



The Wheatlands Wolftracks

Newsletter

JANUARY
2019

Announcements:

Blizzard Bingo

January 17, 6:30 pm

Important Dates

January 7 – Return from break

January 10 – PTO Meeting @
6:30 pm

January 17 – Blizzard Bingo @
6:30 pm

January 18 – 12:30 Dismissal

January 21 – No School

January 24 – Panera Dining
Night

January 28 - Culver's Night,
3rd Grade Serving

Notes from Dr. Harmon

Happy New Year! Thank you so much for your cooperation with the closing of the parking lot during arrival and dismissal. I look forward to a successful second half of the school year!

During the month of January, we celebrate the Character Counts! pillar of fairness. We remind students to play by the rules, take turns, share, be open-minded, listen to others, and include others. Remind your child(ren) to wear Character Counts! clothing or the color orange on Wednesdays during the month of January to demonstrate the pillar of fairness. We are also planning some fun activities for the Great Kindness Challenge during the last week of January. More details to follow soon.

Our staff would appreciate your feedback through your participation in the 5 Essentials Parent Survey. Please follow the link <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/> to participate prior to February 15, 2019.

[Click HERE to learn about The Wheatlands' Positive Recognition Program!](#) We are in need of donations of \$5 or \$10 gift cards for staff who are recognized and selected for our weekly drawings this school year. If you are able to make a donation, please send to Dr. Harmon in the office. Thank you!

Save the date for our Learning Luau which will be a fun event for your whole family at school on Thursday, February 28, 2019 from 6:00-7:30 PM.

Thank you for your continued partnership in support of your child's learning and growth!

Can you help?

We have several big events coming up in the spring, and they provide many opportunities for our families to help. Please consider how you may be able to assist us in making these events successful. Please email us at thewheatlandspto@gmail.com if you can help.

Girls VIP Dance – Friday, February 15. Our theme is Dancing Through the Decades. If you have any decorations or props for our photo area, please let us know. We would also welcome help decorating on the day of the event.

Fun Fair – Friday, March 8. We are looking for individuals or businesses to donate items, gift cards, tickets, etc. for our silent auction and raffle baskets. If you, or someone you know, can provide anything for us, please send us an email.

Multi-Cultural Night – Thursday, April 11. We are planning our first annual Multi-Cultural Night this year. We need families to participate for this event to work. If you can share a recipe, food item, stories, crafts, family tradition, etc. with our families that evening, please let us know. Also, if you have connections to groups that do cultural performances, please contact us.

More information and official sign up forms will be out as we get closer, but we want you to start thinking about what your family may be able to share with our school community. Thank you!

PTO INFO

Girls VIP Dance Packages

Our Girls VIP Dance is Friday, February 15. Soleil Salon, 2380 S. Eola #110, is offering TW girls a hair and nail package for \$30 that day. Call (630) 236-9900 to schedule an appointment. Remember that is a 12:30 dismissal day.

Maciano's is also offering a Dance Dining Night to our families on February 15. You will receive 10% off your bill and 10% will be donated back to the school, if you mention you are with The Wheatlands.

Blizzard Bingo

Our annual Blizzard Bingo Night will be held Thursday, January 17, 6:30-8:00 pm. Admission is free for PTO members and is \$1 per person for non-members. We will have pizza and snacks available for purchase. Once again, we will be raffling \$25 gift cards throughout the evening. Bring a blanket to sit on and join us for some fun!

The Running of the Wolves 5K

We are seeking sponsors for the 10th annual Running of the Wolves 5K.

- \$500 gets a large logo on t-shirts, mile markers and sling bag
- \$250 gets a logo on t-shirts and cowbells

We are also searching for promotional items to go in the event sling bags.

Please contact thewheatlandspto@gmail.com if you are able to help with the 5K sponsorships.

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful Winter Break and that everyone transitions back into the routine easily. We are looking forward to a busy and fun rest of the school year.

DINING NIGHTS... January 24 is Panera night and TW will receive 20% back. January 28 is Culver's night, with the 3rd grade team serving.

The Wheatlands collects Box Tops. Please remember to clip them when you see them. Send them in to school in a baggie or envelope marked with your child's name, grade, and teacher. In January, we will be looking for Incredible Individuals. The top 3 students in January will receive a prize.

Thank you to all who have joined the PTO already. We truly appreciate your support. You may still join at <https://thewheatlandselementaryptoil.ptoffice.com> and use password twolves1819 to register.

The Wheatlands PTO

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Text @thewhea to 81010 to receive text alerts from PTO

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Dear Families,

Welcome to the Six Flags® Read to Succeed Six Hour Reading Club!

The Wheatlands is participating in an exciting program that encourages students in grades K through 5th to read for fun. *Read to Succeed* is a free program sponsored by Six Flags Theme Parks. Every student who completes six hours of recreational reading between December 17, 2018 - February 15, 2019 is eligible for a free admission ticket, valid at Six Flags Great America (Chicago).

Students will develop a greater appreciation for books when they see that you think reading is important too. You are sure to have fun as you investigate the world of reading together!

Here's what you need to know:

- Only students in grades K through 5 are eligible to participate.
- Review the attached reading log. Your child should use this reading log to record what and how long he/she reads.
- Your child must complete 6 hours, or 360 minutes, of recreational reading.
- Please initial each entry and then sign the reading log to verify that the 6 hours of reading has been completed.
- Your child can read books, magazines, newspapers, or comic books (digital or hard copy).
- Students can read silently, aloud, or with an adult—you can read to your child, or your child can read to you.
- Remind your child to return the reading log to his/her teacher by the due date. Please keep a copy for your records. Your child's school will submit your child's information and hours read.
- Late entries will NOT be accepted.

About the Tickets

- Tickets will be awarded to students by their school coordinator in May.
- The ticket is valid for admission to **ONE** Six Flags theme park on **SELECT DATES ONLY** during the 2018 season. Park name and valid dates will be printed on the tickets. Please understand that the school can only select one Six Flags Theme Park. The ticket will only be valid for the park that is listed on the ticket. The valid dates will not be announced prior to the ticket award date in early May.
- Tickets are valid for students in grades K-5 only and are not valid for anyone over the age of 13. No exceptions.
- Each ticket is valid for **one** free student admission only.

- A Season Pass upgrade offer will be available during the ticket valid dates. The upgrade offer information will be printed on the ticket.
- Tickets are **NOT** for resale and are **nontransferable**.
- They **cannot** be replaced if lost, stolen or damaged.

We hope that you and your child enjoy this free program and spend time reading together. If you have any questions about the program or have ticket questions, you will need to email Jessica Seiple (LMS Director) at jseiple@sd308.org

Happy Reading!

School Deadline, please return the reading log to the LRC by: **February 15, 2019**



2018-2019 STUDENT READING LOG

Complete and return this sheet to your teacher by: _____
(Teacher/Coordinator to fill in due date)

Student Name (first and last name): _____

School: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Welcome to the Six Flags® Read to Succeed Six Hour Reading Club!

To participate, you need to read for fun for a total of 6 hours or 360 minutes. You can read books, magazines, newspapers, eBooks or comic books. Reading for homework or a class assignment does NOT count.

This log will help you keep track of all your reading. List what you read and the time you spend reading (use the back of this sheet if necessary). Have a parent or teacher initial this log. When you reach the goal, return this log to your teacher by the date listed above in order to qualify for a free ticket to a Six Flags® theme park. Your ticket will be given to you by your teacher/school coordinator.

Date	What I Read	Time	Parent/Teacher Initials
Total Amount of Time Read (Must be at least 6 hours or 360 minutes)			

Please use the back of this page or additional sheets, if needed.

Parents, if you have any program or ticket questions, you will need to contact your child's teacher or school.

I certify that student named above has completed 6 hours of recreational reading.

I am aware that the one free admission ticket that my child will receive is valid only at ONE participating Six Flags® theme park on **select dates** during the 2019 season. Dates will be included on the tickets. I also understand that late entries will not be accepted, and tickets are NOT valid for anyone over age 13, are not for resale and cannot be replaced if lost, stolen or damaged.

Parent/Teacher Initials