

Welcome to the Waterbury PTO



Dear Waterbury Parent or Guardian,

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year! The Executive Board of the Waterbury PTO would like to welcome back our returning families and extend a warm welcome to our new families and students entering Waterbury School for the first time.

Included in this packet are:

- List of General Board Members,
- Membership form (if you registered on line and purchased the PTO membership dues, you do not need to fill out the attached form)
- Birthday Book form
- School Directory application and a Volunteer sign-up sheet

We encourage you to join the PTO. Becoming a member helps financially support our children, teachers, and a variety of programs at Waterbury School. (Membership does *not* necessarily commit you to volunteer work.)

Please return completed forms by September 11, 2009. When purchasing any or all of these items, we will accept one check made out to Waterbury PTO. This will simplify things for you and enable us to keep accurate records. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE ALL PERTINENT FORMS AND MONIES. RETURN THESE IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED "PTO." PLEASE EITHER RETURN ALL FORMS AND MONIES TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE YOURSELF OR SEND THEM WITH YOUR CHILD. WE WOULD LIKE ALL FORMS IN BY SEPTEMBER 11, 2009. *If there is any problem with this date, please call any board member and they will make adjustments.*

In addition to a dedicated administration, teacher and support staff, and the parents of Waterbury are strongly involved in a variety of school activities through our PTO. Our organization works all year to benefit *all* children. Please take a few minutes to read the following pages describing the numerous opportunities available. There is something for everyone and through your volunteerism, we can have another successful year at Waterbury.

****Services Provided**

Assemblies
Picture Day
Scholarships
School Directory
School Supply Kits
Spirit Wear Sales
Variety Show
Year Book
Explore More Day

Fund Raisers

Birthday Book Program
Book Fair
Fall Fundraiser
Fun Fair
Market Day
Pizza Hut Nights
Santa Shoppe
Taffy Apple Sales

** We do not profit from these sales; they are strictly a service offered to Waterbury families.

Fundraisers give us the opportunity to provide so many "extras" for the children and our school. Last year, with the help of the Waterbury families, the PTO was able to provide 1st - 5th grade a field trip. Other services we were able to provide were Explore More Day, end of the year breakfast for the 5th grade class, Parent and Alumni scholarships, school assemblies, International week, Read Across America, Family Reading Night, our annual Variety show, and so much more. Fundraisers are a great way to earn money for our school while providing "lots of fun" for our children.

Much of the success of the PTO is due to all the hard work of WB families throughout the year. Every year, we love to have new parents who bring fresh, new ideas. The goal of this organization is to continue enriching WB's children by providing the many "extras."

Regarding the issue of volunteering...there is no such thing as too many volunteers. We always need help, and as an extra bonus, many new parents tell us that it is a great opportunity to meet other families. We hope you will consider volunteering...maybe for the first time. Please fill out the volunteer form and return it as soon as possible. Someone from the PTO will call and remind you, as the event gets closer, of your duties. They will also answer any of your questions and calm any concerns. The volunteer form will cover events for the first half of the school year. We will send another form out in January for the remainder.

Our PTO meetings *usually* occur on the first Tuesday of each month. Please check the school calendar for these dates. Another place to look is our "new" website and the outside school sign. Our First PTO meeting will be on Tuesday, September 1 at 7:00 PM in the Library. All "New" and returning parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will continue to provide childcare services; please call 24 hours in advance for this service. Bring a WB friend with you. The PTO board members, chairpersons, Beth Carow, Principal, and Deena McLoughlin, Assistant Principal, teacher representatives, and parents, attend these meetings. The meetings are a great time to hear all the latest news from WB. It is also a good time to ask questions and, most importantly, to meet other parents.

As always, please call us with questions, comments, or concerns. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at Waterbury School and at our monthly PTO meetings.

Sincerely,

Carrie, Lorie, Vicky, Colleen, Christine, Kelly & Sherie

COME TO OUR FIRST PTO MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 1 AT 7:00 PM IN THE LIBRARY FOR A SNEAK PREVIEW OF OUR "NEW" WEBSITE!