeting.**

Free babysitting — kids activities at the back of the All-Purpose Room

- Nov 3
- Dec 1
- Feb 2
- Mar 2
- Apr 7
- May 4
- Jun

SHARK CHANNEL



Stonegate Media Specialist Patricia Warnock-Safford shares some cool tips and resources.

Before School Checkout

Not sure whether it is A Week or B Week? Send back those books anyway! From 8:30 to 8:45 every morning, Ms. Safford and her media helpers open up the Media Center for students who need books. Helpers give out passes and students can come in and get books.

Books on Tape

As the holiday travel season approaches, consider listening to books on tape or CD as you travel. Whole families can enjoy funny stories such as Megan Mc Donald's Judy Moody

or Judy Bloom's Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing or a more serious book from the Harry Potter series. Younger children may enjoy a book and CD or tape combination. Listening to books instead of watching DVDs is a way to involve the whole family, even the driver, and can often lead to interesting family discussions. Montgomery County Public Libraries have a wide range of titles. The Stonegate Media Center also has some titles on cassette tape.

Animals, Animals, Animals

Do your kids love animals? MCPS has purchased subscriptions to two wonderful websites for elementary students who love animals. Students in grades K through 3 might enjoy

PebbleGo at <http://www.pebblego.com> with pictures and videos of animals. Information on diet, behavior, and appearance is included. The website also reads aloud to students. The username is **stonegate** and the password is **shark**.

Independent readers may enjoy **Amazing Animals** by Grolier at http://auth.grolier.com/cgi-bin/go_up_login?formu=1dsa1g6m0t&formp=aa&site=kids. This website includes pictures, facts, and links about animals. The username is **mcps** and the password is **school**.



Families shop, kids win! Earn money for the Stonegate PTA while you shop and eat! All monies from

these really painless fundraising efforts support activities and assistance for kids.

Box Tops For Education

From now through December 1, everyone who joins Box Tops online will earn five Box Tops for their school, just for signing up. Plus, the school gets a bonus, too! That's cash our school can use to buy anything we need. Invite your friends and encourage them to invite their friends. Before you know it, you've turned the power of one into the power of millions!

Clip Box Tops from hundreds of your favorite groceries, attach them to the fun collection sheet in this issue of Sharkbytes or simply place box tops in an envelope and send in to school via "backpack mail." Each box tops coupon is worth 10¢ to our school—and that adds up fast! Visit www.boxtops4education.com for a complete listing of the more than 300 participating products — you can also sign up for coupons by email.

Karen Metallo and Tracy McGowan

Campbell's Labels For Education

Labels for Education awards free educational equipment to schools in exchange for proof of purchase from more than 150 qualifying Campbell products. Last year, Stonegate got free recess equipment through this program. Simply save the UPC code or beverage caps when you use Campbell products and send them in to school in an envelope marked with your child's name and class.

Michelle Calvo

Earn While You Shop At Safeway, Giant, And Target

Earn money for the Stonegate PTA while you shop! For the Safeway EScrip Program, simply register your Safeway Club Card at www.eScrip.com and designate Stonegate Elementary School PTA (ID 6574349) as your beneficiary. To join the Giant A+ BonusBucks Program, sign up at www.giantfood.com/aplus/ (designate Stonegate Elementary School using code 00883). If you use a Target Visa card, designate Stonegate (ID 58196) as beneficiary at www.Target.com (look for the Take Charge of Education area of the site).

PTA's Classroom Enrichment Mini Grants

The Stonegate PTA provides mini-grants to teachers to help purchase classroom enrichment supplies. We have been able to buy the following:

- ❖ Brain Pop, an online resource to help teachers, featuring free lesson plans, video tutorials, professional development tools, and graphic organizers
- ❖ Specialty scissors for LFI students
- ❖ Resources for counselor lessons
- ❖ Books for the counselor's classroom library



Ice Cream Party Update

The class that earns the most Box Tops and Labels for Education this Year will have a special Special Ice Cream Party! Wondering how that is going?

Mr. Burd's fourth grade class has set the bar high! With a total of 1,072 points these motivated fourth-graders are currently in first place. Ms. Madan's third grade class is second with 275 points and Ms. Ha's kindergartners are third with 237 points. Stonegate has a total of 2,295 points —1,350 Box Tops points and 945 Labels for Education.

This is an excellent start to the year so keep it up. Anyone can still get that ice cream party!

Michelle Calvo



WITH BOOKS.....

Have a child's birthday or other special event coming up? Mark the occasion by donating a hardcover book to the Stonegate Media Center in his or her honor.

Send in this form with a check for \$15.00 (payable to the Stonegate PTA) to the school office in an envelope marked "PTA – Celebrate With Books." The Media Specialist will buy a book on the Media Center's wishlist and put a personalized bookplate on the front cover to acknowledge your donation.

BOOK BEING DONATED IN HONOR OF: _____

DONATED BY: _____

CHILD'S TEACHER: _____

OCCASION/REASON: _____

BIRTHDAY (if that is the occasion): _____

CHILD'S FAVORITE BOOK AND AUTHOR: _____

TYPE OF BOOK DONATED:

FICTON

- ADVENTURE _____
- HISTORICAL _____
- REALISTIC _____
- ANIMAL _____
- FANTASY _____
- SCIENCE FICTION _____
- MYSTERY _____
- OTHER _____

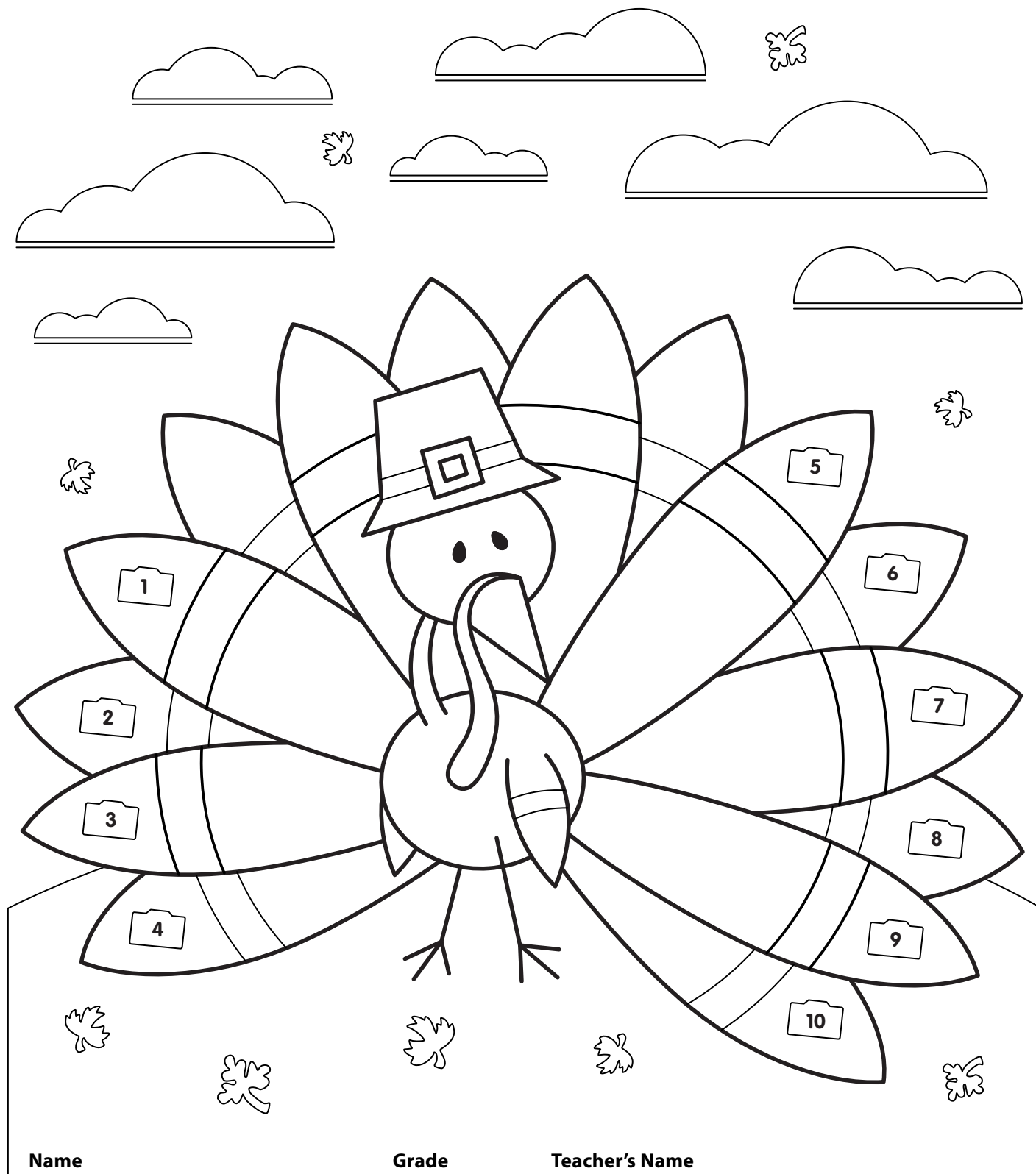
NON-FICTION

- NATURE _____
- SCIENCE _____
- ARTS/CRAFTS _____
- BIOGRAPHY _____
- SPORTS _____
- POETRY _____
- FOLKTALE _____
- OTHER _____

Questions: Contact Suzanne Redman at suzanne.redman@verizon.net or 301.570.9092.



It's turkey time! Show your school how thankful you are with 10 Box Tops.



Thank you for helping! Every Box Top you collect is worth 10¢ for your school.
For more collection worksheets and projects, go to www.boxtops4education.com/activitycenter