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The Wolverine Magazine

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President's Message

I would like to thank all of the families that were able to attend our first PTA meeting. What a wonderful turn out! We truly appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedule to participate at our meetings. If you were unable to attend, you can read the meeting minutes on our website at www.wolfscrossingpta.com. I would also like to thank the Bulldog Ambassadors, middle school helpers, and our parent supervisors, Kerry Impola, Dina Dorpat and Maggie Mituska. The kids had a wonderful time playing games in the gym. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 10th.

Another big thanks to all of the families who joined the PTA. Being a PTA member shows your support for our organization and our school. Members are not required to volunteer, however we provide numerous opportunities for those interested. In September, we sent home our Volunteer Packet, if you misplaced your copy or forgot to send it in, it's not too late. The membership form and volunteer packet can be downloaded from our website and sent to school with your child.

Each student should have received a Market Day Fundraiser catalog in September. If you did not, please contact me. Our fall fundraiser is the PTA's main source of income. We use this money to support our committees' events and activities, to show our appreciation to the staff at Wolf's Crossing and to purchase technology/books for the school. If we achieve our goal of \$25,000 (we keep \$12,500) then we will not have another cooperate fundraiser for the remainder of the year. Also, if we reach our goal, we will use our bonus 3 percent to purchase a publishing center for the school. With a publishing center, students will be able to turn their stories into books. The fundraiser order forms are due on October 9th. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

Rhonda Jorgensen

PTA President

Together we achieve more.



Important Dates

	October
1 st	Market Day
6 th	Early Dismissal
7 th	Costco Pizza night
8 th	Picture Day and Family Reading Night
9 th	Fundraiser Order Forms due
12 th	NO School
15 th	Famous Dave's Family Dinner Night
20 th	Culver's Family Dinner Night
21 st	Costco Pizza night
23 rd	Movie Night
29 th	Halloween Party
30 th	Skate Night

Notes

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Principal's Message

October 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Fall has arrived! I hope you have had some time to enjoy all the wonderful activities and sights fall offers. The month of October has many activities planned for you and your child. First and foremost, with the cooler weather please remember to dress your child appropriately for cooler weather. The students do go outside for lunch recess, weather permitting.

The district has a School Improvement Day set for Tuesday, October 6th. These days are designed for the staff to receive additional professional development directly impacting our students. For this day, we have invited a speaker in to share information in the area of differentiation.

Our family reading night is Thursday, October 8th from 6:30-8:00. This evening you and your family are invited to attend. This night will provide you and your child with reading strategies and the opportunity to participate in activities with an emphasis on reading. Through this evening it is our hope to strengthen the love of reading your child already has or work to encourage and foster the love of reading.

PTA is hosting its first Movie Night on Friday, October 23rd. This is an evening for students and parents to sit back and enjoy a good movie, compliments of the PTA.

There will be no school on Monday, October 12th in observance of Columbus Day. Classes for students will resume on Tuesday, October 13th. Halloween parties will be held on Thursday, October 29th due to the district institute day on the 30th and no school for our students. A memo outlining the Halloween parties and parade will be sent home for you to gain information about the day's activities. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or the office.

In the month of September, students in grades second through fifth took a computerized assessment called the MAP test, sponsored by NWEA. These results will be reviewed by teachers in order to target students' strengths and weaknesses and ultimately drive their classroom instruction. As parents, you will also be receiving assessment results. These results will be sent home in mid October. If you have questions regarding the testing, please contact your child's teacher or Vice Principal

Your child's continued success at Wolf's Crossing is important to us. Please remember a collaborative relationship between home and school is critical. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any of us. We truly appreciate your efforts as parents and your willingness to work with us on behalf of your child.

Best Regards,

Allison Sulkson & The Wolf's Crossing Staff

School Matters Monthly-District 308 newsletter

September 2009

Wanted: Committee Members

Concerned about overcrowding at the high school level? Want to assist the district in developing a solution? Then consider completing an application to serve on the Superintendent's Advisory Committee for Overcrowding Management and Facilities.

The committee is being formed to determine an educationally sound, short-term alternative educational setting to manage overcrowding at the high school level until the completion of a third high school; as well as determine a strategy to further utilize current district facilities to maximize educational opportunities for District 308's students, families and community.

This advisory committee will be comprised of 20 members including two junior high school students, two high school students and 10 residents representing various areas of the district. Of these residents, representation is desired from parents of District 308 students currently in grades 4-7 as well as residents without children currently attending a

Visit www.oswego308.org/dm.aspx to view fliers from these not-for-profit organizations:

- America's Soccer Club (PreK-7th)
- ATL Sports (basketball & cheerleading K-8)
- Aurora Public Library Mock ACT/SAT Tests
- Little White School Museum Activities (K-8)
- Oswegoland Park District Programs (K-12)
- Wheatland Athletic Association (basketball K-12 & soccer PreK-8)

District 308 school. Experience/knowledge in one or more of the following areas is preferred:

- Regional or community planning
- Alternative (non-traditional) educational settings
- Social/emotional adolescent characteristics

Details and an application are available on the district Web site www.oswego308.org or call 630.636.3084.

Board places the district's tentative 2009-10 budget on display

Members of the public who want to review the district's tentative 2009-10 budget will have a month to do so. The Board of Education placed the budget on display at the District Administration Center (4175 Route 71, Oswego) and Oswego Public Library (Montgomery). It is also available on the district Web site (www.oswego308.org/about/finance_a.aspx). A public hearing and final adoption of the budget has been

scheduled for 7 p.m. on September 28 in the Oswego East High School Community Room.

The proposed budget expenditures in the operating fund remain in flux due to ongoing negotiations with two union associations (Oswego Education Association and Oswego Custodial/Maintenance Association).

	Revenue FY 2010	Expense FY 2010
Education	\$ 108,223,204	\$ 110,737,364
Operation & Maintenance	15,502,015	15,502,015
Transportation	10,355,209	10,355,209
IMRF/FICA	3,873,513	3,873,513
Working Cash	248,867	248,867
Subtotal Operating Funds	\$ 138,193,941	\$ 140,708,101
Debt Service Fund	21,028,405	24,434,638
Capital Projects Fund	1,680,998	33,011,636
Total All Funds	\$ 160,903,344	\$ 198,154,375

School Matters Monthly-District 308 newsletter

Board of Education changes its committee meeting format

In order to improve communication between the Board of Education and its committees, a new Committee of the Whole meeting format is being implemented in District 308 this September.

The new format will divide the informational agenda items and action items between two meeting dates. During the months in which only one Board meeting is scheduled—December, March and July—the Board will address action items.

At 6 p.m. prior to the informational Board meetings (typically the second Monday of the month), Board members will convene as a Committee of the Whole, dedicating an hour-and-a-half to meetings of three of the Board's five standing committees (Finance, Curriculum, and Growth). The Board's Policy and Personnel Committees will meet on an

as-needed basis. At 7:35 p.m. the Board meeting will be called to order following a shortened agenda that will include public comment, notifications and information or discussion items. Approval of emergency action items and/or a closed session will be added to the agenda if necessary.

"The Committee of the Whole approach will help avoid the issue of some Board members having more knowledge regarding certain issues before other members or reading about a committee discussion in the press before having the facts first hand," said Superintendent Dr. Dan O'Donnell.

The second Board meeting of the month will convene at 7 p.m. and be committed to items requiring formal Board approval.

During its July & August meetings, the District 308 Board of Education:

- Placed the tentative 2009-10 District 308 budget on display and set a public hearing and final adoption for September 28, 2009.
- Approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Kendall County Special Education Cooperative for the use of space at the Oswego 308 Center.
- Approved five resolutions allowing the district to refinance a portion of its debt so it can maintain a 5.06 tax rate.
- Authorized the hiring of 4.5 special education teachers, two special education teaching assistants and three custodians with salaries being funded through the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.
- Approved Tim Neubauer as Executive Director of Finance Services and District 308 Treasurer and Angela Smith as Finance Manager for the district.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

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| Sept. 14 | BOE Committee of the Whole
6:00 p.m. / Oswego East H.S. |
| | Board of Education Meeting
7:35 p.m. / Oswego East H.S. |
| Sept. 22 | Oswego Parent Advisory Council
7:00 p.m. / District Admin Center |
| Sept. 28 | Board of Education Meeting
7:00 p.m. / Oswego East H.S. |

Click the BoardDocs link on www.oswego308.org to access additional meeting information.

**Get ready for
Wolf Crossing's major FUNDRAISER of the year
Life:Style by Market Day!**

Friday, September, 25th-Friday, October 9th

Important facts:

- Packets were sent home on Friday, Sept 25th
- Our school goal is \$25,000 (50% stays in our PTA budget).
- If we meet our goal we will not only be able to support our many great PTA programs, we will also be able to add a new publishing center for our students.
- Money is due on October 9th with orders and checks should be made payable to "Wolf's Crossing PTA."
- Return an "extra incentive sheet" per family with your order form to receive special admission to the January Fun Fair!
- Order pick up is Thursday, November 19th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (unless extra payment was made for direct shipment).
- Orders can be placed online (with the option to ship them to the school for our November delivery OR shipped directly to the customer for an added charge) and will count toward your total order up until the deadline.
- Orders can be placed continuously throughout the year, but they will not count toward prizes. And any orders placed after the deadline will need to be shipped directly to the customer and will include an added delivery charge. The PTA will still receive 50% of your order!
- There are many prize options, be sure to read the information that was sent home on the 25th.
- Questions??? Contact Janice Czepiel at (630)292-4516 or janiceczepiel@hughes.net. Please do NOT contact the front office with questions regarding fundraising.

As always, thank you for your support!

Together we help shape the future leaders of our world!



Family Reading Night

October 8th

6:30-8:00



This is an evening for students and their parents to come and learn more about reading strategies.



PTA Committee Chair Reports

PTA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Q. Does it matter if I join the PTA?

A. Yes, it does. Every dollar collected from membership makes a difference for our kids in our school as well as on a state and national level. The PTA is able to provide supplemental materials (ex. planners for 2nd- 5th grade) and programs that directly benefit our children.

Q. Do I have to attend the PTA meetings?

A. No, it is not required that you attend the PTA meetings, however it is the avenue you would take to make your voice heard regarding education, legislation and policies affecting our children.

Q. Do I have to volunteer?

A. Again, it is not required that you volunteer. The PTA does facilitate parent involvement by organizing volunteers as needed. To volunteer, simply fill out the form in the PTA Volunteer Packet that has gone home in the Friday folder. It is a separate form from the membership form, available on the PTA website.

Q. How much does it cost?

A. To be a member of the PTA is only \$6.00 for one member, and \$10.00 for two in the same family. Think two times the support for your child/ren.

Additionally, any classroom which achieves 100% classroom membership will receive a pizza party, and their teacher will receive a \$50 Chalkboard gift certificate for use in his/her classroom.

Please join the PTA today by filling out the annual membership form and return it in your child's Friday folder.

Thank you!

Membership Committee Chair,
Kelly Flugstad

MEMBERSHIP FORM ON LAST PAGE

New this Year!

MOVIE NIGHT

October 23



Please join us for the 1st Wolf's Crossing family movie night on Friday, October 23rd! Bring your blankets, sleeping bags and pillows to enjoy **Monster Vs. Aliens** in the gym. Doors will open at 6:30 pm and the movie will begin at 7 pm. Admission is free. Snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase. Parents please plan on staying to enjoy the movie with your children.

Mark your calendars now! Friday, January 8th we will be showing **Up**.

Attention Families

Do you have old pants that you don't know what to do with?

Nurse Laura is looking for donations: pants and sweatpants for boys and girls. Send them with your child in a bag marked for the nurse.

Thank you.

PTA Committee Chair Reports

FUN FAIR

January 23-2010

I hope all of you had a chance to check all the wonderful opportunities to get involved and volunteer with the PTA different committees.

This year everyone will have the chance to win a wristband for free games and inflatables ALL DAY at the Fun Fair.

You just need to help us reach our goal with the Fundraising.

As the day for the Fun Fair gets closer I will be sending more information about volunteering, advance punch card sales and more.

Please if you have any comments or ideas about prizes, games, etc let me know.

Maria DeBoer
630-692-1323
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SOCK HOP/FOOD DRIVE COMMITTEE

The Sock Hop/Food Drive Committee plans a fun night of dancing and refreshments. Mark your calendar for February 5th! During this evening, we will also be collecting canned food to donate to our local food pantry as the price of a raffle ticket.

Janelle White



OCCASIONAL VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year. Are you looking for an opportunity to get involved at school that needs a minimal or flexible commitment? If so, this is the committee for you. This committee maintains a list of parents interested in volunteering occasionally. We'll call you a month before we need extra volunteers at school to see if you're interested. This gives you the flexibility to volunteer for one day or several times throughout the year.

Jen Kastel

HOLIDAY SHOPPE COMMITTEE

The Holiday Shoppe is a store set up at school and run by parent volunteers. This valuable learning experience allows children to "secretly" shop for gifts for their families during the holiday season. The most fun is having "secret" gifts that children have picked out on their own for their family during the holidays. We work with Kids' Korner Gift Shoppes to provide fun and affordable gifts for the children to purchase.

This year our Holiday Shoppe will be on December 2nd from 5:30 until 8:00 p.m. If you indicated that you are interested in volunteering you will be contacted in early November with more details.

Please email Janelle White at ericandjanelle@comcast.net for more information.



RAINBOWS-Support Group

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 sensitive, beautiful, 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 2, 2009. If you have further questions you are welcome to contact Mrs. St Victor (630-636-3705), Mrs. Torbett (630-636-3732) or Mrs. Sulkson (630-636-3710).

Sincerely,

Mrs. St Victor and Mrs. Torbett

RAINBOWS Coordinators

COFFEE CLATCH CLUB

Where's the happening place for parents to meet, chat, enjoy coffee AND help the school.....
THE LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

We are looking for a few good people: 20-25, to commit to 1 - yes only ONE morning per week per month! You will get to shelve books, decorate and help us the LRC.

AND we will be the: **WOLF'S CROSSING LRC COFFEE CLATCH CLUB**

We will have 4 teams of 5-6 people each to meet one morning a month to help us out.

Remember this is only ONE (1, Uno, Eins) morning a month for 1+ hours tops!!! Help Coordinate our Collection, Chat, drink Coffee, Clatch and Cooperate in the schoolCommunity.

I look forward to working with you all. You can email me at

llyman@oswego308.org

Thanks Bunches

Mrs. Layman

LRC Director



EASING THE TEASING: TALK

Oswego CUSD 308 presents: **Judy Freedman, MSW, LCSW**
Celebrated author and practicing School Social Worker

Teasing is a universal and widespread problem and it cannot be completely prevented. Although children are unable to control what others say or the actions of the teasers, they can learn to control their own responses and reactions, which will "ease the tease".

This FREE program is being offered to ALL district parents and will include:

Types of teasing

- * Reactions and effects of teasing
- * Why children tease
- * The 10 "easing" strategies
- * The importance of bystanders
- * Tips for parents of teasers, victims and targets

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Oswego East High School

1525 Harvey Road

7:00 - 8:30 PM

In the Auditorium



(We are unable to provide childcare at this event.)

For more information contact your School Social Worker

SUPPORT PTA WHILE YOU SHOP

The PTA always accepts box tops in ziploc baggies with your child's name and teacher written on it. The collection sheets that went home last week are just a fun way to get your child involved, and helps the chair person who spends countless hours clipping and counting Box Tops! For every 25 sent in either on sheets or baggies will qualify your child to be entered into the drawing for the gift card. They would not get a prize from Mrs. Sulkson unless a collection sheet is turned in. Tyson's Project A+ labels and Campbell's Soup Labels can be sent in with your Box Tops.

New to Wolf's Crossing this year is our Capri Sun juice pouch collection. Have your child look for the collection bin in the Cafeteria during lunch. You may also send in pouches from home in a zip lock bag marked PTA.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Andrea Freveletti (Vice Pres. of PTA) alfrevs@sbcglobal.net, Mandy Robertson (Box Tops/Campbell's) mandrob@sbcglobal.net, Dawn Engel (Capri Sun) creedfan712@yahoo.com

New this year, Costco pizza night on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from five to seven thirty. Wolf's Crossing will earn \$2.00 for every pizza purchased. A Big THANK YOU to Costco for donating pizza, water, and membership for our first meeting. Congrats to Jennifer Salins who won a free Costco membership!

Do you shop at Meijer or Target? Be sure to use your community rewards cards and earn money for our school.

Our Meijer six digit code is 854616 to join community rewards online or in the store.

Our Target number is 123195 to link to Target cards.

Our school pax code is VBW7 to use with Subway, Travelocity, Verison, Footlocker, 1-800- Flowers.

Any questions please contact Rhonda Antonioli at rhondarae47@gmail.com.

Attention Parents: Does your child have food allergies? If so, please feel free to contact the head room parent of your child's class prior to the room parties. Go to our website at www.wolfscrossingpta.com to find current room rep information.

GREAT AMERICA READING PROGRAM

Great America - This year our school will participate in the Great America Reading Program. Each child is required to read six hours at home to qualify for a free ticket to Great America. More information will be sent home after winter break. Thanks to Tracy Kennedy for organizing this program.



Puzzle

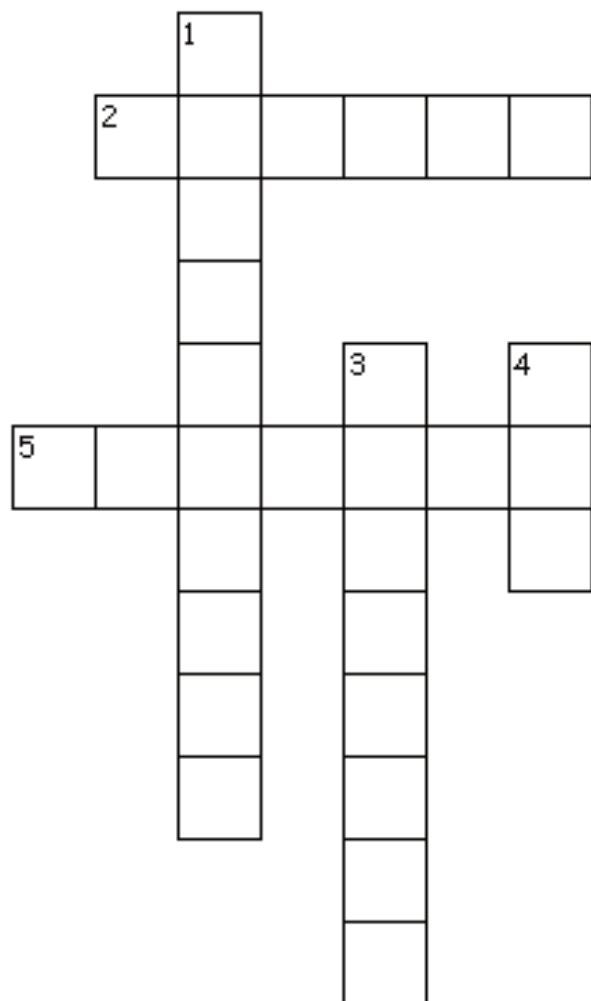
Welcome to the October Puzzle Page! Complete the puzzle below and return it to the school before the deadline (October 17th). Win a \$20 Gift Voucher that is redeemable towards your next Spiritwear purchase!

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____
Email address: _____

All entries must be recieved by October 17th. Winners will be notified by email and prizes will be sent home with your child.

INSTRUCTIONS

Read the newsletter to find answers to the clues of the puzzle.



OCTOBER PUZZLE CLUES

Across

- 2. Happening Feb 5th
- 5. Happening Jan 23rd

Down

- 1. Happening Oct 23rd
- 3. Support group at Wolf's Crossing
- 4. Coffee Clatch Club starting here.

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Informative and Useful Websites

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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MEMBERSHIP FORM

We need you!

Join the Wolf's Crossing PTA today!

Annual dues are only \$6.00 per member. You may sign up a second family member for an additional \$4.00. 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 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.

Thank you for supporting our children and our school!

2009-2010 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!