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President's Welcome

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 2008-2009 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 over thirty activities for our children, and we look forward to providing an additional twenty six activities.
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.* We had 394 members in 2007/2008. This year, we have 420 members! A big thanks to all 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 flyers sent home in Friday Folders.
5. *Engage the PTA members in the decision making process.* This 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 had informal votes on which fundraiser company to use and the yearbook. 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 Great American Opportunities was a huge success thanks to all of you. We also earn money through Market Day, 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 commitment plan.
7. *Create a detailed and specific budget.* Janice Czepiel, the Treasurer, has included several additional line items to the budget. With these additions, we know exactly where the PTA is being spent. She also 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 and helpful tips.
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. Our next event is the Family Sock Hop on February 6th from 6:30-8:30. Join us for a night of fun and dancing. We also look forward to the Family Breakfast on Tuesday, February 10th and the Bike Rodeo on May 16th.
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 members we have at Wolf's Crossing. Thank you for taking the time to enhance our children's education.

Rhonda

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PTA Committee Chair Reports

Student Directory Committee

The Wolf's Crossing Student Directory for the 2008-2009 school year has been distributed to all PTA members. If you are a member of the PTA and did not receive 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, you can contact either co-chair as they are available for \$7.00. Remember, directories are free if you join the PTA for only \$6.00!

Thank you!

Directory Committee Co-Chairs

Laura DeCapua *Juli Potjeau*

Social Committee

As many of you know, the January meeting was canceled due to the cold weather. At this time we will not be rescheduling the meeting, however we have posted several proposals on our website, www.wolfscrossingpta.com. You will be able to vote electronically on these issues the first of February. A mass e-mail will be sent out once everything has been posted on line. The information on bullying that was to be presented by Mrs. St. Victor, will be provided at our March 11th meeting. We will include the bullying information to the March newsletter. Our next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, March 11th. We will host the Home Depot Build it Night. An RSVP will be sent home in the near future.



Community Partners Committee

Our December Culver's Family Dinner Night unfortunately coincided with a snowstorm! If you were unable to make it out that evening (as most of us were), mark your calendar for *February 17th*. Let's see if we can beat our October amount donated from Culver's of \$114.85! Please remember to bring the coupon from the newsletter or website and present it upon ordering.

Also, thank you to all the families who ordered through Papa Saverio's in January! Wolf's Crossing will be teaming up with them again in February for another Family Dinner Night. On *February 26th*, Papa Saverio's will donate 10% of your order to Wolf's Crossing if you bring in their flyer when ordering.

Yearbook Committee

It's not too late to order your yearbook. Download an order form from our website, www.wolfscrossingpta.com or stop in the office and pick up an order form. If you have any questions contact Lisa Merkel at 630-692-1330 or ljmerkel@yahoo.com.

Committee Chair,
Lisa Merkel

Take Your Family To School Week—Family Breakfast

The National PTA Take Your Family to School Week is February 8th-14th. To celebrate this week our PTA will provide a Family Breakfast on Tuesday, February 10th from 7:30 AM - 8:15 AM. We will provide donuts, fruit trays, juice, and coffee. It is a wonderful time to visit with friends and staff members. An RSVP was sent home last week. If you forgot to send it in and would like to come, please download a new form from our website - www.wolfscrossingpta.com.



Culver's Family Dinner Night February 17th

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

Save The Date

The Wolf's Crossing Annual Bike Rodeo will be taking place on May 16, 2009. There will be more information forthcoming, as we get closer to the actual date of the event. There are many wonderful volunteers who have already signed up to help out at this event. We could always use more help. If you are interested in helping out at the Bike Rodeo please contact Danny Dorpat at dorpat4@comcast.net.



PTA Online

Are you curious about other PTAs or would like ideas, inspiration or lots of ideas? Visit the National PTA pages on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and Fotki. Check out: <http://pta-tv.org> (username

"ptacommunity" and password "1pta1") - click enter to watch each video and learn how easy it is to be part of the online community.



Information & Highlights



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. Thank you to the Fun Fair Committee and the Committee Chair. You guys did a terrific job! Thank you to all the families who sent in donations for the goodie walk, pop toss, and raffle baskets!

PTA Convention - Reaching New Horizons (Illinois PTA)

PTA Convention is just around the corner, and we are lucky to have it near by. This year, the convention will be at the Holiday Inn Select in Naperville, March 13th-15th.

"Why should you attend the convention?"

1. A unique opportunity for new ideas, improved skills and recharge energy
2. Interact with PTA members from all areas of the state. Lean and share ideas.
3. Explore new programs
4. Raise your voice on important issues affecting PTA
5. Sharpen leadership skills
6. All PTA members are invited and registration will be paid for by the PTA

If interested please contact Rhonda @ rhonda-jorgensen@comcast.net

The Parent Volunteer Copy Center is up and running with great success. The entire Wolf's Crossing Staff is grateful for the extra time available for planning and assisting students. Due to the Copy Center's triumphant beginning, Mr. Modaff is eager

to expand production in the New Year. He is looking for additional volunteers to support a laminating and Friday Folder division of the Copy Center. Any parents or community friends that are interested in helping out, please contact Mr. Modaff via e-mail at jmodaff@oswego308.org.

SOCK HOP

Get your dancing shoes ready!! The Wolf's Crossing Sock Hop will be on Friday, February 6th from 6:30-8:30. DJ, Larry Merkel, will keep your legs moving and feet

tapping. It is a fun night for the entire family. Friends and Relatives are welcome. We will provide snacks and a guaranteed night of FUN!!

Bring a non perishable food item for the local food pantry and you will be entered into the Webkinz raffle.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Sock Hop 2/6/09 from 6:30-8:30

- Make posters
- Set up and/or serve snacks
- Coordinate the food drive and raffle

Brief clean up

Family Breakfast 2/10/09 7:30AM-8:15AM

- Pick up fruit and juice
- Help set up tables and food @ 7:15
- Clean up

PAPA SAVERIOS NIGHT!

February 27, 2009

10% of your order is donated to

(Wolf's Crossing Elementary)

Coupons and Special Offers Welcome

(630) 820-PAPA (7272)



2380 S. EOLA ROAD, AURORA, IL 60503

Customer Name

Address:

City:

Phone

For Official Use: : _____ / _____
Date Ticket No.

Information and Highlights

Family Reading Night

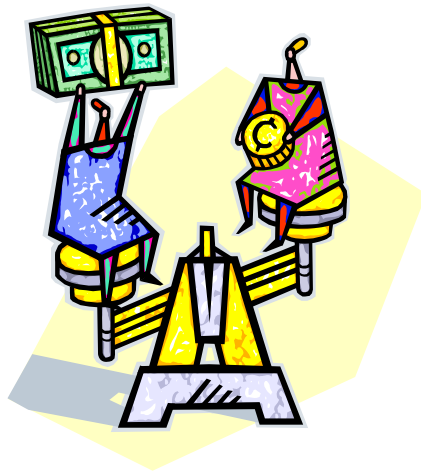


On March 5, 2009, Wolf's Crossing Elementary School invites all families to attend our annual Family Reading Night from 6:30-8:00 P.M. There will be activities and raffles. Best of all, we will have special guests

joining us, the Spatulatta Sisters, "Kids who teach kids to cook." Liv and Belle will demonstrate their fun recipes by cooking up stone soup and green eggs and ham. Their book, The Spatulatta Cookbook won the Parent's Choice Award for 2007. Check them out at their website www.spatulatta.com, then come and meet them live on March 5 at 6:30 P.M.

Treasurer Updates

The PTA income continues to meet or exceed the expected goal for the year in all areas. We are discussing ways to spend any potential excess income. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how this money could be used for our school and our students please let one of us know.



Recent areas of spending include:

January: Fun Fair

February: Family Breakfast, Sock Hop refreshments and Valentine Parties

Helpful Tip:

Please cash any checks received from the PTA as soon as possible. Every effort is made to keep a balanced bank statement, and it is much easier if checks are cleared. This will be especially important as the year comes to an end and the audit committee receives the books. Thank you for your assistance!

Janice Czepiel

Treasurer

The PTA On The Web

Don't forget to check out the PTA websites. Illinois PTA: www.illinoispta.org, National PTA: www.pta.org, and of course Wolf's Crossing's very own, www.wolfscrossingpta.com. Each site has a wealth of information important to you and your child's education, from state budget cuts affecting education K-12 in many states, to upcoming meetings, and how to voice your opinions and concerns as a parent at the local, state, and national level. The PTA relies on parents getting involved.

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PUZZLE PAGE!

Congratulations to Amy Kosinsky for completing last month's Puzzle Page! Complete the puzzle below and return it to the school before the deadline (February 13th) for your chance to win this month's prize: \$20 dollars worth of Market Day purchases!

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Student's Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Email Address: _____

All entries must be received before February 13th. Submit your entry early to ensure it is received. Winners will be notified by email.

Instructions: There are seven words hidden in this word search. Use the clues below to find and circle those words. When you are done return this page to the school for your chance to win this month's prize.

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Clues:

- This will take place on May 16th.
- Fun family event happening on February 6th.
- This will take place during Take Your Family to School week.
- The Spatulatta Sisters will make an appearance at this event in March.
- This community member will donate 10% earned on February 27th, if you use the flyer.

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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

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