

WOLFTRACKS

The Wheatlands Elementary School
February 3, 2017



Calendar Notifications:

FEB

3- Daddy/Daughter Dance

8- Buona Beef Night

10- PTO Meeting 10:00a

14-Valentine's Parties (K-10:00-11:00) (1st-5th 2:30-30)

- 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.



Fun Fair:

- *Save the Date: March 10th!*
- *We are looking for raffle basket & silent auction donations*
- *Everything Girls...Lego Friends, stickers, lip gloss, nail polish, hair accessories, jewelry, Shopkins and anything else fun for girls*
- *Everything Boys...Legos, Pokemon, Minecraft, sports equipment, board games, Game Stop gift cards, and anything else fun for boys*
- *Family Night Out...movie tickets, popcorn, movie theater candy, bowling passes, roller skating passes, restaurant gift cards and anything else fun for families*
- *Science Fun...circuits, magnets, lights, marble tracks, Lego robotics, experiment kits and anything else fun for science*
- *Arts and Outdoor Fun...crayons, markers, bubbles, water balloons, outdoor toys and anything else fun for arts & outdoors*
- *Sweet Treats...baking mixes, cake pans, spatulas, sprinkles, frosting, ice cream toppings, aprons, gift cards to ice cream shops and anything else fun for sweet treats.*

- **SILENT AUCTION** The silent auction is back this year, and we are looking for donations! Do you or anyone you know own a business or work at a place that could donate an experience or gift card? Do you have a gift card you will never use? Business names will be displayed with any donations we receive. Some ideas of what we are looking for are gift cards or experiences for restaurants, salons, hotels, photography packages, sporting events, retail stores, local activities, movie passes and anything else you can think of!
- Contact: thewheatlandspato@gmail.com



Spirit Wear:

- Check out our Wheatlands Spirit Wear Store for sweatshirts and sweatpants from this year and previous years...at a discounted price!
- 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!
- 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



Girl Scout Troop 77:

Our Wheatlands 5th Grade Girl Scout Troop is working toward earning their Bronze Award, the highest award a Girl Scout Junior can earn. This leadership award involves identifying a need in the community, choosing a project, and implementing that project. Working together with Principal Gerard and Assistant Principal Weber, the girls have selected to establish a Little Free Library at our School.

A Little Free Library is a “take a book, return a book” free book exchange. They come in many shapes and sizes, but the most common version is a small wooden box of books. Anyone in the community may take a book or bring a book to share.

To help the girls get started, we will be hosting a book drive to collect books to fill our library. Books can be new or gently used. Our focus will be on books for kids age 0-15 for our initial collection.

There will be collection boxes at the school labeled “Free Library”, for the children to bring in their donations. Collections will begin December and will run through January. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Loftus, at joyceloftus@comcast.net.

Thanks in advance for supporting our Girl Scouts on their Community Project!



The Wheatlands Birthday Book Club:

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“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

February

**Ariya Ashok
Maggie Lewandowski
Isabekl Mogilinski
Krish Sarin
Ian Morris
MacKenzie Gorman
Cameron Luthman**



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
- Our Six Flags Read to Succeed Program is winding down! Forms are due to the Lrc by February 17th!



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.



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 in general shows your support of your school and PTO board who work diligently each year to organize everything for the school.
- 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.

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 thewheatlandspato@gmail.com. Volunteer opportunities to help at each event will be announced as each event approaches.

PTO Board Openings for 2017/18:

- Interested in joining our PTO Board?
- Elections are held in April
- For details and additional information, please contact Julie Katrib: jka-trib@gmail.com.
- Not interested in joining the board? Consider volunteering! :)

Yearbooks:

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

- To join our Facebook Group, 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.

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