

# WOLFTRACKS

The Wheatlands Elementary School  
December 2, 2016



## Notes from Principal Gerard:

We had a tremendous turn out for our annual PTO Holiday Shoppe on Friday evening! Thank you for coming out and supporting our vendors and The Wheatlands PTO.

Dear Wheatlands Parents,

Teachers, parents, and middle and high school students across Illinois have the opportunity to participate in the Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey was designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school. As a parent, your voice is essential to help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. The Illinois 5Essentials Survey is administered online by the University of Chicago, on behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education. The state will provide survey results for individual schools only if a school has at least 20 percent of parents take the survey. If you have children attending more than one school, we ask that you complete the survey for each school. All survey responses will be kept confidential.

**\*To take this short survey:**

1. Visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/>
2. Type and then select Kendall as District 308's County location. This is the county associated with the district, not the location of an individual school.
3. Type your school's name into the School field and then select your school.

I sincerely appreciate your open and honest feedback to help us learn and grow. Our goal at The Wheatlands will always be continuous improvement.

Thank you for your help and support!

~Jeff Gerard - Principal



## Calendar Notifications:

DECEMBER

2- Holiday Shoppe

8- McBride's Night

9- PTO Meeting 10:00

14- Papa Saverio's Night

21- Winter Parties (K- 10:00-11:00) (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 11:30- 12:30)

21- 4 Hour Attendance- Students Dismissed at 12:45

- 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.



### **Holiday Shoppe:**

- The Wheatlands Annual Holiday Shoppe is tonight from 6-8pm in The Wheatlands gym.
- We have a variety of fun offerings all for \$10 or less!
- We've got you covered for dinner. We will have pizza, bundt cakes and a hot cocoa bar available for purchase.
- This event is FREE to attend! Bring your friends, family & neighbors out for a fun evening.
- We have many crafters coming, with a variety of items. Something for everyone on your list!
- All items sold will be less than \$10. Bring cash since each vendor handles their own transactions.
- Pizza ,bundt cakes and...
- Mrs. Gerrans is back with her hot chocolate bar! Only \$1.00 per cup. Proceeds will be donated to our school!



### **Savers Donations Tonight:**

- The Saver's truck will be available from 5:00-8:30, in The Wheatlands parking lot.
- Just in time for you to clear out your home and make room for all the new incoming things you will obtain after the Holidays.
- Saver's will donate money to our school for all your donations!



### **Box Tops:**

- Congratulations to the Box Tops Traveling Trophy Winners!
- See flyer below for more information.
- Also below is a list of all the items that you can find Box Tops on.
- Be sure to check out the list, and send in your Box Tops!



### **Notes From Nurse Losey:**

- Volunteers are needed to help with vision and hearing screening on December 12 and 13th.
- There will be an AM session and PM session on both days.
- Please call the Nurse's Office if you can help out. (630) 636-3502



### **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.
- December Birthdays: Brett Potts, Ariel Murphy, Catie Sloan, Alexa Gonzalez-Milton, Amana Joseph, Ryan Schwartz, Leah Fisher, Kyle Jaegle

- June (1/2) Birthdays: Ryen Carr, Sammie Burk, Alison Pease , Helene Shayeb
- Madi Porter, Bradley Porter



### **CC/SEL ACTIVITIES:**

1. The Wheatlands is proud to provide Social Emotional Learning (SEL) lessons, as well as character education to our student. This year the following activities and educational lessons are being used at The Wheatlands.
2. **Second Step:**  
Second Step is an evidence-based SEL curriculum that is taught in every classroom at The Wheatlands once a week for 30 minutes. The curriculum focuses on skills for learning (appropriate classroom behavior), empathy, emotion management, and problem solving. Children are engaged through colorful picture cards, DVD lessons, worksheets, partner practice, and puppet characters (for younger grades).
3. **Social Thinking:**  
Social Thinking is a series of books and curriculum that focus on social self-awareness, perspective taking, self-regulation, executive functioning, and social skills. At The Wheatlands we are using concepts from this program to complement our Wheatlands Way philosophy.
4. When addressing students' behavior, The Wheatlands staff often use the terms "expected" or "unexpected" behavior. Expected behaviors are when we display appropriate behaviors for the setting we are in (i.e. walking in the hallway, being quiet when the teacher is talking, sharing with friends, etc.). When we do what is expected, people tend to have good thoughts about us and the overall climate of the school building is enhanced.
5. Unexpected behaviors are when someone is not displaying appropriate behaviors for the setting they are in (i.e. running in the hallway, talking when the teacher is talking, saying mean words to friends). When we display unexpected behavior, people tend to have not so good thoughts about us and this can lead to social and behavioral challenges.
6. **Character Counts:**
7. Character Counts is a well established philosophy that the Oswego School District adopted over fifteen years ago. It focused on six pillars of character, Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.
8. Throughout the school year many events and activities will take place to encourage students to demonstrate good character at The Wheatlands. We began the year with a Character Counts week in which students and staff dressed up and learned about the different ways to show character in the school, their homes, and the community. In addition, the students participated in an assembly entitled "Show Some Respect". The show was funded by our TW PTO. At the assembly two incentive programs were introduced to students, E-tickets and our Wall of Fame program. These two programs will begin in November.
9. E-Tickets are mini tickets students can earn when showing expected behaviors. Students then fill out the ticket and turn it into our Character Counts jars. Names will be drawn weekly and announced to the school.

10. The Wall of Fame program is a way to recognize students in the classroom that have gone above and beyond demonstrating the pillar of the month. One student from each class will be chosen. Winners will receive a certificate, and will be invited for a pizza celebration later in the school year.



### **Spirit Wear:**

- Please visit our Spirit Wear Store to buy shirts, sweatshirts and sweatpants for your student and your family...we have both youth and adult sizes available!
- We have current Spirit Wear items as well as discounted Spirit Wear from past school year available!
- Inventory can be purchased online and will be sent home with your student!
- Thank you for supporting The Wheatlands with your Spirit Wear items!!
- Click here to see everything: [SPIRIT WEAR STORE](#)
- Please contact Kelly with questions: -kschwartz1031@comcast.net



### **PTO Membership:**

- 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 twolves1617.
- 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.



### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

- 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 [thewheatlandspto@gmail.com](mailto:thewheatlandspto@gmail.com). Volunteer opportunities to help at each event will be announced as each event approaches.



### **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: [jka-trib@gmail.com](mailto:jka-trib@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](mailto:jseiple@sd308.org)



### **Yearbooks:**

- Here is the link to order yearbooks: [ORDER YEARBOOK](#)
- If you have problems or questions, please contact JoJo Goduto at <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.



### **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 [thewheatlandspato@gmail.com](mailto:thewheatlandspato@gmail.com).

Tracy Gordon, President

Julie Katrib, Vice President

Karissa Gerrans, Vice President

JoJo Goduto, Treasurer  
Kelly Schwartz, Corresponding Secretary  
Sonya Daguinsin, Recording Secretary



**THE WHEATLANDS  
BTFE OCTOBER  
TRAVELING TROPHY  
WINNERS ARE....**

1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE RICCA'S CLASS 451 BTFE

2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE DEMERATH'S CLASS 389 BTFE

3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE PORTER'S CLASS 304 BTFE

4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE CRONIN'S CLASS 299 BTFE

5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE ROST'S' CLASS 174 BTFE

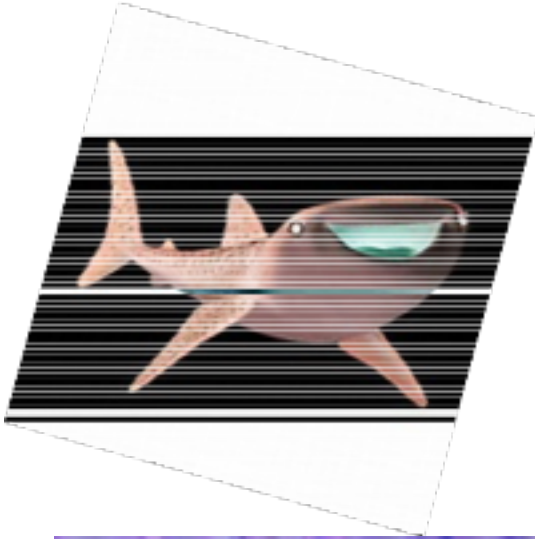
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## FOOD STORAGE

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- Annie's® Frozen Snacks
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- Old El Paso™ Dinner Kits
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- Annie's® Crackers
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- Annie's® Granola Bars
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- Cereal Treat Bars
- Chex Mix™
- Fiber One™ Bars, Brownies, Cookies, and Streusel
- Food Should Taste Good™ Snacks
- Gardetto's™ Snacks
- LARABAR™ (multipacks)
- Larabar™ RENOLA Grain Free Granola
- Mott's® Applesauce products
- Mott's® Juice
- Mott's® Medleys Fruit Flavored Snacks
- Nature Valley™ Backpacker Chewy Oatmeal Bites
- Nature Valley™ Baked Oat Bites
- Nature Valley™ Bars
- Nature Valley™ Clusters
- Nature Valley™ Granola Bites
- Nature Valley™ Protein Soft Baked Granola Bites
- Ocean Spray® Fruit Flavored Snacks

## TABLEWARE MANTELERÍA

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- Hefty® Easy Grip® Cups
- Hefty® Everyday™ Cups
- Hefty® Everyday™ Soak Proof Plates and Bowls
- Hefty® Printed Cups
- Hefty® Style Plates
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