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President's Welcome

Welcome back!! I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. My name is Rhonda Jorgensen and I was elected to be the PTA President last spring. I have served on the Executive Committee for two years and look forward to the new challenges I face. The Executive Committee consist of five positions: President, Vice President - Andrea Frevelletti, Treasurer - Janice Czepiel, Correspondence Secretary - Tracy Olivias, Recording Secretary - Chris Gallagher and the principal - Mrs. Sulkson. If you have questions or suggestions please feel free to contact one of us.

My goal for the PTA this year is to enrich and support our children's education. This will be accomplished through the committees who plan and organize various activities and events and through the volunteers who work with our children. In order for this to be successful, it needs to be a collaborative effort. We will be sending home a PTA volunteer packet describing all activities that are planned for the year. Please take a moment to read the packet and sign up to volunteer once or as many times as you can. It is my hope that every family volunteers for at least one event. By working together, we not only enrich our children's education, but demonstrate to our children how important their school and their education are to us.

We will have five PTA meetings this year. I would like to thank the families who have regularly attended the meetings and extend an invitation to everyone to come and join us. The night is not just about the business of the PTA, we also plan a family friendly event. The parents meet in the community room for a brief meeting to discuss events, updates and approvals while the children engage in kid friendly activities in the gym. Mrs. Sulkson and staff representatives also attend the meetings. Mrs. Sulkson gives an update on the staff and school activities and is there to answer any questions. Our first meeting is September 10th and the theme is "Celebrate Wolf's Crossing!" We will have various games, prizes, raffles and snacks. Hope to see you there.

I look forward to working with you and your family this year and if you have any questions or concerns please contact me at rhondajorgensen@comcast.net.

Thank you and let's have a wonderful year!
Rhonda



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Principal's Welcome

Dear Students and Staff,

Welcome back!!!! I am pleased to share we have had another successful opening to the beginning of the school year. I truly hope you and your student are beginning to again get in the routine of the school day.



We have had some changes to our existing staff and added some new staff members here at Wolf's Crossing over the summer. Mr. John Tamez has moved to fifth grade and Mrs. Jennifer Gordon has moved to third grade. Mrs. Elizabeth Foulkes has become a permanent district #308 employee. Mrs. Amanda Ziemer is currently in our first grade maternity leave position. We welcome Mrs. Annette Oldenburg as our new attendance secretary at Wolf's Crossing. Annette has been a teaching assistant here at the building for the past three years. Finally, Mrs. Rose Kettelson will be our new school nurse. Along with personnel changes our building layout has been changed. Our computer lab will be housed in our LRC for the 2008-2009 school year due to the need to create additional instructional space.

For the month of September there are some key dates to post on your calendar. Wolf's Crossing's Curriculum Night will be held Thursday, September 18th beginning at 6:30. More information will be sent home as this date draws near. Our first PTA meeting will be held Wednesday, September 10th at 7:00. PTA is a wonderful organization and a great way for you to be involved in the school. I would encourage you to attend this meeting and learn how you can support our school and PTA. Our fall fundraiser kickoff will begin September 26th. This fundraiser is being sponsored by our PTA.

Please remember to take some time to review our Student-Parent Handbook which is located online at our building Website. This handbook will educate you on both school and district policies.

The staff and I were delighted to see our returning students and our new students. The school is just not the same without their smiling faces, their energy and desire to learn. I hope this is a successful year for every one of our students. Teacher and parent collaboration is critical in ensuring the social and academic growth of our students. I would strongly encourage you to take an active role in your child's education. We are continuously looking for parent volunteers within the entire school community. If you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us at our listed extensions or via our emails. Thank you for entrusting Wolf's Crossing with your most valued gift, your children. They are sheer joy to work with!

Best Regards,

Allison Sulkson and The Wolf's Crossing staff

PTA Committee Chair Reports

Student Directory Committee

Laura and Juli have been co-chairing the Student Directory Committee together since the 05-06 school year when Wolf's Crossing opened. Laura had volunteered as the original chair but due to a job change that year, Juli was asked to co-chair with her. They both live in Lake-wood Valley and both have 3rd graders this year.

The Student Directory for the 2008-2009 school year is currently being compiled and will be a great resource for the coming year to keep in touch with your child's classmates (such as planning play dates, birthday parties and homework help). The directory is sponsored by the PTA and will be provided to all PTA members at no charge, with a minimal fee to purchase one if you are not a PTA member. The directory will be distributed in early fall.

The current blue directory form was included in student registration packets at the end of the 07-08 school year as a new form needs to be filled out for each child each year. If you have not filled out a directory form for your child(ren) yet and would like them listed in the directory, please contact chairs Laura DeCapua or Juli Potjeau. If a directory form is not received for your child(ren), they will not be listed in the student directory. Please be aware that you do not need to be a member of the PTA to have your child listed in the directory.

Directory Committee Co-Chairs

Laura DeCapua

Juli Potjeau

Volunteer/Call Me Once Committee

Welcome to the new school year! Are you interested in getting involved with your child's school? Are you looking for an opportunity that needs a minimal or flexible time commitment? This committee provides the school with volunteers for a variety of activities and maintains a list of parents interested in volunteering occasionally. Would you like to lend a hand as a 1st grade lunch

helper? Or assist the school on picture day, for vision and hearing screenings or at the book fairs? We need you! Volunteer for one day or volunteer several times throughout the year. We'll call you a month before we need extra volunteers at school to see if you're interested. Get involved by filling out the form in the PTA packet.

Volunteer/Call Me Once Committee Chair

Jen Kastel

Box Top/Labels for Education Committee

I am looking forward to this school year. This will be my third year of being the Box Tops chair person. I have a daughter going into fifth grade here at Wolf's Crossing.

I feel this has been a great way for me to pitch in and let teachers and staff know how much I appreciate them for making this school so wonderful. Collecting these labels helps the PTA to purchase items for our school to make it a better place for our children and the teachers and staff.

We plan to kick off the new school year with a drawing for a gift card to Best Buy! All you need to do to enter the drawing is to collect 20 Box Tops place them in a zip lock bag with your child's name and their teachers name on the bag. Send them in with your child to their classroom by October 17th .

The drawing winner will be announced by the end of October.

Please don't forget we also collect Tyson Project At plus labels which earns us 24 cents for each label and Campbell's Labels for Education. Here are some websites you may want to take a look at to help you understand how it works.

General Mills: www.boxtops4education.com

Tyson Foods: www.tyson.com/projectAplus

Campbell's: www.campbells.com

Box Top/Labels for Education Committee Chair,

Christie Borders

PTA Committee Chair Reports

Membership Committee

There are a lot of misconceptions about joining the PTA. Many people think "I just don't have time to volunteer at school," "I don't want to be in charge of anything right now," or "It doesn't matter if I join anyway." These are all misconceptions. Joining the PTA means you are supporting the organization on a local (Wolf's Crossing), state, and national level. The PTA is a parent teacher group that advocates for parents' voices to be heard when it comes to education, legislation and policies affecting our children. The PTA also provides numerous supplementary materials and programs which directly affect every child at Wolf's Crossing. In addition, the PTA does facilitate parent involvement by organizing volunteers as needed. Joining the PTA does not commit you to volunteering in any way. To volunteer, you simply fill out the PTA volunteer packet, which is entirely separate from the membership form. Joining the PTA simply shows your support of our organization and thus your child's education. It costs only \$6.00 for one member, and \$10 for two in the same family. **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 sent home in your child's Friday folder. Thank you!

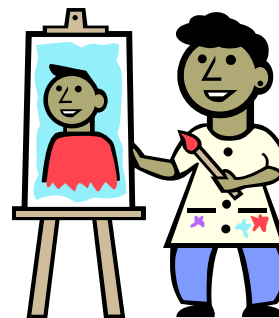


Membership Committee Chair,
Kimberly Katzen

Picture Presenter Committee

Unbelievably it is that time year again! I hope you all had a great summer!! My name is Noha Ayache and I am the Picture Presenter Committee chair for this upcoming school year. I hope you will join me in giving a few minutes of your time to teach our kids about art by speaking about an artist and having a conversation

about one of his/her pieces. A Picture Presenter presents an art piece to a classroom once a month. All art pieces and information will be provided to you. Volunteers will be needed to fill each classroom from October to May. I hope to count on your support. Please do not hesitate to contact me either via cell at 630.669.7158 or email at nohaathome@comcast.net.



Sincerely,
Noha Ayache

Beautification Committee



Welcome back to school. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. As we spent time beautifying our own personal gardens and landscape, we had several families doing the same at Wolf's Crossing. A special thank you to the Gallagher and Jorgensen and Mills families for helping to keep our school weed-free and looking beautiful over the summer. As we

begin to return to the school for various reasons I hope everyone takes a moment to look at our beautifully landscaped school.

In order to keep the school looking its best, we are always looking for volunteers to pull weeds. If your family, club, or scout troop would be interested in helping in this area, please contact Dina Dorpat.

Committee Chairperson
Dina Dorpat

PTA Committee Chair Reports

Community Partners Committee

The Community Partners Committee plans Family Dinner Nights with local restaurants as well as activities with local businesses such as the Aurora Skate Center. Based on sales on our assigned evening, Wolf's Crossing receives a percentage! Currently we have nights set up for this year with Culver's, Chili's, Red Robin, and Chuck E. Cheese. You can look for information on these nights in the monthly newsletter and on the school calendar, as well as on reminder stickers that your child will be wearing home. If you have any suggestions for this committee, please contact Janelle White.

Community Partners Committee Chair,
Janelle White

Newsletter Committee

Welcome to the first issue of the fourth year Wolf's Crossing PTA Newsletter. This is my third year as the committee chair for the Wolverine Magazine. The format of this year is the same as the previous years. We will be continuing with the Puzzle Page this year which gives you a chance each month to win a prize such as a gift card, spiritwear, or free tickets to upcoming events hosted or sponsored by the PTA or the school. I also want every, teachers, parent and staff member to know that this newsletter is a communication tool for all of you, not just PTA committee chairs or faculty. If there is an event that relates to the school or community you can submit an article to me and have it appear in this newsletter pending approval. Please take advantage of this publication.



Newsletter Committee Chair,
Steve Katzen

Bike Rodeo Committee

The Bike Rodeo, which was held at Wolf's Crossing in the spring was a huge success! The kids enjoyed learning all about bicycle safety and practicing their skills on challenging obstacle courses. The Rodeo ended with wonderful prizes that were raffled off to the participants. Every child also left with a bag full of prizes. Everyone was a winner at this event. It was great to see all the safe bike riders over the summer. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help make this event a huge success!

We are proud to announce that we will be putting on another Bike Rodeo in the spring. Look for more information regarding this event in the future.

Committee Chairperson
Danny Dorpat

Junior Achievement Committee

As we get started with the new school year, I would like to remind you about the Junior Achievement program. We are pleased to tell you that this year JA will be offered at Wolfs Crossing for the first, second, and third grades. JA teaches and encourages community responsibility, economic awareness, and financial literacy.

We are in need of several volunteers for this program, which usually requires five half hour visits over five weeks. JA will provide the class outlines, detailed explanations, and all necessary materials to teach the lessons. They are so much fun and the kids always have a great time with them!

If you or someone you know would like to encourage our Wolf's Crossing kids to believe in themselves and learn how they can make a difference in our community, please send an email to Laurie Jendraszkiwicz at ljendras@yahoo.com or call 630.499.0028.

Junior Achievement Committee Chair,
Laurie Jendraszkiwicz

PTA Committee Chair Reports

Room Rep Committee

Welcome back to Wolf's Crossing Elementary for the 2008-2009 school year! Thank you for joining the PTA and volunteering your time in order to make our children's school experience the best that it can be.

I am returning as a committee chairperson after being a regular volunteer last year. I am looking forward to meeting many of you as our paths cross during the 3 school parties that the PTA hosts. The Halloween Party will be held on Thursday, October 30th; the Holiday Party will be on Friday, December 19th; and the Valentine's Day Party will be on Thursday, February 12th. We have a variety of opportunities for participation in these classroom parties. The Head Room Representative is the lead organizer for all room parties. Party planners/workers help plan the parties and work them as well. In addition, you can also provide necessary supplies for the party.

Please refer to the Room Representative portion of your volunteer packet if you would like to be involved in the classroom parties in any of these capacities. There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00 to discuss the guidelines for room parties. If you have any questions, please contact me at (630)236-4855 or rajklenz1@yahoo.com.

Room Representative Committee Chair,
Aimee Lenz

Fun Fair Committee

My name is Maria DeBoer; this is my second year organizing the Fun Fair. This year's Fun Fair will be January 24th from 11:00-3:00pm.

We need your help to make the Fun Fair successful and even possible. Please look for information about volunteering, and the Volunteer Packet that will be going home in the future.

Fun Fair Committee Chair,
Maria DeBoer

Social Committee

The social committee invites you to attend the first PTA Meeting - Wednesday, September 10th from 7:00-8:00. Our theme is **Celebrate Wolf's Crossing!** During the business portion of the meeting, the children will meet in the gym to play games, compete in a poster content, win a prize, enjoy refreshments and sign up to win the back to school raffle items. All activities are supervised by adults and student helpers. Extended family and siblings are welcome.

Spiritwear Committee

Let's start the year with some school spirit. We are going to try something new this year. The last Friday of every month we are going to show our school spirit by wearing any Wolf's Crossing apparel. That goes for students, staff and anyone else that walks through the doors. Let's show how much we support our school and wear "Wolf's Crossing". We will have our first order form coming out Aug. 29 in our Friday folder!! We look forward to another great year.

Spirit wear Chair,
Traci Taylor

Staff Appreciation Committee

The Staff Appreciation Committee works to plan an event filled week in May to honor Wolf's Crossing's wonderful staff. This school year, our theme is "Wolf's Crossings's Staff Makes Learning Sweet." Some of the festivities will include daily raffles, a decorated entrance way, and a special breakfast and lunch. Be sure to check out the volunteer packet to see how you can help out with this fun week! If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact Janelle White at ericand-janelle@comcast.net.

Staff Appreciation Committee Chair,
Janelle White

Information and Highlights

Farewell Message from the School Secretary

Dear Wolf's Crossing Families,

I'm writing this to let you know that I have accepted a job at Oswego East High School as the secretary in Student Services. It's a decision that I didn't make lightly, but one that I feel is necessary for personal reasons. I will genuinely miss you all, but look forward to seeing you and yours again in the High School. I have truly loved my time at Wolf's Crossing. Your children are amazing!

Wendi Weber

Check Us Out On the Web

Don't forget to check out our PTA Website - www.wolfscrossingpta.com. It has the calendar of events, minutes from the meetings, contact information, useful links, volunteer packet, PTA flyers and a copy of the newsletter. A big thanks to Shawn Ratcliffe who keeps it current and up to date.



Save the Date

HOLIDAY SHOPPE



December 3rd from 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Holiday Shoppe Expo 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.

Please help make this event a success by volunteering in some way.

Please email or call Jillcurcio@comcast.net (630) 851-5502 for more information.



Join PTA now for success all year long.

Look for membership form in 1st Friday folder!



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PUZZLE PAGE!

Welcome to the first Puzzle Page of the 2008-2009 school year! Complete the puzzle below and return it to the school before the deadline (September 12th) for your chance to win this month's prize: **A FREE Spiritwear Sweatshirt!**

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Student's Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Email Address: _____

All entries must be received before September 12th. 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.

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

Clues:

- Box Top committee's Kick Off Prize card
- First PTA meeting's Theme: _____ Wolf's Crossing
- This will occur on September 18th.
- The School Nurse is Mrs. _____.
- The School Secretary is Mrs. _____.
- 100% PTA membership wins this for your classroom
- On the last Friday of each month bring this to school

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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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