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President's Letter

Happy Spring! I'm sure everyone is looking forward to the warmer Spring weather and the opportunity to play outside. As we get ready for Spring, be sure you attend the Bike Rodeo this year. There will be free bike inspections, obstacle course, skill stations, and safety information provided. Look for more information to come home in your child's Friday Folder.

April is a quiet month for the PTA. Our calendar events are slowing down. We are planning a Volunteer Appreciation night on Wednesday, April 15th. Anyone who has donated items, volunteered at the school, and/or for a PTA event is welcome to attend. More information will be coming home about this much deserved evening. We also have Market Day on April 9th, Rebate Skate on April 9th, 10th & 23rd, and the last Culver's Family Night on April 21st. We would like to thank the reading teachers for planning a wonderful Reading Night. The children enjoyed the reading activities and listening to the Spatulatta Sisters. Be sure to check out their website at www.Spatulatta.com.

Once again, I hope everyone enjoys the warmer weather and don't forget to check out the tulip garden behind the school. Not only is it a beautiful garden when in full bloom, but also a reminder of our children's pledge to say No to Drugs. Thanks for all you do.



Rhonda

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A Letter From the Principal



Dear Wolf's Crossing Families,

Staff development for teachers, come in many different forms. You might have heard your child saying that their teacher is being trained in "Gretchen Courtney", and you probably wondered what that was. Well, this particular training is on reading skills. Other trainings are on math or differentiation strategies. The list could go on and on. However, these trainings are important. This is the time for the teacher to learn, and bring those strategies back into the classroom to enhance the learning. So when your child says their teacher was at training, rest assured that the result of the absence will directly affect the atmosphere of the classroom.

Parent teacher conferences are right around the corner, April 8-10. What a great opportunity to share your thoughts and concerns about your child at the same time the teacher shares his/her reflections of how the year went and the excitement of what the rest of the year will bring. Please make sure you contact your child's teacher to make an appointment. We look forward to seeing you at Wolf's Crossing.

Read, read, and read.

It is spring; at least I hope it is!!! We have all been cooped up inside for so long, it's time to get out and enjoy the weather. Why not do some outside activities with the family; enjoy the park on nice sunny day, take a family walk and look at the signs of spring, or get the bikes out of the garage and travel down the bike path. Whatever the activity, get out there and enjoy the fresh spring air.

NWEA testing will finish up the first few weeks in April. Second through fifth graders have been taking computer based tests in reading and math. Students are tested at their level and work at their own pace. Teachers are able to access student scores within 24 hours. This allows them to see the strengths and weaknesses so as to modify teaching strategies. Reports will be sent home with your child.

Going forward....these next few months will be filled with many activities such as the book fair, fine arts night, choir concerts, etc. We at Wolf's Crossing hope you will be able to make it out to the school to as many activities as possible. We look forward to seeing you.

Rene Garren
Interim Principal

PTA Committee Chair Reports

Staff Appreciation Committee

Staff Appreciation Week will be celebrated this year the week of May 3rd - 9th. Our theme for this year is *Wolf's Crossing's Staff Makes Learning Sweet!* We have many events and surprises planned for our staff including a dessert bar, daily raffles, breakfast, lunch, and special gift bags. If you filled out the volunteer packet and were interested in helping out during this week, you will be contacted via e-mail the first week in April. If you did not fill out the packet but are interested in helping in any way, please contact Janelle White at ericandjanelle@comcast.net. Look for more detailed information in the May newsletter as well as a flyer that will be sent home in your child's Friday Folder prior to Staff Appreciation Week. It should be a fun week!

Janelle White,
Committee Chair

Box Top Committee

We mailed off over 4,000 Box tops for the February submission deadline plus more than 10,000 for the October deadline. Which means we have earned over \$1,500 during this school year! Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to clip and sent in their Box Tops and labels. Keep up the great work and save those Box Tops and labels for the next school year.

Congratulations to Mrs. Mahoney's fourth grade class. Mrs. Mahoney's class sent in over

1,300 labels! The PTA will hold an ice cream party as a special thank you for all their work.

Don't forget to keep sending in your Tyson Project A+ labels and your Campbell's for Education labels. I will submit the Tyson labels and the Campbell's by the end of April.

Keep saving all summer for back to school contests!!

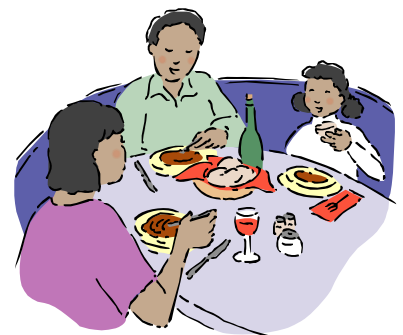
Thank you,
Christie Borders
Committee Chair

Community Partners Committee

Thank you for supporting Wolf's Crossing Family Dinner Nights! We have had a very successful year so far!

April's Family Dinner Night will be at Culver's on April 21st. Come on out for dinner or dessert and earn 10% of the sales for our school. Please remember to bring the coupon from the newsletter or website and present it upon ordering.

Next month you can look forward to one last Papa Saverio's Family Dinner Night as well as an Airtastic Benefit Night!



Information & Highlights

BULLY TIPS



"No One Can Make You Feel Inferior Without Your Consent" -Eleanor Roosevelt

HOW DO YOU KEEP FROM BEING BULLIED?

- WALK TO SCHOOL WITH SOMEONE
- STAY WITHIN SIGHT OF TEACHERS AND GROWNUPS
- SIT NEAR THE BUS DRIVER
- AVOID PLACES WHERE BULLIES ARE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Wolfs Crossing PTA is still looking for book fair volunteers. If you're available to volunteer for one of the following shifts, please contact Jen Kastel at jenniferkastel@yahoo.com

Tuesday Mar 31st 12-3

Friday April 3rd 12-3

Wednesday April 8th 5:30-8

Thursday April 9th 2:30-4:30

Friday April 3rd 9-12

Wednesday April 8th 3-5:30

Thursday April 9th 12-2:30

Thank you for your support!

Wolf's Crossing PTA

Some spots may have been filled prior to the printing and distribution of the newsletter. Please contact the PTA committee chair to an updated list of spot available.



Check out the Wolf's Crossing WebSite

There will be changes going on starting in the next few months and next year. Our website will host the newsletter as we 'Go Green' and paperless. The newsletter will be available online, as always. Also, we are hoping to start electronic voting! Stay current, and be sure to be heard. Go to www.wolfscrossingpta.com!

Information & Highlights

Social Committee:

We would like to thank everyone who attended the March Meeting. The children had a great time playing Bingo. They also enjoyed crafts and being able to run free in the gym. A big thanks to Aimee Lenz for supervising.

We would also like to thank the staff members who were able to attend: Mr. Modaff and his daughter, Ms. McBrayer, Ms. Otepka, Mrs. Tellone and her daughters, Mrs. Gordon and Ms. Jenkins. We truly appreciate their attendance and support.

Our next meeting is May 6th. This is our last PTA meeting for the year. We will have elections for the Executive Committee, Reflections Awards presented and our Ice Cream Social. Hopefully, the weather cooperates and we can enjoy the ice cream on the playground. Please extend the invitation to incoming Kindergarten families.

Don't Forget: Kindergarten Registration is April 13th from 4:30-7:00

Board Meeting - Everyone is welcome...

Please join us for the Year End Board Meeting on May 20th from 7-8PM in the Community Room. Learn more about the PTA committees and volunteer opportunities. Please extend the invitation to incoming Kindergarten families.

Culver's Family Dinner Night April 21st

Join Wolf's Crossing staff and friends at the Oswego Culver's on Rt. 34 for Family Dinner Night! Culver's will donate a percentage of sales back to Wolf's Crossing. Please bring this coupon with you and present it to your server. Hope to see you there!

Teacher _____

Amount _____

Information & Highlights

We need you...

As a committee chair -

Bike Rodeo - Organize and plan the spring bike rodeo

Fundraising - work with the board to organize fall fundraiser

Membership - coordinate membership drive and keep database

Social - plan and run family nights in conjunction with PTA meetings

Technology - update and run PTA's website, send out mass e-mails

Newsletter - coordinate monthly newsletters

Legislation - keep members updated on current PTA legislation

Staff Appreciation - plan and organize staff appreciation activities the first week of May

Fun Fair Raffle Baskets

Cabinet Display Case - Update displays in the new cabinets

Halloween Costume Exchange

New Family Welcome Committee

Sock Hop and annual Food Drive

Translation Services

And for the Executive Committee

Treasurer - Responsible for all money transactions and records

Additional Vice President Positions

We also need a

Audit Committee - Audit PTA's financial records.

If interested - please contact Rhonda at rhondajorgensen@comcast.net

Thank you for your support

PUZZLE PAGE!

Congratulations to Virk Family. They won this month's prize. A \$20 gift certificate to the Spring Book Fair!

Complete the puzzle below and return it to the school before the deadline (April 15th) for your chance to win this month's prize: \$20 gift certificate to Culvers!

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

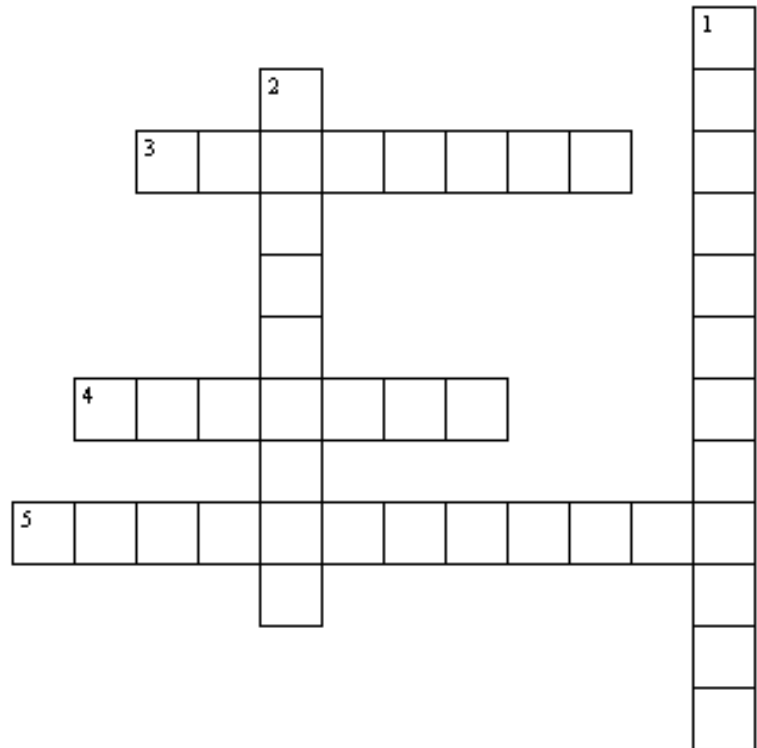
Student's Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Email Address: _____

All entries must be received before April 15th. Submit your entry early to ensure it is received. Winners will be notified by email.

Crossword Puzzle

Using the clues at the bottom of the page fill in the answers to the puzzle on the right.



DOWN

- 1 Attend this on May 20th.
- 2 ____ appreciation day is April 15th

ACROSS

- 3 Starts March 31st, and goes to April 9th
- 4 Raised over \$1,500 so far this year
- 5 April 21st.

DOWN

- 1 Attend on May 20th
- 2 ____ appreciation day is April 15th

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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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