

Waterbury Elementary PTO NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the 2009-2010 School Year!

The PTO would like to welcome all of our Wildcats back to school. We are looking forward to an exciting school year. We hope that all of the students, families, and staff enjoy the programs and events that the PTO will be sponsoring in the coming months.



PTO NEWS

Sincere thanks to all the families and teachers who support the PTO by sending in PTO membership forms, birthday book orders, school directory orders and the volunteer sheets. If you have not had a chance to send in your memberships, it is never too late. We will be announcing the winner of the pizza party for the classroom who has 100% participation in October.

It was wonderful to see all the new and returning faces at our September "Welcome" PTO meeting. Please join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 PM. Remember child-care is available; we will need at least a 24 hour notice. *Please call Carrie Williams at 630-307-0531.*

TEACHER WELCOME BACK

We welcomed back our teachers and support staff on Thursday, September 3.

Thank you to all the parents who brought in appetizers and desserts. The entire staff appreciated it.

PICTURE DAY & RETAKES

Picture Day went great this year. Thank you teachers, staff and parents who helped make Picture Day go so well. Picture retakes will be on Tuesday, October 27. If you have an afternoon Kindergartner you will need to bring them to school in the morning. *If you have any questions please call Christine Stawnyczy at 630-529-0446.*

OPEN POSITIONS

Special thanks to: Elsa Garcia, chairing School Supply kits and Anita Furlin, who will be chairing Fall Fundraiser.

If you are interested in getting involved in the PTO, we are currently looking for volunteers to chair the following positions: Barnes & Noble Night and Newsletter.

For more information contact Carrie Williams at 630-307-0531.

PARENT SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are being accepted for our parent scholarship program. Forms and essay due by November 13. *See attached form for more information.*

WALK -A- THON

Registration forms for the first Waterbury Walk-a-thon must be turned in by Monday, September 21. The walk is on Saturday, September 26 at Waterbury School. You can pick the time you want to walk: 8AM, 9AM, 10AM or 11AM. If by chance it should rain, we have a rain date of Saturday, October 3. Think Sunshine and have the best Walk ever!!



Important dates to remember...

September 25	Taffy Apple Sale Begins	October 8	Teacher Preview Book Fair (3:30)
September 26	1st Annual Walk-A-Thon	October 8	Taffy Apple Orders Due
October 2	Fall Fundraiser Begins	October 9	No School – Teacher Institute Day
October 3	Rain Date – Walk-A-Thon	October 12	No School – Columbus Day
October 6	PTO Meeting – 7PM in Library	October 13-15	Book Fair
October 6	Pizza Hut Night	October 14	Book Fair – Evening Hours 6-8
October 7	Market Day Pick Up	October 16	Fall Fundraiser Ends
October 8	Skating Party (K-5)	October 23	Taffy Apple Delivery

BOOK FAIR

The Fall Book Fair will be coming to Waterbury from Tuesday, October 13 through Thursday, October 15 during school hours. More information will be coming home next month.



TAFFY APPLE SALE

Taffy Apple sales will begin on September 25, watch for the order forms to come home next week. There are a couple of new items. Orders will be due back by October 8. Taffy apples will go home with your child, unless it is a large order. Other arrangements will be made for pick up of those orders.

SKATING PARTY

Come to the Waterbury skating party on Thursday, October 8, at Coachlitz Skating rink. Not to worry if you stay late, the next day, there is no school. Watch for more information to come home in your child's backpack.



PIZZA HUT "FUN" DRAISER NIGHTS

Thank you to all the Waterbury Families that participated in our Pizza Hut® fundraiser night. Our sales were \$233.48 of which Waterbury school will receive \$46.70. Our next fundraiser night will be on October 6.

There were some questions from a few of our new parents regarding this fundraiser. The Pizza Hut® coupons are only valid on the following nights: October 6, November 3, December 1, January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6 and May 11. This fundraiser runs from 4 – 9 PM at the Roselle Pizza Hut®, located at 1326 W. Lake Street. Their phone number is 630-582-8000. You can not present these coupons at any other Pizza Hut® locations or use them on any other dates.

We apologize if this was not made clear in the hand out you received. Once again, we appreciate your support in helping us raise funds for our children.

STRATFORD SQUARE PROGRAM

This program is designed to help students, faculty, and their families earn money for school projects by redeeming Stratford Square Mall sales receipts for points.

This is the fifth year that we are participating in this special incentive program.

This program will run from October 1 through December 31, 2009. Shop at the stores at Stratford and bring your receipts to the lower level mall Customer Service Center, near Gloria Jeans Coffee. Ask for your receipts to be validated for Waterbury School. Watch for more information to come home in your child's backpack.

If you have any questions please contact Paula Johnson at 630-671-0608.

Message from Principal Beth Carow

In an effort to communicate with all of our Waterbury families, I have a "new and improved" Principal website. Below are some instructions and useful information so you can find, view, and respond to this site. Thanks to all of you who are already signed up for updates, provided information to include on my front page, and written positive e-mails to me. Enjoy!

To reach the site: Go to www.esd20.org, click on "Waterbury", click on link "to principal's website"

Principal Website: The front page has all current information/news regarding Waterbury School. At the bottom of the page you can sign up for "NewFlash". This feature allows me to send you an e-mail informing you that I have added more information.

Navigate through all of the different files....you will find such items as a calendar, lunch menu, forms to send in lunch money, teacher newsletters, PTO news, and educational websites with both parent and student information.

Please, e-mail or call me with any other information that would be helpful to our families.

Beth Carow
Principal

Ways to Raise Money for Waterbury without Spending any Extra Money



EMPTIES 4 CASH

Used Ink jet, Laser, Fax and Copier Cartridges and Used Cell Phones ~ Waterbury PTO can earn money for each used ink jet, laser, fax and copier cartridges and used cell phones that we send in. Check their website at www.Empties4cash.com. **NOTE:** Empties 4 cash **does not pay** for REMANUFACTURED cartridges or toners. They will accept remanufactured ink jet cartridges for recycling purposes only. They **WILL NOT** accept remanufactured toners. Please send your used cartridges and cell phones to school with your child and watch for future newsletters on the money that we earn! Please wrap the items in newspaper (not ziploc bags) and send into school.

If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Koch at 630-894-3069.



Tyson Project A+

Waterbury School is taking part in a national fund raising program sponsored by Tyson Foods, Inc. It's called Project A+. As a participating Project A+ school, we can raise money for anything we want. All we have to do to participate is clip and save Project A+ redemption labels from Tyson Products that feature the Project A+ logo. Each label we collect is worth 24 cents for our school. You need to save the entire label that says "1-2-3 Tyson Project A+". Tell your family, friends and neighbors to save their panels too. Save the labels and send them in to school with your child. Check out Tyson's web site at www.PROJECTAPLUS.TYSON.COM for more information and products on this program.

If you have any questions, please call Gina Borgman at 630-307-8512.



Target's "Take Charge of Education"

Calling all Target Guest Card and Target Visa Credit Card holders: Through the Take Charge of Education program Target will donate an amount equal to 1% of Target Visa and Target Guest Card purchases made at Target and www.target.com and ?% Target Visa purchases elsewhere. This is an easy fundraiser for our school and it doesn't cost you anything extra to participate. Please call 1-800-316-6142 to designate Waterbury School or register online at www.target.com. So please designate Waterbury Elementary School on your Target Visa or Target Guest Card and continue shopping for the things you need and help out our school at the same time. Waterbury's school ID number is 47084



Waterbury School is now a member of the e-scrip program at Dominicks foods. Every time you, your relatives and friends shop for groceries at a Dominicks Food Store, present your Fresh Value Card. Dominicks will donate 4% of qualifying purchases back to our school. First, have your Dominicks Fresh Value Card number available, then visit www.eScrip.com on the internet, click on "sign-up" and follow the step-by-step instructions. E-Scrip also represents other merchants. When you shop at those stores, contributions will be made to Waterbury also.

If you have any questions contact Carrie Williams at 630-307-0531.



Campbell's Labels for Education

Waterbury PTO can earn "points" for every Campbell Soup label that we send in. With these points we can purchase various items for the school (i.e., playground balls, jump ropes, basketballs, etc...) Attached is a list of participating products. Save the labels and send them in to school with your child and watch for the monthly PTO newsletter for recipe ideas.

If you have any questions, please contact Maggie Havenga at 630-924-5993.

Box Tops for Education



Waterbury PTO can earn 10 cents for every "Box Tops for Education" label that we send in. Imagine this: If every child and teacher sent in 25 labels per school year, we could earn \$1,500.00 per school year!!! Attached is a list of participating products. When cutting the labels – please do not cut off the expiration date. Save the labels and send them in to the school with your child.

If you have any questions, please contact Gina Borgman at 630-307-8512.

WATERBURY PTO PARENT SCHOLARSHIP

The Waterbury Parent Teacher Organization is pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for our Parent Scholarship program. This scholarship is available to all current Waterbury parents who would like to begin or continue their education. This scholarship will be applied to any college, technical school or institution. All applicants must be either registered or enrolled at the college prior to the due date; all monies will be paid directly to the institution and must be used within the 2009-2010 school year (fall, winter, spring or summer session or quarter).

The amount of the Scholarship is \$500.00, awarded to one applicant.

******PRIOR APPLICANTS MAY RE-APPLY******

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION & ESSAY BY
NOVEMBER 13, 2009**

If awarded, the money will be applied to your current or upcoming semester and/or quarter.

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Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Name of Child/Children Currently Attending Waterbury

Name and Address of Institution

Please, include membership to any clubs, organizations, or special interest groups.

Write an essay (1-2 pages) explaining the reasons you are applying for this scholarship. Please include relevant information about yourself (but no personal information), your educational background, and your goals for the future. A panel of the Waterbury Staff will judge applications anonymously. If you have any questions, call Carrie Williams at 630- 307-0531.

The winner will be contacted by December 11, 2009.