

President's Message

Top Ten Goals for the PTA.

Now that we are full swing into the New Year, I'd like to take moment and reflect upon the goals set for the PTA for the 2009-2010 school year.

1. Provide ample opportunities for families to be involved in their children's education and school activities. According the National PTA, "It has been proven that when families are involved in their children's learning both at home and at school, their children do better in school." So far this year, we have sponsored two movie nights, Fun Fair, family breakfast, Holiday Shop, sock hop and numerous family dinner nights. We look forward to providing the bike rodeo and possibly a Family Fun Run in the Spring.
 2. Work with the teachers and staff at Wolf's Crossing. Every month a PTA representative attends the Building Leadership Meeting at school. This is a wonderful time for us to collaborate with a representative from each grade level. We are also in constant communication with the administration staff.
 3. Increase our membership. This year, we have 499 members! A record number. Thanks to all of our members. We appreciate your support.
 4. Keep families informed about the PTA. This goal is accomplished through the monthly newsletter, the PTA website - www.wolfscrossingpta.com, mass e-mails and fliers sent home in Friday Folders.
 5. Engage the PTA members in the decision making process. Last year, we began staff proposals. Therefore if a staff member would like money to purchase an item for their class or the school, they are asked to present at a PTA meeting and the members will vote whether or not to approve their proposal. We also include information in the monthly newsletter asking families to contact a board member with ideas or questions.
 6. Raise money to support the year's activities and events. Our fundraiser with Market Day went well this year thanks to all of you. Our net income was \$10,454. We also earn money through monthly Market Day orders, Box Tops, Community Partners (Family Dinner Nights) and Donations. We truly appreciate your support with these programs as it makes it possible to sponsor the events and activities our committees plan.
 7. Create a detailed and specific budget. Noha Ayache, our treasurer, has done a fantastic job. Our budget is balanced every month. She gives a detailed explanation of expenses and income at every PTA meeting and includes an article in the newsletter briefly explaining each month's transactions.
 8. Provide safe and fun activities for the families of Wolf's Crossing. The Fun Fair was again a huge hit. It was a day of fun for the entire family. The Sock Hop has become an annual event families enjoy. Our next event is the Family Breakfast on Tuesday, February 9th and the Bike Rodeo on May 15th.
 9. Provide enrichment to our children's curriculum. This year we have been able to implement Picture Presenter for all classrooms, Junior Achievement for grades first, second and third and the Reflections program for the entire school.
 10. Show our wonderful staff how much we appreciate them. This is accomplished through monthly meals provided by the Hospitality Committee and through Staff Appreciation in May.
- These goals are accomplished due to the amazing volunteers and families we have at Wolf's Crossing. Thank you for taking the time to enhance our children's education.

Rhonda Jorgensen PTA President
Together we achieve more.

Principal's Message

February 2010

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

It's hard to believe we are moving so quickly through this year! Our February here at Wolf's Crossing has many opportunities for you and your students to participate in.



A huge thank you to our PTA and all of the volunteers that made our Fun Fair so successful! Thanks for all of your hard work and efforts. It was a great day and a great turnout!

For parents, Judy Freedman the author of *Easing the Teasing* will be back to provide information to parents on Tuesday, February from 7:00-8:30 at Oswego High School. Our students in grades kindergarten through fifth this past January attended an assembly on this topic.

Thursday, February 4th is Math Games Night. This is an opportunity for our families to come play some math games with our staff. The evening begins at 6:30. We hope to see you there!

Our PTA is sponsoring a sock hop again this year on Friday, February 5th at 7:00. Families are encouraged to bring their children and your best dance moves! We hope to see you there.

There is a School Improvement Day set for Thursday, February 11th. Students in grades first through fifth will be dismissed at 11:55. Our afternoon will be focused on the staffs continued education on the six Gretchen Courtney strategies. These literacy strategies are designed to assist students in their everyday learning as well as the upcoming ISAT testing. There is no school for kindergarten students on this day. There is also no school for any students on Monday, February 15th in observance of President's Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday the 16th.

This year's Valentine's Day parties will be held for students on Friday, February 12th. Parties for AM kindergarten students begin at 10:30 while parties for kindergarten through fifth in the PM begin at 2:30. Please remember this is the last party for students this year.

As we continue through these winter months, please remember our students do attend recess outside and need to be dressed appropriately.

It has truly been wonderful seeing all of our regular parent volunteers here at the building. Thank you again for your time. Please remember we are always looking for additional volunteers if you have the time to spend with our students and staff.

Any questions or concerns can be shared with staff via their phone extensions or e-mail. These are listed on our webpage. Thank you for your support of your children during their days here at Wolf's Crossing. It has been wonderful to see their growth throughout this year not only academically but socially as well. The staff and I are so appreciative of your continued support.

Best Regards,

Allison Sulkson & The Wolf's Crossing Staff

January PTA Meeting

Staff Proposals presented and approved

Mrs. Layman will be purchasing a spinning book stand for Beginning Chapter books and books to update series and sequels. We will pay for these from the income we have earned through Box Tops. The total cost is \$970.

Mrs. Gordon presented on behalf of the third grade teachers. They will be purchasing two ELMOS, digital document cameras. These will help the students be more interactive during a lesson and cut down on paper copies. Total cost \$1,020 and will be taken from the third grade staff proposal budget line.

Mrs. Witzke presented on behalf of the fourth grade teachers. They will be purchasing games which promote differentiation and enable students to be challenged at their level and have fun while learning. Total cost \$979.79 and will be taken from the fourth grade staff proposal budget line.

Mrs. Matile, the Academically Talented teacher, will also be purchasing games which promote differentiating and problem solving. The games will be available to the entire staff at Wolf's Crossing and will be enjoyed by all students. Total cost \$300 and will be taken from the school gift budget line.

A special thanks to Janelle and Eric White who planned and supervised the children's games in the gym during the meeting. The kids had a great time.

Thank you

Big THANKS to all the volunteers who helped make the Fun Fair a huge success again this year. We truly appreciate your help and time. A special thanks to the Fun Fair Committee and the Committee Chair, Maria DeBoer. You guys did a terrific job!

Another BIG thanks to Lisa and Larry Merkel for donating their time and equipment to make the Sock Hop a huge success. We are looking forward to a wonderful night filled with dancing and smiles.

PTA Nights with the Bulls

Attached is a flyer announcing that February 20 & February 26 are PTA nights with the Bulls. The Bulls have been great partners this year giving us the opportunity to provide games at half price almost every month this season.

It's a great night for family and/or friends. If you are having trouble downloading the document please see it on the Illinois PTA website at www.illinoispta.org.

School Matters is a district 308 newsletter full of useful information and updates. Please click on the link to access the publication.

FUNFAIR

Thank You !!!!

We had yet another wonderful Fun Fair and we are very thankful for having such a great group of people that helped to make it a success again. Without the help of all the volunteers, teachers, students and sponsors the Fun Fair would not have been possible.

The prize redemption has always been our big task and every year we try to improve it more and more. This year we acquired more coins and scales to have more weighing stations in the crowded times of the prize redemption.

Because Boozle B's was such a great success last year, we had them again this year and the kids really seemed to enjoy it. Special thanks to Chris Arnold from Bounce Town - the jumpers were a big success and to Sarpinos Pizza - they were very punctual and the pizza was really good.

Now I just want to thank all the parents that brought their kids to have an unforgettable day at Wolf's Crossing.

Maria DeBoer

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PTA Committee Chair Reports

YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

Mrs. Torbett and Ms. Goding along with the Yearbook Club are hard at work creating this year's yearbook. These full color, hardcover yearbooks from "School Annual" will go on sale in early February. The cost will be \$13.25 per yearbook. Watch for order forms to come home in your child's backpack.

Janice Czepiel

STUDENT DIRECTORY

The Wolf's Crossing Student Directory for 2009-2010 was sent home to all PTA members via a Friday folder 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.

Thank you!

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MOVIE NIGHT



We hope everyone enjoyed Up! A big thank you to all the volunteers who ran the concession: Maureen Mills, Maria DeBoer, Kim Katzen, Kelly Flugstad, Tracy Ede, Kim Runca, Debi Rouse, Jen Charapata, Chris and Tom Gallagher. I'd also like to thank Mr. McCarthy for providing an amazing sound system and Mr. Tamez and Ms. Bratt for all of their help.

Kelli Impola

Publishing Center is now OPEN!

Since we had over 30% participation for our fall fundraiser, it was decided at the November PTA meeting to go ahead and purchase the necessary materials for the Publishing Center. This center will allow students to turn their stories into books in four simple steps:

1. Students write a special story
2. Students design and create a cover for their book
3. Parents type the story (students may add illustrations)
4. Return the cover and story to school with the form below

We will laminate the front and back cover and then bind the book using comb binders.

Name _____ Teacher _____

Contact information _____

Color for cover background (please circle one): pastel pink, purple, green or blue.
Primary colors - orange, yellow, green and blue

If you are unable to type your child's story at home, please contact Rhonda at 630-898-6357.

MADHOUSE ON MADISON!

New this season, major renovations to the United Center's 300 Level seating: two open-view bars, exciting concourse design and lighting, HD-TVs, expanded food stations and menus. And more!



VS. Saturday, Feb. _____ m.
Friday, Feb. _____

If PTA members, family and friends can purchase tickets at a discount!
Tickets regularly priced at \$70 are available for only \$40. A _____ of the 300 level.

IMPORTANT: To order tickets, this form and payment must be received by the Chicago Bulls (by fax or mail only) no later than **Monday, February 8**. Please note that tickets are subject to availability and due to high demand, we encourage you to order as soon as possible. **Tickets will SELL OUT!**

Fax to 312.455.4191 Or mail this form with payment to: Chicago Bulls 1901 W. Madison St. Chicago, IL 60612-2459 Attn: PTA Nights	Game Dates	# of Tickets	Ticket Price	Total Price
	2/20/10		@ \$40 (regularly \$70)	
	2/26/10		@ \$40 (regularly \$70)	
			Total Enclosed	\$

There are no refunds or exchanges. Tickets will be mailed to the address below approximately ten days before the game date. For a United Center seating diagram, visit Bulls.com.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home phone (_____) _____ Work phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Please charge my: Visa MasterCard Amex Discover (Fax to 312.455.4191)

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature: _____

Or: Enclosed is a check or money order payable to the Chicago Bulls.

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Illinois PTA: wraw.illinoispta.org

National PTA: wraw.pta.org

Market Day: wraw.marketday.com

General Mills (boxtops): wraw.boxtops4education.com

Tyson foods: wraw.tyson.com/projectAplus

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