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## President's Letter

I would like to begin by thanking the families and staff members who were able to participate in the Sock Hop and Family Breakfast. Both events were very successful thanks to our wonderful volunteers and families at Wolf's Crossing. Our next event is the March PTA meeting on Wednesday, March 11th. We have changed the theme from Make It, Take It night to Bingo. We will provide prizes and snacks.

We are also excited about working with the Reading Teachers who plan the Family Reading Night, March 5th. This year the PTA is sponsoring The Spatulatta Sisters to share their children's cookbook. They will also be demonstrating how to prepare two of their recipes. The PTA board is already planning ahead for the 2009-2010 school year. On page 5, we have listed various opportunities for families to be involved. We also invite anyone who is interested in learning more about the PTA Board and/or Executive Committee to contact us or join us at the May Board meeting on May 20th at 7:00 in the Community Room. Without our wonderful volunteers, we would not be able to provide the enrichment programs, activities and events for our children and their families.

Together we achieve more!

*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!

Directory Committee Co-Chairs

*Laura DeCapua*      *Juli Potjeau*

### Community Partners Committee

This month we are having TWO family dinner nights! Chili's had a great turnout in September and would like to work with us again! Mark your calendar for March 10<sup>th</sup> and head over to the Oswego Chili's on Rt. 34 with the coupon from this newsletter. You can always print out a coupon from the Wolf's Crossing website!

Also, during Spring Break we will be having a Chuck E. Cheese Night on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. From 3-9 p.m. 15% of all register sales will be donated back to Wolf's Crossing. This includes all food, merchandise, and token deals purchased at the registers. Wolf's Crossing Teachers who attend will receive a FREE meal that night...just bring in your Staff ID! Families do not need to bring in a flyer. Just remember to tell the cashier when making your purchases that you are from Wolf's Crossing Elementary School. It should be a fun night for families!

### Staff Appreciation Committee

This year's Staff Appreciation Week will be held May 4<sup>th</sup> - May 8<sup>th</sup>. Our theme is "Wolf's Crossing Staff Makes Learning Sweet." Thank you so much to all of you who volunteered to help show our staff how great they really are by signing up through the Volunteer Packet at the beginning of the school year. I will be contacting you in early April! If you didn't sign up and are interested in helping out in anyway, please contact Janelle White at [ericandjanelle@comcast.net](mailto:ericandjanelle@comcast.net). Look for more information to come in the April newsletter!

Staff Appreciation Committee Chair

*Janelle White*

### Reflections Committee

Congratulations to this years reflections program participants:

Bianca Klehr 5	Film Production
Teegan Mathey K PM	Photography
Katherine Gannon 3	Literature
Hanna Selk 4	Visual Arts
Rishi Modi 3	Visual Arts
Madysen Shahady 1	Visual Arts
Enan Srivastava 2	Literature

They all did a great job and really worked hard to showcase their artistic talents. Bianca, Teegan, Katherine, and Hanna were selected to advance to the district level. Bianca, Katherine, and Hanna have advanced to the state level! State judging is currently in progress. Wolf's Crossing PTA is "wowed" by your efforts.

## PTA Committee Chair Reports

### Fun Fair Committee

Well, this year The Fun Fair was another wonderful success, thank you to all of our volunteers and sponsors and everyone involved in it. The Fun Fair takes a lot of work of many people and this year we had a wonderful group that help to make it happen. Every year we learn more and more on how to improve it, we changed the Prize Redemption tickets for the coins which I think they work much better, we had a better way to count the coins and organize the prizes. Another big change was to have The Punch Card instead off the tickets to play the games, this way there is not much waste of paper and money. I will like to also thank Chris Arnold from Bounce Town, for bringing those 3 bouncers that the kids absolutely loved. We tried Sarpinos Pizza, and not only the pizza was good but they were very punctual. We added some new games and we had a big hit with the Hair Do's provided by Boozle B's.

The goal for this Fun Fair was to provide the kids and their family with a wonderful day of fun, and I think this year we really accomplished our goal. Thank you again to everyone involved and to the parents for bringing their kids to The 4<sup>th</sup> Fun Fair.  
Fun Fair Committee Chair

*Maria DeBoer*

### Social Committee

Join us for the March meeting on Wednesday, March 11th from 7:00-8:00 PM. Parents will meet in the community room for the formal business portion of the meeting. Students and siblings will meet in the gym to play Bingo. We have over 30 prizes, snacks and juice. Hope to see you there! National PTA Convention is March 13th-15th in Naperville. If you are interested in going please contact Rhonda at [rhondajorgensen@comcast.net](mailto:rhondajorgensen@comcast.net)

### Room Rep Committee

I want to extend a big thank you to all Room Representatives who helped make the parties a huge success this year! Whether you attended a planning meeting, donated supplies, volunteered at the party, or served as Head Room Representative, the kids had a wonderful time thanks to you! These parties would not be possible without your time and effort.

For those volunteers who incurred expenses for the Valentine's Day party, please request a reimbursement form from your Head Room Representative. Each classroom has a budget of \$30.00. Your receipts must be attached to the form. Reimbursement in the form of a check will be sent directly to you. Please submit your forms to the PTA Treasurer within 30 days of the party.

Our committee wishes you and your family a wonderful remainder of the year! We look forward to working with you again as Room Representatives in the upcoming year.

Room Rep Committee Chair,

*Aimee Lenz*

### Picture Presenter Committee

Thank you for making Picture Presenter such a success!!! It is truly appreciated!!! Over 95% of our classrooms have all the months booked with a parent or guardian.

I do, however, have two classrooms that need assistance. If you would like to help please let me know. You can reach me either by email, at [no-haathome@comcast.net](mailto:no-haathome@comcast.net), or by cell 630.669.7158

Thank you,

*Naha Ayache*

## Information and Highlights

Thank you to everyone who helped with this year's Wolf's Crossing Fun Fair. We could not have run this event without all our wonderful volunteers and business partners. The Fun Fair was a huge success and we are so grateful to everyone who helped make it happen. Thank you to the following businesses for your contribution and commitment to making Wolf's Crossing Fun Fair a great event:

Boozle Bs  
Plainfield, IL

Bounce Town  
Oswego, IL

Culvers  
Oswego, IL

Party Saver Rentals

Sarpino's Pizza  
Naperville, IL

Dragon Design  
Aurora, IL

*We look forward to working with everyone again next year!*

## We need you...

We are looking for volunteers to chair the following committees.

**Holiday Shop** (Plan, order and organize the event)

**Staff Appreciation** (At the beginning of May, work with a committee to plan and sponsor a week of activities, meals and small gifts to show our wonderful staff how much we appreciate them)

**Community Partners** (Over the summer, work with local restaurants and businesses to plan our Family Dinner Nights)

**Fundraising** (Work with the Executive Committee to plan and organize the Fall Fundraiser)

**Membership**

**Social** (Plan and run the family portion for the five PTA meetings, the Sock Hop and the Family Breakfast)

**Legislation** (Keep the PTA members updated on recent state and national PTA legislation)

**Technology** (Update and run the PTA's website and send out mass e-mails to PTA members)

**Newsletter** (Coordinate the monthly PTA newsletters - we would like to switch from paper to electronically)

If you have a new idea or would like to start a committee, please contact us.

If you have questions or are interested in being a Committee Chair please contact Rhonda at rhondajorgensen@comcast.net or at 60-898-6357.

We are also looking for volunteers to be part of the Nominating Committee (Assemble a list and a report of the candidates for the Executive Committee) and an Audit Committee ( During the summer, audit the PTA financial records for the 2008-2009 school year). If you are interested, please contact Rhonda at rhondajorgensen@comcast.net.

We want to hear from you - comments, concerns, questions, ideas...

Information & Highlights



**Pepper Profit Program**

Bring this voucher when you visit (Dine In or To Go) the **Chili's** location identified below and 10% of your purchase (excluding taxes) will benefit:

**WOLF'S CROSSING PTA**

Group/Charity

**MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

Event/Exp. Date

One coupon per person, per visit at participating Chili's restaurants only. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Offer ends per expiration date above.

**2820 Route 34, Oswego 630-554-1536**

Chili's Location/Telephone



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### 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](http://www.spatulatta.com), then come and meet them live on March 5 at 6:30 P.M.

### DON'T MISS OUT!!!

Order your 2008-2009 Yearbook now! We are only ordering 400 yearbooks...

Once they're gone they're gone, so don't forget to order yours!

If you have already ordered a yearbook, thanks for your order. If you want to be sure that you have ordered...Contact your child's teacher or Janice Czepiel ([janiceczepiel@hughes.net](mailto:janiceczepiel@hughes.net)).

Order forms are available at school or online ([www.wolfscrossingpta.com](http://www.wolfscrossingpta.com)).

Cost of each yearbook is \$12.00. Make checks payable to Wolf's Crossing PTA.

### Thank You!

A BIG thanks to DJ, Larry Merkel, for donating his time and equipment for our Sock Hop. We had a wonderful turn out and it was a fun night for everyone. Also, thanks to the families who donated a non-perishable food items. We filled four large boxes. The donations were added to the school's food drive and will be donated to the Green Harvest Food Pantry at the end of the month.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Electronic Voting. We appreciate you taking the time to share your opinions. The results are posted on our website, [www.wolfscrossingpta.com](http://www.wolfscrossingpta.com).

## EARTH DAY IN THE PARK



EARTH DAY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY - BECOME AN INVESTOR IN YOUR ILLINOIS PARKS.

The Illinois PTA urges you to participate in the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources campaign to be a part of a statewide program on Earth Day.

What better way to show that you care about your earth then to be a participant. Information on this opportunity to get involved for "Earth Day in the Parks" program can be found at <http://www.dnr.state.il.us/education/CLASSRM/EDITPinstruct.htm>

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## 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 book fair purchases!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Instructions: There are five 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 months prize.

E O B Y R N T W O A Y T K N A  
T S T I J I O M T E Z H M I X  
B W E R N Q Z T X G A G Q O N  
V P T E Y G A U O X P I N F O  
F E D K H L O C R G I N T U E  
C G C Z U C V M G K F S X T V  
J F P T B P E X L Y Z I D Y I  
I U A G O H D K Y V Z L C Z V  
P P N F B J Z T C X T I K Y D  
S X Q K T L G I Z U F H V B M  
S H Z A L N O Z O E H C Q R Y  
B C H I H O T T A P E C H J Y  
B Y N F N Y E A R B O O K A B  
O V J S X B D F E G W J W P N  
P B Z A J D S Y H N Q N C X F

These two people will be reading and sharing receipts to us on the 5th.

Eat out on the 10th for \_\_\_\_\_.

Only 400 of these were ordered. Act quickly if you want one!

Not just a great song, but the theme of this month's meeting.

Eat out again on the 23rd at \_\_\_\_\_.

## PTA Contact Information

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### Informative and Useful Websites

Wolf's Crossing PTA: [www.wolfscrossingpta.com](http://www.wolfscrossingpta.com)  
School District 308: [www.oswego308.org](http://www.oswego308.org)  
Illinois PTA: [www.illinoispta.org](http://www.illinoispta.org)  
National PTA: [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)  
Market Day: [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com)  
General Mills (boxtops): [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)  
Tyson Foods: [www.tyson.com/projectAplus](http://www.tyson.com/projectAplus)  
Campbell's: [www.campbells.com](http://www.campbells.com)  
Safe Kids Campaign: [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org)  
Family Education: [www.familyeducation.com](http://www.familyeducation.com)



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