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## President's Letter

It is hard to believe the school year is almost over. Our last PTA meeting is on May 6th. We hope everyone can join us for a presentation from Senteos on electronic clickers for the Smart Board, Reflection Awards, Executive Committee elections (Treasurer - Noha Ayache, Correspondence Secretary - Tracy Olivas, Recording Secretary - Chris Gallagher, Vice President - Andrea Freveletti, Second Vice President - Rhonda Antonioli, Third Vice President—Debb Kenworthy, President - Rhonda Jorgensen) and the ICE CREAM SOCIAL. Since we have a full agenda, this meeting will begin at 6:30 and activities will be provided in gym for children. Once the meeting is adjourned, the ice cream social will be held in the gym. We hope everyone can join us for an informative and fun night!

I'd like to take a moment and thank our fantastic Committee Chairs and volunteers for making the 2008-2009 school year very successful. I hope everyone who was able to attend the Volunteer Appreciation Night had a wonderful time. A big thanks to Andrea Freveletti for planning and organizing the event. It was a fantastic, fun-filled Beach Party. Please remember your time; no matter how large or small the amount, is truly appreciated and most of all it has a positive impact on a child.

**THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR TEAM!**

*Rhonda*



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		June 5th	Last day of school

## A Letter From the Principal

Dear Wolf's Crossing Families,

As the 2008-2009 school year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity and personally thank you for your continued support for this great school. While Wolf's Crossing Elementary is very fortunate to be staffed with highly dedicated teachers and supported by an exceptional support



team and personnel, it is with your involvement in your student's education that completes a truly successful learning environment. From your involvement in reading with your child at home, to providing an appropriate work-place for doing homework, to volunteering at school, being a chaperone on a field trip or being involved in the PTA, I sincerely appreciate the partnership that exists between home and school for the well being of our great students. That partnership is what truly creates a working school community. I have really enjoyed getting to know the students, parents and all of the members of the Wolf's Crossing family during the past few months in my role as interim principal.

It has been a joy to watch and talk to the children as I visited classrooms throughout the school year. While each child has made great strides forward this past year, I would like to suggest that you keep the learning momentum going throughout the summer. Research has shown that most students lose about a month of progress during the summer break. You are your child's most important teacher and you play a huge role in the continuing support to his/her learning over the summer. The following are 10 suggestions to help encourage the continuation of learning, in a fun and enjoyable way for the entire family:

1. Read daily
2. Write stories and illustrate them
3. Master number facts
4. Grow a garden
5. Exercise daily
6. Increase awareness of money
7. Explore what your town and other geographies have to offer
8. Have fun with music, singing and dancing
9. Invent word games
10. Create fun recipes

As we look forward to the last full month of school, we have so much to celebrate and many more things to accomplish. However, I am confident that the ending to this wonderful school year will only be the beginning to another great year.

Wishing you and your family a safe and fun filled summer.

*Rene Garren*

Interim Principal

## PTA Committee Chair Reports

### Staff Appreciation Committee

Staff Appreciation Week is next week, May 3rd - 9th. Our theme for this year is *Wolf's Crossing Staff Makes Learning Sweet!* Check out the entrance way to see our "sweet" decorations! Throughout the week, staff members will be eligible to win daily raffles of restaurant gift certificates. Monday will feature a dessert bar. On Tuesday there will be candy in the lounge. Volunteers are donating breakfast for the staff on Wednesday and the PTA will be providing a lunch on Thursday. Staff members will also receive fun gift bags!



Please check your child's Friday Folder for a special Staff Appreciation Week flyer. You will be able to see some of the favorite things of all the Wolf's Crossing staff members. You may be interested in giving staff members a little gift or card to show your appreciation during this week. If you have any questions, please contact Janelle White at [ericandjanelle@comcast.net](mailto:ericandjanelle@comcast.net). It should be a fun week!

*Janelle White,*  
Committee Chair

### Community Partners Committee

Instead of a Family Dinner Night, mark your calendar for a Family Fun Night! On May 18th we will be joining with Airtastic Play Land for our first Airtastic/Wolf's Crossing Benefit Night. Ten percent

of all admission sales between 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. will return directly to our school! Airtastic Play Land is located at 850 S. Frontenac Street. You can check out the rates and other information at [www.airtastic.com](http://www.airtastic.com). It will be a fun night to get some energy out!

*Janelle White,*  
Committee Chair

### Become Part of the PTA Next Year

The following positions are still available for volunteers looking to get involved with the PTA

- Bike Rodeo** - Organize and plan the bike rodeo
- Social** - plan and run 4 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
- Fun Fair Raffle Baskets**
- Picture Presenter** - organize picture presenter volunteers for each class
- Cabinet Display Case** - Update displays in the new cabinets
- Halloween Costume Exchange**
- New Family Welcome Committee**
- Sock Hop and annual Food Drive**

If you have other ideas, please let us know. We are always open to new committees.

And for the Executive Committee

**Audit Committee** - This summer, audit the PTA's financial records

### **Airtastic/Wolf's Crossing Benefit Night**

May 18th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



850 South Frontenac Road  
Aurora, IL 60504 - (630) 851-7525

### **Final Board Meeting Everyone is welcome**

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

### **Thank you**

This will be the last newsletter for the 2008-2009 school year. As chairperson for the news committee I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your involvement in the PTA and the positive feedback I've received over the past three years. Please remember that this position is currently opened for the 2009-2010 school year. Contact Rhonda Jorgenson if you are interested. Thank you again, have a great summer.

Steve Katzen

### **Bike Rodeo Cancelled**

Unfortunately, due to a lack of available volunteers to help plan and supervise the event, the Bike Rodeo is cancelled.

### **End of the year expenses**

The PTA is sponsoring both end of year assemblies - Character Counts and author visit. We purchased a mailbox and 4 bulletin boards for the third grade team. We purchased Wolf's Crossing t-shirts for all fifth graders and will sponsor two students to attend Camp Intervention. In addition, we will provide a terrific week for the staff during Staff Appreciation Week and purchase the ice cream for our end of the year Ice Cream Social. As always, thank you for your support so we can provide these wonderful events and gifts for our children and the staff at Wolf's Crossing.

## PUZZLE PAGE!

Congratulations to Schultz Family. They won this month's prize. A \$20 gift certificate to Culver!

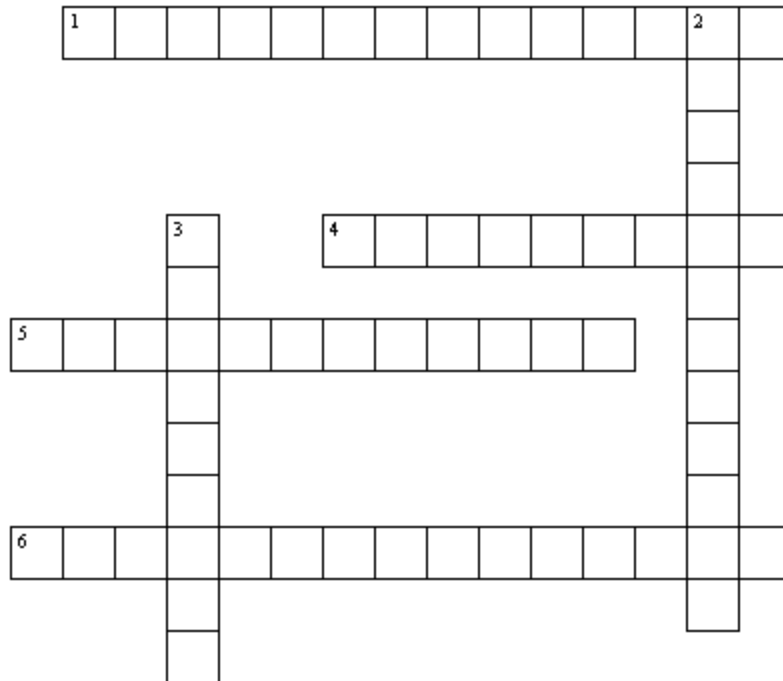
Complete the puzzle below and return it to the school before the deadline (May 15th) for your chance to win the final 2008-2009 Puzzle Page prize: \$20 gift certificate to Culvers!

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

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

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

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



### ACROSS

- 1 Follows the May board meeting
- 4 Will be on May 16th
- 5 7:00 p.m. May 20th
- 6 June 5th

### DOWN

- 2 Staff \_\_\_\_ week is May 3rd through 9th
- 3 Family fun night

## PTA Contact Information

### Executive Committee

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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)

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