



The Wheatlands Wolftracks

Newsletter

SEPTEMBER
2020

Announcements:

Boosterthon Dance Fit

Date: September 24

Career Night

Date: September 30

Important Dates

September 7 – No School

September 9 – Materials Pick Up
(2:30-5:30)

September 10 – Materials Pick
Up (2:30-5:30)

September 12 – That Burger
Joint/Oberweis Night

September 14 – Dance Fit Kickoff

September 22 – PTO Meeting,
6:30 pm via Google Meet

September 24 – DANCE FIT

September 25 – 12:30 dismissal

September 28 – Culver's Night

September 30 – Career Night

Notes from Dr. Harmon

Thank you for all of your support during the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year! This year has started like no other and we appreciate your partnership in support of educating kids.

Please positively recognize staff members for their efforts through the link below. We are shifting to more of an AVID focus for recognition, however we welcome any and all positive recognition.

[Click HERE to learn about The Wheatlands School Positive Staff Recognition Program!](#)

We look forward to seeing you next week for our second materials pick up for this school year on September 9 & 10 from 2:30-5:30 PM. Come at any time during these designated times to pick up student materials. Please prepare a sign with your students' names and teachers in the passenger side window of your vehicle.

Please feel free to reach out to teachers and me should you have any questions that we can help you with. We all want to make sure we are doing all we can to provide the best learning environment for our students! We will continue sending out a weekly communication (The Wheatlands Weekly) on Fridays to keep our Wheatlands community updated.

We appreciate the strong home and school connection that has been established at The Wheatlands and look forward to continuing to build on this relationship to best benefit our students.

PTO INFO

Career Night Presenters Wanted

Do you have a cool job? Could you share information in a fun discussion with elementary students? Are you able to demonstrate an aspect of your job during a live virtual meeting? If so, we want to hear from you!

The Wheatlands PTO is currently planning a Virtual Career Night for September 30. If you would be interested in sharing your career with our students, please sign up at https://tools.ptoffice.com/Signups/Career_Night_Presenters_5123cf8a-22dd-452c-8c94-0618ed862789. We will be in touch to discuss details. We look forward to hearing about some of the amazing jobs held by our community members.

Staff Shout Outs

Congrats to the Specials Team this past month for their AVID celebration videos that they created for kids! Thank you to Mr. Barry, Mrs. Gatenby, Ms. Porter, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Wiesbrook!

The Wheatlands Dance Fit is coming!

Our Wheatlands Dance Fit 2020 fundraiser will kick off on Monday, September 14th. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for a new chrome cart and to strengthen our school community. This year, fundraising is more critical than ever to provide learning resources and supply a new Chrome Cart. We've asked our friends at [Booster](#) to power our fundraiser to make it more profitable, fun, and easy for everyone.

Here's what all students can get excited about:

- Fun, engaging character development lesson
- A high-energy event to give our school a much needed boost of fun!

If your family feels it's not in the position to financially support the school, that's ok. Families can actually support our school by also SHARING about our fundraiser with friends and family online. Sharing IS supporting.

With all students learning at home, parents will be receiving daily information and video links so students can participate in the fundraising and character development program.

Key dates to remember:

- **Donating Opens - 9/7**
Register on [FUNRUN.COM](https://www.funrun.com), SHARE, & GIVE!
- **Fundraiser Kick Off - 9/14**
- **Event Day - 9/24 SAVE THE DATE! You can dance at home alongside your student!**

Thank you for supporting The Wheatlands through The Wheatlands Dance Fit 2020!

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! We hope remote learning has gone well for you these first few days. Thank you to all our TW teachers and staff for their hard work making this unusual year get off to a strong start. We miss seeing all of you for the normal beginning of the year activities, but we look forward to seeing you at some of our virtual events.

The PTO would like to give a special welcome to all our new families at The Wheatlands. We are happy to have you join our community. Please feel free to contact us anytime.

Thank you to all who have joined the PTO already. We appreciate your support. Family membership is \$10 for the year and helps our mission of supporting the school and creating events for the kids. You may still join at https://tools.ptoffice.com/reg/IL_TWEPD7B and use password twwolves2021 to enter the site. The first 45 families to register will receive a car magnet and decal.

The Wheatlands collects Box Tops. Please download the Box Tops app and scan your receipts to redeem digital Box Tops for our school. Every Box Top is worth \$0.10, and TW has collected over \$42,000 since Box Tops began.

DINING NIGHTS... That Burger Joint/Oberweis Night is September 12. Mention The Wheatlands, and we will receive 20% of your total sale. September 28 is Culver's Night, and we will receive 10% back. We only receive credit if you tell them you are with The Wheatlands, so please remember to do that or show your digital flier. Thank you!

The Wheatlands PTO

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Text @thewhea to 81010 to receive text alerts from PTO

Join our Facebook group: The Wheatlands PTO!

Like our Facebook page: The Wheatlands Wolves PTO

Support The Wheatlands with these easy fundraising opportunities:

The Wheatlands PTO is partnering with Eco Trash Bin Clean, <https://ecotrashbinclean.com>, to steam, disinfect, and actually make your bins smell great!

Eco will be donating \$5 dollars back to The Wheatlands PTO for each house that schedules a cleaning.

To receive the info needed for scheduling, text the code "WOLVES" along with the name of your town and zip code to 630-352-8022 and you will receive a reply text back with all of the pricing and routing info for your area to schedule.



The PTO is also using Amazon Smile. Help support your school by buying things on Amazon as usual! Amazon is a great place for school supply shopping!!

Simply use the below link to purchase any items you normally would through [Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to The Wheatlands PTO!

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/81-2024382>

You can also search for our organization under the Amazon Smile Charity lists searching for "The Wheatlands PTO" please make sure to select the one in Aurora, IL.

Once you join Amazon Smile, you can now use the app by finding 'Settings' in the main menu (☰). Tap on 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.





Dear Families,

During this challenging time, our teachers and students need more help than ever. No matter what school looks like, Box Tops for Education is a fast and easy way for you to help out from home.

The Box Tops program has been around for over 20 years, and it really works. In fact, Box Tops for Education has helped give almost a billion dollars to schools since 1996. In 2019, the program evolved to become digital so that you can earn for your school with just the touch of a button.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS: Buy participating products and use the Box Tops mobile app to scan your store receipt. The app identifies eligible products and automatically adds Box Tops to your school's earnings online. Even if you're shopping online or doing grocery pickup, you can still submit your e-receipts and earn Box Tops. Twice a year, our school gets a check!

Your earnings may seem small, but they really do add up. The more people that participate, the bigger the impact we can make. So let's give our teachers the support they need and help give more kids the opportunity to dream. **Little by little, we can help make a big difference.**

**DON'T HAVE THE APP YET?
DOWNLOAD IT TODAY!**



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