

Principal's Message

December 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy Holidays from the Wolf's Crossing staff! I hope this month brings you and your family happiness and cheer!

We are collecting gently used coats for the Rotary Club through December 18th. The coats can be dropped off in our front vestibule in the donation box.

Thanks to all of our families that contributed to the Angel Tree project. This is a collaborative effort with the Salvation Army. Many children had a brighter holiday due to the generosity of our parents and community.

The winter holiday parties will be held on Friday, December 18th. This is the last day of attendance prior to winter break. Winter break will begin on Monday, December 21st and go through January 3rd. Classes for students will resume on Monday, January 4th, 2010.

Please remember that students continue to go outside for recess, weather permitting. Please make sure your child has the appropriate winter attire to go outside during these next months.

As we enter the winter months, please remember that any school cancellation notifications will be sent to you using our Connect Ed system. You may also refer to our website and the district website for this information as well.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers that have dedicated their time to help our students and staff. Your gift of time is invaluable and very much appreciated! We are always looking for additional volunteers!

In January we will be hosting our second movie night in collaboration with PTA. Our first one was very successful and we hope to see you for our second one Friday, January 8th at 6:30. There will be no school on Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King's birthday. Students will also be out on Tuesday, January 19th due to a teacher institute day. Students will return to Wolf's Crossing on Wednesday, January 20th. Our annual fun fair is Saturday, January 23rd from 11-3. We hope to see you there!

During this season of giving, I would like to thank you as parents for allowing us to teach your children. They are the energy and soul of this building. I know the staff and I have enjoyed our time with them and watching them evolve into successful students. Each one of them is truly a gift!!!! Have a wonderful and safe holiday season and I look forward to seeing everyone back in 2010!

Best Regards,

Allison Sulkson & The Wolf's Crossing Staff



November PTA Meeting

Budget Adjustments:

Since we did not reach our fundraising goal of \$25,000, we did have to adjust the budget for the school year. At the November meeting, it was agreed to cut: assemblies from \$2,500 to \$950, bank fees from \$100 to \$50, and copies from \$1,250 to \$1,000. If needed later in the year, we can also cut from the school gift.

Staff Proposals

Mrs. McDonald proposed to have author/illustrator, Tom Lichtenheld to present 4-5 sessions on April 15th. He will discuss how he got started as an author, how he wrote his first book and how he creates sketches and final illustrations. To learn more about Mr. Lichtenheld, go to his website at www.tomlichtenheld.com.

Mrs. Wagner, a fifth grade teacher, proposed money to support the Panthers & Wolves Reading Program. The reading program will help students develop a love for reading and earn free tickets to the girls or boys high school basketball game. The PTA will purchase juice and donuts for the winning classroom in each grade level. It is estimated to cost \$120.

Both proposals were approved.

Recent Purchases

Red Ribbon Week: It was agreed to send home plastic, red ribbons for the trees again next year. The ribbons cost the PTA \$173.

We will reimburse fifth grade parents up to \$150 for an end of the year party and we will purchase the necessary supplies for a publishing center.

- * Reimbursements for Halloween parties

- * Electronic Binding Machine - \$124

- * Staff Discretionary Funds - A gift card to either Barnes and Noble, Chalkboard or Office Depot.

Full time teachers received \$100 and Part time teacher received \$50. Office staff receives a \$25 gift card to a restaurant of their choice. Teacher Assistants, custodians and cafeteria workers received a \$5 gift card to Subway and a tin of homemade cookies.

Cookie Exchange If you would like to make cookies to contribute to the tins, there will be a cookie exchange on Dec. 14th at 7:00pm in the Lakewood Valley Clubhouse. Please bring 4 - 5 dozen cookies to share and a container to bring some cookies home in. (Contact Jen Charapata at mrsjen@msn.com)

Presentation

Mrs. St. Victor presented the district's new bullying program for fourth graders. She has been working with the fourth grade classrooms teaching them to implement - Stop, Walk, Talk when they are confronted by a bully. The first step is to tell the bully to Stop. If that doesn't work, they are taught to Walk away or ignore the bully. If that doesn't work, they should Talk to an adult. If your child is having difficulties with a bully, try teaching them these steps. Be sure to explain the importance of taking the attention away from the bully and that is ok to stand up for themselves. If these steps do not work, then they should talk to their teacher.

Next PTA Meeting

Our next PTA Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13th from 7 - 8 p.m. During the business portion of the meeting, we will hear proposals from the the third grade teachers, fourth grade teachers and Mrs. Layman. We need you there to vote on where or not to approve each proposal. We will also review the budget and discuss plans for the remainder of the year. While the parents meet in the Community Room, your children will have a great time in the gym participating in Game Night featuring Bingo and more!

FUNFAIR

JANUARY 23rd (11:00AM - 3:00PM)

We are already planning and organizing the Fun Fair. In the month of November the order for the prizes and tokens was made, and the bouncers were reserved. Now we need the most important part of the Fun Fair: **THE VOLUNTEERS**. In the first week of December we will be sending home the volunteer sign up form. In order to have a very successful Fun Fair we need about 100 volunteers to cover 2 shifts, you could either work one shift or both. Our volunteers have a free lunch and a free punch card to enjoy with their families and also a raffle ticket to win a volunteer only basket. If you have any question please call Maria DeBoer: 630-692-1323 or e-mail her at mebadeboer@yahoo.com

FUNFAIR RAFFLE BASKET

The list of the themes for the classroom raffle baskets is on the next page. Please send in your new items that relate to your child's classroom theme or as always a monetary donation is welcome. The items listed are just a reference guide; any items related to the theme will be wonderful!! Be creative!! More information will be sent home with your child. Please send in all items/donations

before Jan. 13th.

Any questions??

Contact Jill Curcio- jillcurcio@comcast.net Or Andrea Freveletti -alfrevs@sbcglobal.net



FUN FAIR RAFFLE BASKET THEMES

TEACHER	GRADE	
Petersohn	KA	Gift Cards From Around Town, Gift cards to any store
Tellone	KA	Gift Cards From Around Town, Gift cards to any store
Petersohn	KP	"All You Can Eat" Restaurant Gift Card, any and all restaurants
Tellone	KP	"All You Can Eat" Restaurant Gift Card, any and all restaurants
Taviani	KP	My mini Toys... - all miniature versions of favorite toys, Webkins, littlest pet shop, legos, hot wheels, ugly dolls, anything "little"
Caston	1 st	How Does My Garden Grow? Garden gloves, seeds, watering can, yard bags...
Deutsch	1 st	"I Love To Read" Books Age K-2, Books, book light, book marks...
Foulkes	1 st	Coffee and Tea, Relax Me, Starbucks gift card, gourmet coffee, tea, candles, fun stirrers, sweets...
McBrayer	1 st	"It's Great To Be a Girl" Nail Polish, Hair pretties, lotions
Plaza	1 st	Rainy Day Crafts- Craft projects, craft kits, pipe cleaners, glue, any craft accessories
Jones	2 nd	I Scream, You Scream, We all Scream For Ice Cream- scoopers, sprinkles, bowls, sundae glasses, Ice Cream gift cards...
Jenkins	2 nd	Love the Earth- Recycle books, "green" products, reusable bags, reusable anything...
Klus	2 nd	Pamper Me For a Day- candles, spa products, eye mask, Bath and Body Works products
Hartsock	2 nd	I Love My Barbecue Grill- Grill cookbook, grilling spices, grilling utensils...
Craft	2 nd	Family Day Out on the Town- Gift certificates to museums, movies, bowling...Things to do as a family
Woods	3 rd	Boy's Can Build it, Make it, Play It!- Model car, airplane, train kits, Home Depot GC, Lego Kits
Navar	3 rd	Winter Wonderland Fun- blankets, hot cocoa, cute mugs, snowball kits, snow paint, sleds,
Goding	3 rd	I am a "ROCKSTAR"- Hannah, Jonas, Demi, Rock Star dress up accessories, Crazy colored nail polish, CD's
Gordon	3 rd	Kids in The Kitchen- kids cookbooks, aprons, measuring cups and spoons, Kids food kits
Cooney/Dunbar	3 rd	Party in the Back Yard- Back Yard toys, badminton, chalk, balls, jump ropes
Mahoney	4 th	I love to Read 3-5 Book lights, book marks, Older level books
Bratt	4 th	Chicago Sports- any and all Chicago team merchandise, t-shirts, balls, pens, mugs, TICKETS!!
Baughman	4 th	It's a Sleepover- Blanket, nail polish, makeup, scary story book, flashlights, glow sticks, fun socks
Witzke	4 th	Sports are Fun- Balls, nets, darts, flag football kit, cones, gloves
Berksy	5 th	Love to Golf- gift certificate to any golf course, range balls, glove, tee, towel, cleaning kit
Apple	5 th	Game Night- Cards, Dice, fun games, candy, electronic games
Malmstrom	5 th	Movie Night- Movies, blanket, popcorn, Movie theater sized candy, Gift Cards to theaters
Wagner	5 th	"Sports on The Go, Let's Tail Gate" Coolers, bag chairs, tailgate games, Small balls, hand warmers, hot cocoa...

PTA Committee Chair Reports

OCCASSIONAL VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

Thank you to all of the Fall Book Fair and Vision/Hearing Screening Volunteers! We really appreciate your time and dedication!

Thanks for your help!

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Jen Kastel

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Beautification Committee would like to thank Webelos Scouts Anthony Czepiel and Joey Schroeder for doing a wonderful job planting new tulip bulbs in the tulip garden this fall. We look forward to seeing how nice the garden will look in spring.

Dina Dorpat

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

I would like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers that have contributed to the monthly appreciation meals for the Wolf's Crossing staff! If you have not signed up already and you would like to bake or donate an item, the next scheduled meals are on December 15th – Holiday Lunch and January 13th – Winter Warm Up Breakfast. Please contact me at mrsjen@msn.com.

Your help is greatly appreciated!!

Jen Charapata

STUDENT DIRECTORY

The Wolf's Crossing Student Directory for 2009–2010 was sent home to all PTA members via Friday folders in November. If you are a member of the PTA and haven't received your directory, please contact either co-chair below. If you are not a member of the PTA and would like to purchase a Student Directory, they are available for \$7.00 (free if you join the PTA for only \$6.00!) and you can contact either co-chair below to purchase one. A special thank you to all the volunteers who assisted us with proofreading and directory distribution – your help is very much appreciated! Thank you!

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FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Thank you again to our many families that participated in this year's fundraiser both through catalog/online sales and monetary donations. Your contributions are truly appreciated! Our final total in sales was over \$20,000! We didn't meet our goal, but with the added monetary donations we came very close. If anyone has any feedback on this year's fundraiser please send me an email (janiceczepiel@hughes.net). Congratulations to Ryan Greenwood in Mrs. Hartsock's class for having the highest sales (over \$400) and winning the camera/video recorder! Congratulations to Anthony Dudzienski in Mrs. Deutch's class for having the second highest sales (over \$350) and winning a remote control car! Congratulations to 2nd grade for having the most participation (almost 50%) and also winning the camera/video recorder for the school! Thanks to all of the families that participated we also earned an additional 1% off our final invoice. This is added to another 3% earned to bring our total to 4% off our final invoice. Every little bit helps! With this added percentage off we will be able to purchase the materials necessary to start a school publishing center. Way to go!

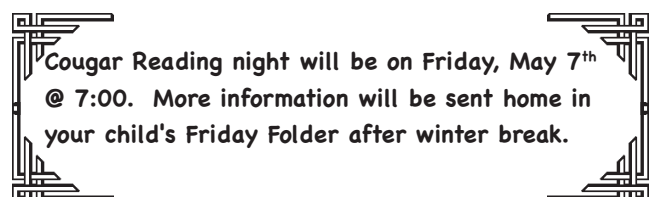
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

Wolf's Crossing PTA can still earn 50% all year from the Market Day fundraiser! Go online to www.marketdayfundraising.com and use Sale ID: 208036/Account: 21562 for Wolfs Crossing Elementary School PTA. All orders placed can either be shipped directly or shipped to our school (added shipping fees may apply). Questions? Contact Janice Czepiel at janiceczepiel@hughes.net

Janice Czepiel

SOCK HOP/FOOD DRIVE

February 5th will be here before you know it! Make sure your calendars are marked to join your Wolf's Crossing friends at our annual Sock Hop!



PTA Committee Chair Reports

HOLIDAY SHOPPE

Thank you so much to all the volunteers who helped out at our Holiday Shoppe last week. Everything ran smoothly and the children had a ton of fun shopping for their families and friends. If you have any suggestions about how to improve our Holiday Shoppe next year, please contact Janelle White at ericandjanelle@comcast.net.

Janelle White

YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

Mrs. Torbett and Ms. Goding have started the Yearbook Club and will be creating the yearbook with the help of some of our students. We will once again be purchasing our yearbooks through "School Annual." They will be full color, hardcover, and have even more pages than last year. The cost will be \$13.25 per yearbook. Watch for order forms in early February.

Janice Czepiel

BOX TOPS

Don't forget to send in your box tops. Additional Box Tops forms are available at www.boxtops.org (click on coupons and then collection projects) or you can send them in a sealed bag. Don't forget your name and your teacher's name. Congratulations to Mrs. Cooney/Dunbar's class. They won the October snack party. Wolf's Crossing will be receiving \$1300.00 for the October submission date. The Fall gift card winners were Abbey Mindy (\$25 Learning Express Gift Card) and Mrs. Dunbar/Mrs. Cooney (\$25 Chalkboard gift certificate). Please continue to send in your Box Tops, we would like to continue our success!

Mandy Robertson

FAMILY DINNER NIGHTS FOR NOV/DEC

NEW this year....

Buffalo Wild Wings on Wednesday, Dec. 9th. Kids meals only \$1.99.

Costco Pizza - first and third Wednesday of every month - Dec. 2nd and 16th and Jan. 6th and 20th. A large pizza is only \$10. You do not have to be a Costco member to participate. The class with the most pizzas purchased in January will win a pizza party - curtesy of Costco.

Culver's Night Tuesday, Dec. 15 th don't forget to say you are from Wolf's Crossing so our PTA receives part of the proceeds.

Thanks to the following teachers for serving at Famous Daves: Mrs. Witzke, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Hartsock and Ms. Bratt.

MOVIE NIGHT

January 8



Bring your sleeping bags and please join us Friday, January 8 for a movie in the gym. We will be showing the movie Up. Doors open at 6:30 and the movie will start at 7:00. Refreshments and snacks will be available for purchase. Please try to bring small bills and/or change as all concession items are \$1 or less. Parents please plan on staying to enjoy the movie with your children. I would like to give a big thank you to all the Wolf Crossing staff that helped with the October movie night: Mrs. Sulkson, Mr. Henrikson, Mrs. Layman, Mr. McCarthy, Mrs. Apple, and Mrs. Torbett. Without all of your help movie night would not have been possible. Thank you!

Kelli Impola

PTA MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to all of the families who have joined the PTA. We have a record number of members - 480! This is fantastic! We truly appreciate your support.

Go to http://pta.org/member_benefit_providers.asp for PTA member benefits.

Extended to DEC. 18th

Race to the Pizza Party

The stats are in! Here are the standings, showing the remaining memberships needed to earn the pizza party. Which class is going to win it? Will there be more than one?

KA-Te- 7	1C- 9	2C - 13	3CD- 5	4Ba- 15	5A- 12
KA-P -14	1D- 5	2H - 5	3G - 5	4Br- 10	5B- 9
KP-Ta- 2	1F- 12	2Je- 9	3Go- 13	4MC- 5	5M- 8
KP-Te- 7	1M- 13	2Jo- 7	3N - 18	4W - 6	5W- 16
KP-P - 7	1P- 9	2K - 11	3W - 6		

Annual dues are only \$6.00 per member. You may sign up a second family member for an additional \$4.00. Simply return the bottom form with your dues payment in an envelope marked "PTA Membership" to school as soon as possible. Please submit cash or check made payable to Wolf's Crossing PTA.

Thank you for supporting our children and our school!

2009-2010 Wolf's Crossing PTA Membership Form

1st Member's Name _____

2nd Member's Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____

Child's Name _____

Grade/Teacher _____

Child's Name _____

Grade/Teacher _____

Child's Name _____

Grade/Teacher _____

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Informative and Useful Websites

Wolf's Crossing PTA: www.wolfscrossingpta.com

School district 308: www.oswego308.org

Illinois PTA: www.illinoispta.org

National PTA: www.pta.org

Market Day: www.marketday.com

General Mills (boxtops): www.boxtops4education.com

Tyson foods: www.tyson.com/projectAplus

Campbell's: www.campbells.com

Safe kids Campaign; www.safekids.org

Family Education: www.familyeducation.com



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