

President's Message

It's hard to believe we are already half way through the school year!

January was a very busy month. We had our PTA meeting on the 12th - Thank you to Mrs. Torbett for her presentation on our music curriculum. We had another successful dinner night at Cici's.

Of course our annual Fun Fair was lots of fun! Thank you so much to everyone who donated items, volunteered their time and came to the Fun Fair. I hope everyone had a great time. A special thanks to Maria DeBoer - our fun fair committee chair for coordinating such a wonderful, fun filled day; and thank you to Andrea Freveletti, for once again putting together all the great raffle baskets.



We have lots going on in February and March. Please mark your calendars and watch for additional details for these events as their dates near.

February

- o February 2nd - Famous Dave's with our Special teachers
- o February 4th - Annual sock hop - get those feet ready to move!
- o February 9th - Bounce Town
- o February 15th - Culver's Night with the 3rd grade teachers

March

- o March 2nd - PTA Meeting, 7:00pm in the community room. Supervised activities for the kids in the gym.
- o March 3rd - Chili's with the 1st grade teachers
- o March 15th - Cici's

For our March 2nd PTA meeting, school board candidates have been invited to speak. There are 10 candidates running for two openings. This is a great opportunity for all of us, as it is important to hear their thoughts and positions on various items that directly affect our children and schools. As always, we will also review our budget, update you on our activities and provide you information about various events the PTA is planning.

If you have any suggestions or ideas for the PTA, we would love to hear from you.

Tracy Olivas

PTA President

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Principal's Message

February/March 2011

Dear Families and Students,

For the months of February and March Wolf's Crossing is bringing a number of activities and keydates to be aware of here at the building.

February 3rd is our first combined Math and Reading Night. All students and families are welcome and encouraged to attend this evening. Many of our staff will be present to share beneficial information on the importance of reading and math. Staff will also share with parents how the math games are played from our Everyday Math curriculum. It's a wonderful opportunity to share in your child's academic development. This evening begins at 6:00 and runs until 7:30. Our book fair will also be open for families to browse. We hope to see you there!



Our final parties celebrating Valentine's Day will be held on Monday, February 14th. The AM kindergarten parties will begin at 10:15, while the PM parties begin at 2:30. A big thank you to all of our parents that volunteered at the parties throughout the year. Your hard work and efforts are appreciated.

There is a School Improvement Day on Friday, February 18th. Students in grades 1-5 will be dismissed at 11:55. There is no school for kindergarten students on this day. There will be no school for all students on Monday, February 21st in observance of President's Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday the 22nd.

The district is doing parent teacher conferences different this year. Tuesday, February 22nd is the designated evening. This parent contact evening will vary among teachers. The night is being designed to best benefit the classroom's need. Some teachers will be inviting specific parents in while others may host an open house for parents. Some teachers may combine both these options. Your child's teacher will contact you on how this evening will run. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

During the month of March our students in grades 3-5 will be participating in taking the state ISAT assessments. Mr. Tamez our testing coordinator will be providing information about this. On Friday, March 18th there is no school due to a teacher institute day.

Spring Break will begin for all students on Monday, March 21st and go through Friday, March 25th. Classes will resume on Monday, March 28th. I hope everyone has a fun and restful spring break! I will look forward to hearing all the highlights.

On a personal note, it is great to be back. It's been wonderful to see all of our returning students and meeting our many new students here at the building. I have also enjoyed reconnecting with our parents throughout the building and in the office. Thank you again for the opportunity to spend some time home with my boys. I truly appreciated every moment I spent with them.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us through the staff E-mail or individual phone extensions. Your collaborative efforts directly benefit our students' academic and social development!

Allison Sulkson and the Wolf's Crossing Staff

PTA NEWS

Rebate Skate at Aurora Roller Skate Center
34W113 Montgomery Road, Aurora 630-898-5830
www.skateaurora.com

On half days or no student attendance days, the Aurora Skate offers "Rebate Skate" to the local school districts. Families can have a fun and entertaining afternoon while earning money for the school. Be sure to say you are from Wolf's Crossing and the school will earn a dollar for each person.

District 308 Rebate Skate - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

February 18th and 21st

March 18th and 25th

April 22nd

Admission is \$5.00 for all matinees.

Artsonia information

Parents wanting their child's Artsonia key registration code, please e-mail Mrs Brown at Cbrown0825@oswego308.org. She will be happy to write back with the correct information.



PTA Notes

Spirit Wear Days!

Don't forget to show your Wolf's Crossing pride by wearing your new spirit wear. The following Fridays have been designated as Spirit Wear days:

Feb. 25th March 25th
April 29th May 27th

Would you like a Wolf's Crossing, vehicle magnet but forgot to purchase one? The cost is \$6 for 1 and \$10 for 2. Please contact Pat Kaiser at (630) 898-3124 or pat_kaiser@mac.com if you are interested in purchasing a magnet. They look great on file cabinets and refrigerator doors too!

Pat Kaiser and Traci Taylor

Market Day

Again, we would like to thank everyone who has supported our Market Day sales so far this year. Remember, Wolf's Crossing receives 10% profit from every purchase, so take advantage of buying some delicious food while helping our school at the same time. The next pick-up date is Thursday, February 10, 2011, from 6:00-6:45 pm in the gym. You can either fill out and return the order form to school by February 3rd or easily place your order online at www.marketday.com by 11:00 pm on Monday, February 7th.

When ordering online you can prepay using a credit card or indicate that you will pay with a check when you pick up your order. This month Market Day is featuring their high quality cookie dough at a reasonable price. There's several kinds to choose from, such as Sugar Free Chocolate Chip, Peanut Butter, M&M, White Chocolate Macadamia Nut and many more. The more boxes we sell, the more the school earns.

If you have any questions, please contact either Janice at janiceczepiel@hughes.net or Dawn at dawne712@yahoo.com. Thanks for your support!

*Janice Czepiel
Dawn Engel*



Community Partners

Wednesday February 2nd 2011 – Famous Dave's
2440 Highway 34
Oswego, IL
3:00pm – Close

Wednesday February 9th 2011- Bounce Town
126 Kirkland Circle
Oswego, IL

Tuesday February 15th 2011- Culver's
2781 Highway 34
Oswego, IL
3:00pm – Close

Thursday March 3rd 2011 – Chili's Restaurant
2820 US Highway 34
Oswego, IL

Tuesday March 15th – CiCi's Pizza
11830 S Route 59
Plainfield, IL
11:00 AM – Close

Meghann Streicher

Camp Invention

Throughout the year, we are always looking for new faces to help our kids along! This committee provides the
UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVE GENIUS!

It's time to sign up for
CAMP INVENTION

Led by qualified educators, under the direction of Ms. Amanda Bratt, this is a unique opportunity for your
child(ren) to experience hands-on learning through fun and exciting activities. The camp will be hosted by Wolf's
Crossing Elementary School and is open to children entering grades
one through six. Camp Invention will be held the week of
June 20 – 24, 2011 from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

Wolf's Crossing Elementary is located at
3015 Heggs Road, Aurora, Illinois.

You may register online at HYPERLINK "<http://www.campinvention.org>" www.campinvention.org
or by telephone at 1-800-968-4332.

If you prefer, you can mail your registration form and payment to:
Camp Invention, 3701 Highland Park NW, North Canton, OH 44720.

See the registration form on page 7

PTA Events

Occasional Volunteer Committee

Throughout the year, we are always looking for new faces to help our kids along! This committee provides the school with volunteers for fall/spring pictures, vision/hearing screenings and our fall/spring book fairs! If you are looking for an opportunity that needs a minimal or flexible time commitment, this is for you. We maintain a list of parents interested in volunteering occasionally and call a month before we need volunteers to see if you're interested in the next activity. This is a great way to volunteer for just one day or several times throughout the year! For more information, please send an email to jenniferkastel@yahoo.com. Thanks!

Jen Kastel

Student Directory

The Wolf's Crossing Student Directory for 2010-2011 has been sent home to all PTA members. 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 \$6.50!)

Thank you!

Laura DeCapua

Juli Potjeau

Yearbook Committee

Mrs. Torbett and the Yearbook Club are finalizing this year's yearbook. These full color, hardcover yearbooks will go on sale in February. Watch for order forms to come home in your child's backpack in the upcoming weeks.

Maggie Kenworthy

Box Tops/Tyson/Campbell's Soup Labels

Our next submission date for Box Tops is March 31! When submitting your Box Tops use either a collection sheet or place in a baggie/envelope with your child's name and teacher's name on it. For each 25 count collection sheet turned in your child will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Learning Express gift card. This contest will run February 7-March 20th.

All labels can be submitted through-out the school year. We appreciate your participation in these programs.

Mandy Robertson

Sock Hop/Food Drive

Don't forget!!!

Wolf's Crossing's annual Sock Hop will be held on Friday, February 4th, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Admission is free! Enjoy dancing to songs provided by our very own parent DJ, Larry Merkel. We will also be conducting a food drive at this time. Please bring in canned and boxed goods to donate to our local food pantry. Students donating food items will receive one raffle ticket to win prizes at the end of the evening. Hope to see you there!

Janelle White

Camp Invention



UNLEASHING CREATIVE GENIUS... ONE CHILD AT A TIME

This summer, invest in the skills that will help your child achieve his or her full potential throughout the school year. Nonprofit Invent Now's premier program, Camp Invention, is a weeklong adventure in science creativity. Led by qualified educators, this exciting program is being hosted by **Wolf's Crossing Elementary** this summer for children **entering grades one through six**. The Camp Invention program is a unique opportunity for your child to experience hands-on learning through FUN activities that will stay with them for years to come.



This year's **NEW** SPARK program features:

The Curious Cypher Club™

Build a clubhouse and crack mysterious codes to solve the mystery!

Bounce! An Atomic Journey™

Investigate the science behind bouncy balls and create one to take home!

WILD: Wondrous Innovations and Living Designs™

Explore the world's most innovative animals on a WILD animal adventure!

Game On: Power Play™

Explore new games and add your own twist to create high-energy challenges!

I Can Invent: Edison's Workshop™

Transform gears and gadgets from a broken appliance into a new machine!

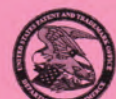
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REGISTRATION WITH
A \$50 DEPOSIT* TODAY!**

**REGISTER ON
OR BEFORE**

**March 30, 2011
to receive
\$25 OFF
the base price!**

Promo Code: RERD

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

"The other day, I heard my son say to his sister, 'There's no such thing as failure, and there's more than one way to solve a problem.' I nearly fell on the floor. Thank you, Invent Now!"

—Camp Invention Parent

COMING TO:

Wolf's Crossing Elementary
June 20 - 24, 2011
9:00am to 3:30pm

DIRECTED BY:

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WWW.CAMPINVENTION.ORG

2011 CAMP INVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

WOLF'S CROSSING ELEMENTARY (The SPARK Program)

Promo Code: RERD

June 20 - 24, 2011 from 9:00am to 3:30pm

Program Code: C-IL08-10632-11

Parent's Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Child's Name	Alumnus?	Gender	Date of Birth	Fall 2011 Grade Level
	Yes / No	M / F		

School Child Attends _____

Special Needs _____

Does your child require an EpiPen® syringe? Yes No

Availability is limited. Program location is subject to change. Each registrant will receive a free Camp Invention T-shirt. Base price for the 2011 Camp Invention program is \$230, of which \$50 is nonrefundable. Refunds are available up to three weeks prior to the start date of the program. Promotional registration discounts are valid only for registrations received and/or postmarked by the applicable date and cannot be used with any other discount.

Yes, please bill my credit or debit card in installments as outlined below...

*An installment payment plan is available at no additional cost if you use a **credit or debit card** and your registration is received **on or before March 30, 2011**. A \$50 deposit will be charged at the time of the registration, and the remaining balance will be divided into two equal payments that will be automatically charged at approximately 30 days and 60 days after the initial deposit.

Yes, I want to help economically disadvantaged children participate in the Camp Invention experience. Please accept my donation of \$ _____, which I understand is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Check # _____ (payable to Camp Invention; please do not send cash)

Credit Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____ Cardholder Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Return registration form (one for each attending child) and payment in full to: Camp Invention, 3701 Highland Park NW, North Canton, OH 44720

Register online at www.campinvention.org or via telephone at 800.968.4332 or fax your registration form to 330.849.8528

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OPAC – Oswego Parent Advisory Council

OPAC's mission is to establish two-way communication between the district and parents.

The district doesn't want parents to be uninformed in regards to their child's education. The district wants to know what is working and what they need to re-work.

Next OPAC meeting date is March 2, 2011. Please email me with any questions, feedback or suggestions for me to present to the district representatives and superintendent.

Communicate 308

An excellent tool to stay connected to District 308 news is to register your email address at oswego308.org.

You can click to receive information specifically for Wolf's Crossing by checking the box next to Wolf's Crossing Elementary. You will receive information not only for Wolf's Crossing, but also the 308 newsletter via email, district news, events, and emergency bulletins.

In addition, you can sign up to receive updates via Facebook and/or Twitter. All items posted to the news section of the website are automatically updated on FB and Twitter, as well as Board meeting and event updates and links to news stories about the district.

50th Anniversary

The district is celebrating its 50th anniversary with special events all year long. Click on the special website logo for a list of events.

\$10 calendars created by Oswego 308 students can be purchased at each school to offset the cost of the anniversary festivities. The flags at each school were donated to the school at no cost by former board member Andy Wood.

Please consider attending the 50th anniversary Blue and White Ball to be held on Saturday, April 2, 2011, 6-11 pm. The district would love to see each school have a table at the ball. The tickets are \$60 per person and include a complimentary cocktail hour, filet/chicken or vegetarian dinner, entertainment, dancing, and the inaugural inductions into the district's alumni Hall of Distinction. The ball will be held at the Gaslite Manor in Aurora. Please contact Crystal Alperin if you would like to sit at the Homestead Elementary table.

Elections

Board of Education elections are April 5. 10 candidates are running for 3 positions, and 2 of the candidates are incumbents. A complete list of candidates is posted on the oswego308.org website. Last day to register to vote in the election is March 8, 2011. Two years ago, only 8% of registered voters actually voted. BOE makes all the decisions that directly impact your children. Model for your children the true gift of citizenship. Research the candidates and VOTE!

OPAC is in the process of compiling a list of questions to be sent to ALL candidates. Once the candidates have filled it out, we will distribute it to parents at our schools. Please email me or talk to me about questions that you would like to see addressed.

Check the Oswego Ledger on January 20, 2011 for all the names of the students in attendance on the first 50 days of school.

OPAC – Oswego Parent Advisory Council (Cont.)

Please join Oswego Police, Kendall County States Attorney and Oswego 308 on February 7, 2011 at 6:30 at OEHS for a presentation on Cyberbullying.

Students in our district were polled about topics of concerns. The most popular amongst students was cyberbullying. If you cannot make the presentation, it will be recorded and offered as a podcast.

Full day Kindergarten

Full day Kindergarten will be offered to all interested students in 2011-2012. The locations of the full-day program are expected to be at Southbury, East View, Grande Park and Hunt Club. However, the final locations will be determined after March 4, when the district sees the number of interested students and their home schools. The district is trying to get a half day program in every school.

Please register before March 4, so district can arrange the staffing and transportation needed for next year. The sooner parents register, the sooner the district can provide these answers.

Parents can attend any kindergarten meeting, not just your home school's meeting. The Churchill meeting was recorded and is available as a podcast.

Full day Kindergarten will be paid for in federal stimulus funds to hire the teachers. The \$250 fee offsets the start up costs. Students receiving free or reduced lunches can apply for a fee waiver. The following year, it will be paid for by state aid.

The district's goal is for Full day Kindergarten students to be kept with other students from their designated home school in the same Kindergarten center.

3rd High School

BOE voted to purchase land at the Southwest corner of Plainfield and Ridge Roads. They will keep the property at 126th, which is currently leased to a farmer, until it is needed for future use.

The District will be redistricting in 2012.

Larry Martinez, the Director of Transportation:

- The district provides ½ of all transportation for its students.
- The other ½ is contracted out to Illinois Central.
- The transportation department is comprised of the director, Larry Martinez, 3 supervisors, 3 secretaries/clerical people, 101 drivers, 50 monitors (mostly for special needs students, but also used to monitor problem buses or drivers), crossing guards, 4 mechanics and 104 buses.
- The State of Illinois requires all driver training. Our district also requires 48 hours of training behind the wheel, student management training, first aid training and driver attendance at safety meetings, which are held 5 times a school year.

OPAC – Oswego Parent Advisory Council (Cont.)

- Drivers run dry runs the week before school begins. Drivers report to dispatcher with any problems to work out. Also, drivers run a mock school day route before school begins.
- Parents are NEVER allowed to step on the bus as mandated by state law. It is a safety issue.
- Buses are equipped with 2 way radios. All Illinois Central buses have a GPS system on the bus, which reports driver's speed, stops and time of stops. GPS was not working until the second week of school.
- All regular ed. buses and 30% of special ed. buses have cameras.
- Please call transportation if any of your information changes, so they can enter it into their system.
- Please call transportation if your bus is 15 minutes late. They will use Connect Ed to contact parents. After 15 minutes late, driver should call it in, but often cannot.
- If there is a tornado warning, the driver will deliver the students to the closest building of refuge.
- Drivers cannot discipline students, except to assign seats. They report disciplinary issues to the principal. It is the principal's responsibility to discipline the students and contact parents.
- If you have additional questions, please contact Larry Martinez or send your questions to Crystal Alperin.



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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
 Campbell's: wraw.campbells.com
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