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President's Message



We are off to a great start to the school year. I can't believe the kids have already been in school over a month now. We had our first PTA meeting on September 8th. Superintendent Dr. Dan O'Donnell was our guest speaker. He spoke about the need for the district to open a third high school. If you would like more information please visit our web site at www.wolfscrossingpta.com or the district web site at www.oswego308.org and see the 20/20 vision link. Mr. Tamez gave a demonstration on the Education City program. Education City is an interactive online resource program with fun learning activities. If you are interested in using this program at home, you can purchase a homework pass through the PTA. Information is available on the PTA website.

Lots of exciting things are happening in October. Join us for our family dinner nights at Buffalo Wild Wings on October 6th and Culver's on October 19th. The 2nd grade teachers will be attending our Buffalo Wild Wings night and the 4th grade teachers will be at the Culver's night. Please stop by and say hi.

Wolf's Crossing will welcome author Carolyn Crimi on October 14th. She will visit during school hours. Mark your calendars for Friday, October 15th for our second annual movie night. We will be showing "How to train your Dragon". Please see the newsletter for more details. October 22nd is Spirit Wear day. Show your school spirit and wear your Wolf's Crossing apparel. Halloween classroom parties will be on Friday, October 29th. These parties are for the classroom children and the 3 assigned parent volunteers. If you would like to volunteer for any parties or other sponsored PTA events, please complete the volunteer form and send it back to school. The volunteer forms can be found on the PTA web site.

Our Fall Fundraiser kicked off on September 24th. This is our main fundraiser for the entire year. The funds received from this allow the PTA to approve staff proposals as well as support all the wonderful PTA programs throughout the year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Tracy Olivas

PTA President

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Principal's Message

October 2010

Dear Wolf's Crossing Families,

It's hard to believe it is already October! The kids have settled into their classes and new friendships have been formed. It is so exciting to visit the classrooms and see the growth our students have made in such a short time.



A big part of our beginning of the year activities is fall academic assessment, using the NWEA/MAP tests for students in grades 2-5. This is a big step for our second graders, who have never taken an assessment like this before. To complete the assessment, the students move into the computer lab and work individually to answer a set of questions, either in reading or in math; these questions dynamically change throughout the assessment in response to the answers chosen to the student. In this way, we are able to obtain valuable information about our students' academic strengths and weaknesses. This helps our teachers tailor instruction to meet their needs.

Our primary students have been taking assessments as well. Kindergarten students have shown us their knowledge of letter names and sounds. Our first and second grade teachers have been individually assessing students on sight words and reading levels, and students in grades two through five have been showing their ability to read fluently. Once again, this is valuable information for designing instruction.

It was great to see the large turnout at this year's Curriculum Night! Thank you for attending this event and learning about your child's educational program. There was quite a bit of information shared this night within a short period of time, and we know that you may have questions as the year progresses. I encourage you to contact your child's teacher when these questions arise.

As always, if we can be of service, please do not hesitate to call or email Mr. Tamez or me.

Keith Griffin
Interim Principal

RAINBOWS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Wolf's Crossing Elementary School is pleased to announce the continuation of RAINBOWS. Beginning in November, we will be having weekly support groups for our students, Kindergarten through fifth grade, who are living in single parent families, step families, or families that are going through painful transitions.

When something significant happens in a family, the entire family is affected. Even though death, divorce or loss appears to be only a grown-up problem, they have a profound effect on the children touched by these experiences. If a parent dies or a divorce occurs, not only do the parents grieve, the children do also. Because of their age and short life experience, children find it extremely difficult to verbalize their feelings of grief.

We have some very caring trained adults who have said "Yes" to helping these children put those feelings into words, work through their grief, build a stronger sense of self-esteem, and begin to accept what has taken place in the family.

If your child is part of a single parent family, a stepfamily, has experienced the death of a loved family member, friend or sibling, or is struggling with a painful experience, this will be an opportunity for him/her to share with a special someone on the outside what is happening on the inside.

Through the RAINBOWS support group, we hope to assist your child in expressing and understanding his/her feelings, to feel acceptance for what has happened, and to feel a sense of belonging and love. Because we are unable to answer their questions or solve their problems, we will accomplish this through the channels of peer support with nurturing adults to guide them, and a safe place to share.

RAINBOWS is a 16-week program beginning in November and will meet for 30 minutes each week. The day and time of the meetings will be determined by what best meets the needs of students, families and facilitators. Please read and fill out the sign-up form together, have you and your child sign it and return it to the Main Office by October 22, 2010. If you have further questions you are welcome to contact Mrs. St Victor (630-636-3705) or Mrs. Torbett (630-636-3732).

Sincerely,

Mrs. St Victor and Mrs. Torbett
RAINBOWS Coordinators

Room Representative Committee

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to make our room parties fabulous this year! If you are interested in volunteering in any way to help make them even better, please contact your child's head room representative as listed below. Halloween party planning should be gearing up, so if you volunteered and have not yet heard from your head room representative, please contact them using the information below.

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Kimberly Katzen

PTA Notes

Spirit Wear Days!

What a great start to the 2010–2011 school year! We had a wonderful response to our initial Spirit Wear offering with over 115 families placing orders. We hope to have the items by the middle of October. Thank you to everyone who participated. 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:

Oct. 22th	Nov. 26th
Dec. 17th	Jan. 28th
Feb. 25th	March 25th
April 29th	May 27th

For the first time at Wolf's Crossing, we have vehicle magnets for sale and we still have some available. 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

We would like to thank everyone who supported our September Market Day sale. 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, October 7th from 6:00–6:45 pm in the gym. You can either fill out and return the order form to school by September 30th or easily place your order online at www.marketday.com by 11:00 pm on October 4th. When ordering online you can pre-pay using a credit card or indicate that you will pay with a check when you pick up your order.

Specials for October include: Free 1 lb. Mandarin Citrus Blend with a \$40 purchase and if you place an \$80 order online, you can receive Free 2 lbs. of Ground Beef using promo code OCTBONUS. During October any new customer that places their first order will receive \$5 off a \$25 order with the promo code NEWFIVE.

*Janice Czepiel
Dawn Engel*



PTA Events

Junior Achievement Committee

Coming this spring...1st, 2nd and 3rd grade classes will participate in the Junior Achievement program. JA is a nationwide nonprofit organization that presents important life skills through hands-on economic education lessons. Adults from the community volunteer to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, business and economics. Each class will have 5 lessons (one per week) for 25-45 minutes. The 1st grade curriculum will focus on "Our Families", the 2nd grade on "Our Community" and the 3rd grade on "Our City."

The kids just love the program, and it's a lot of fun to do, but we're always in search of great volunteers. So, if you're interested in helping out, please email or call Laurie Jendraszkiwicz at ljendras@yahoo.com or 630.220.8400.

Laurie Jendraszkiwicz

Hospitality Committee

Are you looking for a way to say thank you to the wonderful Wolf's Crossing Staff who give so much to our children? Please consider volunteering your cooking and baking talents at one or more of meals throughout the year. You can donate a side dish, entrée dish or a yummy dessert.

If interested, please contact me at: mrsjen@comcast.net. Let's make this a great year for our teachers and staff and show them how much we appreciate what they do!

Jen Charapata

Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee wishes to extend its sincere thanks to the Super Wal-Mart store on Route 34 in Oswego for their very generous donation of 20 Hosta plants. These will be planted along the brick walls on the northeast corner of the school, where it is nice and shady. Thank you, Super Wal-Mart, for enhancing the landscape of our school!

The Beautification Committee is also very pleased to be working with the 4th grade team at Wolf's Crossing. The 4 teachers and 120 students will be planting, trimming, weeding and sprucing up the school grounds in the fall and spring. They will also be going around to all the different classrooms, offices and lunchroom each day, collecting all the articles that can be recycled and placing them in the bin in the parking lot. This year is the kick-off of the 4th graders "GO GREEN" service project and we are very excited and thankful to them for helping us out.

Way to go, 4th grade team!

Maureen Mills

Movie Night Committee

Please join us for a family movie night on Friday, October 15. Doors will open at 6:30 pm and the movie will begin at 7 pm. We will be showing the movie "How to Train Your Dragon". This comes out on DVD that day, so if there are any problems obtaining the film, Bolt will be shown instead. Concessions will be available for purchase and admission is free. Parents please plan on staying to enjoy the film with your children as supervision will not be available.

Hope to see you there!

Kelli Impola

PTA Events

Occasional Volunteer Committee

Welcome to another school year! 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

FUN FAIR COMMITTEE

FUN FAIR - January 22nd from 11:00-3:00

For the families to Wolf's Crossing, the Fun Fair is a special day dedicated to the families of our school, where everybody can come to the school for a few hours and have a great time. We have a lot of different games, bouncers, raffles, food, prizes for everyone to enjoy.

As the date for the Fun Fair gets closer, I will send more information about how you can get involved and be a part of this wonderful day. Last year's Fun Fair was a great success and we are always planning how to make it even better each year. The Fun Fair is not the work of one person but the work of many, many volunteers that we need to make this day possible.

If you have any questions, suggestions or ideas don't hesitate to call me at 630-692-1323 or e-mail me at mebadeboer@yahoo.com.

Thank you

Maria DeBoer

Holiday Shop

Mark your calendar! Our Holiday Shop will be held on Thursday, December 9th, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Our vendor this year is Penguin Patch, a company that offers a wide variety of holiday gifts starting at \$0.25. Sixty percent of items are \$3 or less. Children will be able to shop independently (with some assistance from volunteers) for holiday gifts for their family and friends. The children really enjoy this fun experience! We will need many volunteers to make this year as fun as it has been in the past. Please consider signing up for a shift in your PTA Volunteer Packet. If you have any questions, you can contact Janelle White at ericandjanelle@comcast.net.

Janelle White

PTA Events

Reflections Committee

This year's 2010-2011 Reflections theme is "Together We Can". Students may submit original works of art that reflect their interpretation of the theme in the following categories:

Dance Choreography
Film production
Literature
Musical composition
Photography
Visual Arts

All students K-5 are invited to participate and all participants will be recognized at the May 2011 Wolf's Crossing PTA Meeting. Please visit www.ptareflections.org for more information and official rules. Entries and forms should be placed in an envelope marked "PTA reflections program" and turned in at school. Entry deadline will be Monday November 29, 2010. Please contact me for any further questions at 630-978-0978 or valek616@com-cast.net. Good Luck!

Sarah Valek

Directory Committee

The Student Directory for the 2010-2011 school year is currently being compiled and will be a great resource for the coming year to keep in touch with your child's classmates (such as planning play dates, birthday parties and homework help). The directory is sponsored by the PTA and will be provided to all PTA members at no charge - there is a minimal fee to purchase one if you are not a PTA member. The directory will be distributed in early fall.

The current blue directory form was included in student registration packets at the end of the 09-10 school year, as a new form is needed to be filled out for each child, each year. If you have not filled out a directory form for your child(ren) yet and would like them listed in the directory, please contact Chairs Laura DeCapua or Juli Potjeau. If a directory form is not received for your child(ren), they will not be listed in the student directory. Please be aware that you do not need to be a member of the PTA to have your child listed in the directory.

Laura DeCapua

Juli Potjeau

Community Partners Committee

Family dinner nights.

Important dates to remember:

Wednesday October 6th 2010 - Buffalo Wild Wings

1550 Douglas Road Oswego, IL

3:00pm - Close

2nd grade teachers will be there!

Tuesday October 19th 2010 Culver's

2781 Highway 34 Oswego, IL

3:00pm - Close

Hope to see as many families possible!

4th grade teachers will be there!

Meghann Streicher



PTA Events

Box Tops/Tyson/Campbell's Soup Labels

Please start sending in your Box Tops labels! Send them in a baggie labeled with your child's name and teacher's name. Please trim them when submitting, it makes it easier when counting and sorting! Last year we earned \$2500.00 from Box Tops alone! I know we can do that again with your support. Check out boxtops4education.com; this website has many great tools to help increase our earnings. Look for collection sheets that make submission so easy. The collection sheets are a great way for your child to get involved, simply cut and apply 25 box tops to the sheets and turn in. For every collection sheet turned in your child will pick a prize from our Principal! This is done monthly, let's get those collection sheets filled in! Tyson A+ labels are worth \$.24 each...WOW!!! Look for these labels on your Tyson chicken products. Please send these in, the money from these labels allows us to purchase additional Ellison Dye Cuts for our teachers.

Campbell's Soup Labels are used to purchase equipment needed for our school. These labels are found on most soups. Look for the Campbell's Soup for Education logo and turn in today! Thank you for all of your support! Let's have a successful year. For more information please email atmandrob@sbcglobal.net!

Mandy Robertson

Fundraising Committee

Dear Parents and Friends,

This week we kicked off our annual fundrasier and sent home our fundraising brochure with your child. Once again our fundraiser is through Life:Style by Market Day.

Please take time to look at the catalog as there are many new and exciting products to choose from featuring products to organize your home, create memories and prepare delicious family meals along with best sellers such as quality gift wrap, magazines, gourmet chocolates, jewelry, and home decor. In addition, you can order online through marketdayfundraising.com. Online you can order exclusive products such as personalized gifts and licensed team merchandise.

Our fundraising goal is \$25,000.00 and with recent budget cuts, this year we need your help more than ever! The Fall Fundraiser is the main source of income for our PTA to run all of its programs and to support our staff. It is with your tremendous support that we are able to have Picture Presenters, Holiday Parties, Reflections, a Fun Fair, and the list goes on and on!

Fun Fair bracelets will be part of the selling incentive again this year, along with catalog prizes and more. Plus, the top seller will win a Mini Digital Video Recorder!

Without your support none of this would be possible and please don't forget to email friends and family as they can order online through marketdayfundraising.com. You can make a difference by helping us reach our goal!

Thank you in advance for all your support!

Michelle Al-Ashkar & Michelle Marti

Sock Hop/Food Drive

This year Wolf's Crossing's Sock Hop/Food Drive will be held on Friday, February 4th. The children will have a great time dancing with friends and we will be having a raffle for prizes. Raffle tickets will be in conjunction with our food drive - donate items and receive a ticket.

Janelle White

Membership Committee

Join The PTA before December 3, 2010
EARN THAT PIZZA PARTY !!
Classrooms with 100% will win it!!
Who will it be? Last year it was Kindergarten
Fifth grade has to step it up to be in the running!!!

Annual dues are only \$6.50 per member. You may sign up a second family member for an additional \$3.50. That means you will get two memberships for \$10.00! Double your membership and you double the support for our school and children! Plus, members receive a FREE school directory! Simply return the bottom form with your dues payment in an envelope marked "PTA Membership" to school as soon as possible so that you and your children can begin to experience the benefits of the Wolf's Crossing PTA. Please submit cash or check made payable to Wolf's Crossing PTA.

If you have any questions about membership please contact Kelly Flugstad, membership chair, at kelly.flugstad@yahoo.com or 630-499-9444. Please note, the membership forms that have gone home with your children this school year has been the first opportunity to join the PTA for this 2010-2011 school year.

Thank you for supporting our children and our school!
Kelly Flugstad!

2010-2011 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 _____

Don't forget, you are helping your child earn a pizza party!

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 Market Day: wraw.marketday.com
 General Mills (boxtops): wraw.boxtops4education.com
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