

WOLFTRACKS

The Wheatlands Elementary School
October 14, 2016



Notes from Principal Gerard:

Next Week we are excited to celebrate our students showing good character through our Character Counts Spirit Week at The Wheatlands! Each day will bring a special event and focus:

Monday – Follow Your Dreams by Showing Good Character ~ Wear P.J.'s(no slippers please)

Tuesday – It's no sweat to show Good Character! ~ wear sweat pants and sweat shirts

Wednesday – Show Your True Colors ~ Wear grade level colors (K-red, 1st – orange, 2nd – yellow, 3rd – green, 4th – blue, 5th - purple)

Thursday – Be a Team Player and show Good Character ~ wear your favorite team apparel

Friday – Hats off to those who show good character ~ wear hats



Calendar Notifications:

OCTOBER

- 17th - Market Day Pie Orders Due!
- 19th - Papa Saverio's Night
- 21st - 4 Hour Attendance- Students Dismissed at 12:45
- 24th - Culver's Night- 2nd Grade Serving
- 31st - Halloween Parties (K- 10:00-11:00) (1st-5th 2:30- 3:30)

NOVEMBER

- 2nd – 4th - Fall Conferences
 - 3rd - 5 Hour Attendance- Students Dismissed at 1:45
 - 4th - No School
 - 9th - Buona Beef Night
 - 11th - PTO Meeting 10:00- Budget Approval
 - 16th - Papa Saverio's Night
 - 23rd - No School
 - 24th - No School
 - 25th - No School
 - 28th - Culver's Night- 5th Grade Serving
- A full calendar can be found here: [CALENDAR](#) The calendar is subject to change. The most recent information will be available in the Wolftracks newsletter e-mailed out every Friday.



The Wheatlands Birthday Book Club:

- "A book is a present you can open again and again"

- ❑ Happy Birthday from The Wheatlands LRC! Thank you for your kind donation. The students are so excited to see the special book you selected for the LRC
- ❑ AUGUST BIRTHDAYS: Aidan Berglund, Megan Perry, Ella Underwood, Keeley Bishop, Carli Kmetz.
- ❑ SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Keagan Graves, Emma Berglund, Lucas Kadoph, Tea Goble.
- ❑ OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS: Gustavo Huertas Marrero, Jacob Shayeb, Arjun Vaidya, Sofia Huertas Marrero, Gia Hogrefe, Hannah Lewandowski, Zachariah Shayeb, Taylor Thalheimer, Ryan Bern, Theo Kim.



Spirit Wear:

- ❑ Thank you for your patience with the Spirit Wear orders!. Everything has been delivered. Please contact Kelly Schwartz if you are interested in anything we still have in our inventory. Questions? Contact Kelly Schwartz-kschwartz1031@comcast.net



Volunteer Opportunities:

- ❑ We are looking for volunteers who can bring desserts for the teachers during conferences on November 3rd.
- ❑ We are looking for a Decorations Committee for the Sweetheart Dance.
- ❑ We are looking for volunteers for the Fun Fair Planning Committee.
- ❑ There will be many opportunities throughout the year to volunteer at The Wheatlands. Some of them even allow you to help from home.
- ❑ All volunteer opportunities will be posted on the PTO website.
- ❑ To access the volunteer section of the site, please click here: [PTO Volunteer](#)
- ❑ If you are interested in volunteering, or would like more information, please email us at thewheatlandsppto@gmail.com. Volunteer opportunities to help at each event will be announced as each event approaches.



Lost and Found:

The Lost and Found is overflowing. If your child is missing anything, please have them check the lost and found. Items that are left after 1st Quarter will be donated to Goodwill.



TW Always Cares:

At our first meeting on Monday, October 3rd we had the students write down some service project ideas and we were able to discuss them as a group. Some of the suggestions that were given were collecting candy for the soldiers, donating items to the animal shelters, cleaning up the environment, help keep our school clean, Angel Tree, Feed My Starving Children, Pop Tab Program for

The Ronald McDonald House, make fleece blankets for residents at a nursing home and making cards for cancer patients. We are so proud of the kids for coming up with these ideas. In order to accomplish their "giving" ideas, we are asking for your support. If you would be able to assist us with any of the following donations, it would make a difference as help us achieve our mission. Donations needed are: Fleece (1 yard of solid colored fleece and 1 yard of a print fleece is needed to make 1 blanket), construction paper, poster board, markers, and white cardstock. If you would rather provide a monetary donation to help purchase supplies, that would be welcome as well. If donations could be submitted by Friday, October 28th that would be appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Trakszelis or Mrs. McNanna.



Notes from Nurse Losey:

Our Mobile Dental will be returning to our school on October 18, 19 & 20. Your child will receive a dental exam, cleaning and fluoride treatment. Permission slips were sent home last week. The service is a great opportunity to complete the Kindergarten and 2nd Grade dental exam requirement. There is no out of pocket cost whether have dental insurance or not. No student will be denied. Please contact mlosey@sd308.org if you need another form, and one will be sent home with your child. You can also contact Nurse Losey with any questions.



Board Members Needed 2017/18:

- The PTO will be looking to fill 2 positions on the board next year. Elections are held in April. For details and additional information, please contact Julie Katrib: jkatrib@gmail.com.



Market Day Pie Sale:

- Market Day Pie Sale is back!
- Just in time for the holidays!
- Pick up will be in November. We are waiting for a date confirmation from them.
- Students will receive prizes for their orders!
- Orders are due October 17th.



Holiday Shoppe:

- [Registration](#) is now open for Holiday Shoppe!
- All items being sold must be \$10 or less.
- Registration forms & payment are due by Friday, November 11th!
- Contact Julie Katrib for questions: jkatrib@gmail.com



Notes from the LRC:

- We are on the lookout for library volunteers. The Wheatlands LRC is searching

for volunteers to help check in/out books, organize shelves, and assist with large projects like the Fall Scholastic Book Fair. If you are interested, please email Jessica Seiple, LRC Director at jseiple@sd308.org



Yearbooks:

- We are aware of issues regarding yearbook orders. Lifetouch has responded as follows: Tech team is researching this. The vast majority of orders go through without an issue- but there are some that don't. The main issue that will cause the site to not accept an order- auto fill on the credit card information (card number, address, name, etc.). All information must be typed manually, otherwise the screen will refresh, and the parent will need to enter their information again. Sometimes it is the credit card. YB Pay is a third party ordering website- some banks and credit card companies will put a hold on the order, thinking that the order that was made was fraudulent. Calling the bank, or the credit card company, to notify that the purchase was legitimate does clear up some of these issues. Clearing the history, and cache, from the browser clears up some more, or even changing browsers may help.
- If you continue to have problems, please contact JoJo Goduto at [mail-to:jgoduto@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jgoduto@sbcglobal.net)
- Yearbook can only be purchased online this year.
- Yearbooks purchased before January 1, 2017 cost \$20.00 each. Yearbooks purchased after January 1, 2017 cost \$25.00 each.
- Lifetouch Website - [LIFETOUCH](#)
- Enter Yearbook ID Code: 9467317
- The deadline for ordering yearbooks is March 24, 2017.



PTO Membership and WEBSITE:

Thank you to everyone who joined the PTO! If you haven't joined yet, it's not too late. PTO membership helps support school activities and events. A family membership for the year is only \$10! Being a member includes:

- Admission for your family to certain PTO events including the Daddy/Daughter Dance, Game Night, STEM Night and more!
- Access to the online PTO Website. This includes the directory, which contains class lists and member contact information, the most updated calendar of events, information on volunteer opportunities, school newsletters, flyers, important emails directly from the PTO and much more.
- You can join by clicking here: [JOIN PTO](#) The password is twwolves1617.
- Once you join and pay \$10, you will have access to the PTO Website.
- In the past years, the PTO has been able to provide laptops and iPads for our school!



Text Reminders:

- To receive text message reminders from the PTO, text @wolvesPTO to 81010.



Follow us on Facebook:

- For security purposes, we removed our Facebook page, and have formed a closed group. To join, send a request to: The Wheatlands PTO Closed Group for important updates and reminders. **To help us approve you as member of the group, please message us your child's name & teacher. Thank you!**



Important Procedure Reminders:

- Students that are dropped off at 8:15 a.m. may enter the building and wait in the gym, or have breakfast in the cafeteria. If your child is not having breakfast, please send a book for silent reading.
- Please do not drop off students in the bus lane. Parents should drop off in front of the school only.
- Children should only cross the street with the crossing guards. We care about their safety!
- Per Illinois state law, it is illegal to talk on a cell phone in a school zone. This includes the parent pick-up/drop-off line, as well as the streets around the school. We appreciate your efforts to keep your children safe!
- District 308 now requires ALL volunteers wishing to help at school (in the classroom, chaperone field trips, etc....) to be fingerprinted. Please contact the main office for more information. This only needs to be completed once.



PTO Board Members:

Board members can be reached at thewheatlandspto@gmail.com.

Tracy Gordon, President

Julie Katrib, Vice President

Karissa Gerrans, Vice President

JoJo Goduto, Treasurer

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