



Inside the Pack

From the Desk of Principal Lockenvitz

What a busy, productive and fun year it has been! I want to thank everyone for a great school year. I have appreciated your cooperation, time, effort and commitment to working together as we help our young students grow and learn. It takes your cooperation to enable us to offer the best possible education for your child.

The time has gone by so fast but we have had the opportunity to experience wonderful things together. I know the summer will fly by as well, but I hope that you get to relax, enjoy family time and activities and come back rejuvenated for the next outstanding school year. It was a great year to be a Wolf. - Jeff Lockenvitz

Inside the Pack is published monthly by the Washington School PTO to promote communication between the PTO, school, and parents. The newsletter includes PTO updates, committee news, notes from the school office and general school information. Submissions are welcome and should be sent to Rajiv Shah via email: rajiv.shah@alumni.illinois.edu or using the submission form available in the school office. The deadline is the first FRIDAY of each month.

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Registration Packets - Mail in registration packets will be coming home over the summer. Please fill out all the necessary information & return it along with your registration fee & any necessary medical or dental forms that apply to your student. For any parents interested, we will also be holding our walk-in registration on August 4 from 9-11 am & 1-3 pm.

Honors Day - Our Honors Day Ceremony for 5th grade students will be held on May 26th at 1:30 pm in the Gym. The students are requested to wear dress attire to school that day; however, they should also bring casual attire along to change into for lunch & PE. In the morning, the 5th grade class will be photographed. At 1:30pm, the 5th grade students & their parents are invited to attend an honors assembly where the students will be recognized. A small reception will be held in the cafeteria afterwards.

Report Cards - Report cards will be mailed home on Tuesday, May 31st, 2011.

Class Lists - Due to the uncertainty in the number of students that we will have in Kindergarten, First and Second Grade for the 2011 - 2012 school year, we will NOT post class lists in June. Depending on the number of Walk In Registration students in the primary grades, we are unsure of the number of sections for Kindergarten, 1st Grade and 2nd Grade this fall. Class Lists will be posted at 5:00 p.m. on the State Street doors on Friday, August 12.



At Monday's meeting we bid goodbye to the outgoing officers and installed the new board.

Next year's PTO board:

Presidents: Courtney Turnbull & Amie Keeton

VP's: Stephanie Reed & Amanda Mateer

Treasurers: Danny & Diane Uhls

Secretary: Angie Baker

Teacher Reps: Ms. Killian & Mrs. Mathy



Facebook

Washington Wolves is on Facebook. Become a fan of our page then share it with your friends. We will post updates and pictures. It's another way for Washington parents to stay connected and share information.

YEAR-END REPORT

It has been a busy year! We've made changes both large and small and kept many successful programs going. Please check out the many things the PTO has done for our school and its students this year.

1) Fundraising

- a) **We.Fit.In** netted \$14,500, the most profitable fundraiser in years, allowing us to pay for most of the library renovations as well as many other things throughout the school. Thanks to Mrs. Szabo, Stacey Barger, and their team.
- b) **Market Day** raised \$2503 as of April, which for the first time went directly to the classroom teachers. Thanks to Cindy Linton and Tina Griesbaum.
- c) **Book fairs** raised over \$1500 and we successfully tried a new company. Thanks to Amy Barbee and Tracy Wapp.
- d) **Box Tops, clothing sales, and Scrip** all contributed additional funds. Thanks to Lynda Hocevar, Tracy Wapp, and Jackie Bauer.

2) Communication with parents

- a) **Newsletter improvements:** feature articles and teacher profiles provided much more in-depth information about the school. Newsletter now has a consistent deadline and distribution date. Newsletter is now online, saving much paper, and we send home paper copies to those without Internet access. Thanks to Rajiv Shah, Eileen Backman, and Angie Baker.
- b) **Facebook page** allows additional information sharing. Thanks to Deborah Halperin.
- c) PTO meeting **agendas** were available online by the Friday before the meeting in all months but two. Thanks to Julie Watson.
- d) PTO meeting **minutes** were available online within a few days of the meeting every month. Thanks to Angie Baker.

3) Special Events

- a) **New Families Potluck**, a new event, was very well received by Kindergarten and other new parents and hopefully will become a tradition.
- b) **Back-to-School Picnic** ran smoothly. Thanks to over 20 volunteers.
- c) **Lunch with Grandparents** was improved by having volunteers guide visitors to the classrooms. Thanks to Amie Keeton and Courtney Turnbull.
- d) **Carnival** was a tremendous success and raised \$9400! Thanks to Mary Clugston, Kelly Mathy, Terry Bahan, Jana Johnston, and many others.

Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students for achieving honor roll status in the 3rd quarter!

4th Grade

Griffin Moore
 Emma Kohlenberg
 Renee Jumonville
 Hanson Hao
 McKenna Groth
 Nicole Daniels
 Emily Coddington
 Madeline Clark
 Anna Bauer
 Dylan Kosloskus
 Lauren Buggar
 Bree O'Neal
 Quinn Olson
 Alex Burton
 Rebecca Starkey
 Alexis Packard
 Anna Otto
 David Calahan
 Linnea Skillrud
 Carys Lovell
 Aidan Medloca
 Jerry Dronenberg
 Madeline Novotny
 Claire Johnson
 Trey Mortimer
 Rylan Hambleton
 Kelsie Ayers
 Michael Backman
 Lindsay Barkulis
 Caden Burns
 Ricki Feltner
 Gabrielle Graham
 Maiya Kohlenberg
 McKenzie Martin
 Collin Pochel
 Piper Seglem
 Harrison Slotky
 Charlotte Weed

5th Grade

Quinn Cunningham
 Jack Dawson
 Ryan Flynn
 Casey Hamilton
 Amber Hill
 Eleanor Humphreys
 Erik Jones
 Libby Lusk
 Jessica Nolan
 Rebecca Siems
 Vinay Vattikuti
 Mihir Bafna
 Cole Bahan
 Grace Barbee
 Hallie Basola
 Jason Enevoldsen
 Jack Henry
 Cory Hill
 Lydia Johnson
 Prithiv Kumar
 Maya Lorenz
 Jared Mitchell
 Bindhu Podaralla
 Brendan Riley
 Hunter Stevens
 Madison Sturdivant
 Brevin Wapp
 Molly Whitcomb
 Jackson Wilson
 Giselle Bauer
 Carter Burns
 Madison Edwards
 Adam Hanson
 Brandon Jensen
 Blake Sedbrook
 Ellie Weltha

4) Additional programs

- a) **Reading Wolves and Junior Great Books** had about the same participation as last year. Before next year we plan to reevaluate the programs and see how we can improve the programs to best meet the needs of students and volunteers. Thanks to Niki Johnson, Sharon Sipes, Wendy Alexander, and Michelle Sleevar.
- b) **Staff Appreciation Committee** continued to provide wonderful breakfasts and lunches, for which staff is very grateful. Thanks to Courtney Turnbull and Maryann Mellor and their committee.
- c) **Lounge Laborers** continued to provide valuable help to teachers every week. Thanks to Lisa Connolly and committee.

5) Mechanics of PTO

- a) **Teacher reps on the board** were reinstated after many years, providing much greater communication with the teachers. Thanks to Kelly Mathy and Maggie Killian.
- b) **New format** of having board meetings most months and general meetings three times a year seemed to be well received. Attendance at board meetings was the same as average meetings last year, with one to three parents besides the board members at most meetings. Attendance at general meetings was greater than at average meetings last year.
- c) **Treasurers resolved IRS issues** of three years of unfiled reports in a responsible and professional manner. Many thanks to Danny and Diane Uhls.

6) New things in the works for next year

- a) **Wolf Park Garden** was built May 7, 2011.
- b) **E-mails to parents:** We researched more effective ways to contact parents by e-mail and will start doing so next year.
- c) **School supply kits** will be offered again next year.

Thanks to all the board members, committee chairs, Mr. Lockenvitz, the staff, and the dozens of volunteers who made this a great year!

Patty Kelly, outgoing PTO President

Thanks to “Graduating” Parents

Every year we have wonderful, dedicated parents leave Washington for the last time as their youngest child finishes fifth grade. The PTO would like to acknowledge the following parents who have held PTO leadership roles in the past and thank them for their dedication to Washington. Many other parents have helped tremendously in too many ways to list, and we appreciate their contributions as well. (We did our best to list all former board members and committee chairs, but please forgive any oversights.)

- Terri Bahan (Carnival basket coordinator)
- Amy Barbee (Co-Chair of Book Fair, Library Helpers, Library Fundraiser, Lounge Laborers)
- Lisa Connolly (Chair of Lounge of Laborers)
- Bob Dawson (Cub Scout Pack 33 leader)
- Lori Hamilton (PTO Secretary)
- Tracy Henry (PTO Co-President and Vice-President)
- Lynda Hocevar (PTO Co-President and Vice-President; Coordinator of Box Tops, Sock Hop, School Pictures, Yearbook)
- Kim Nolan (School Directory, Discovery Days Co-Chair)



Field Day Sun Protection

Field Day will be May 25th. Please make sure your child is prepared for the sun. Sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher as well as UVA & UVB ray protection is recommended.

A hat is also a really good way to provide protection. Please remind your child to cover sensitive spots-ears, lips, back of neck, throat & tops of feet & hands. Lip balm with SPF protection is also recommended.



LOST & FOUND

Our Lost & Found containers are overflowing with items like coats, sweatshirts, gloves, hats & many more items. If you are missing anything, please come in & check. The containers are located in the gym & in the cafeteria. We also have several pairs of lost eyeglasses in the office.

A Note From Your Cafeteria

We are approaching the end of the year. Please check that your student does not owe money to the cafeteria. Many district parents are using www.mylunchmoney.com to pay for student meals online with a credit or debit card. If you have questions about your student’s lunch account, please call your cafeteria manager or call the Food & Nutrition Office at 827-6031, X-227.

Discovery Days

Discovery Days was held on Thursday, April 21 with 30 participants. The variety of entries offered great viewing and learning. A big thank you goes out to all of Washington School children, parents, staff and faculty.

Discovery Days was a big success and we could not do it without the tremendous support of this organization.

We are looking for new committee organizers for Discovery Days for the 2011-2012 school year. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Kim Nolan at 664-9151 or Suzanne Daniels at 663-9960.



Free Summer Meals – Hunger doesn’t take a vacation! Children just walk in and eat. No paperwork!

District 87 sponsors the Summer Food Service Program and offers free meals to ANYONE 18 or under at the following sites:

Location	Dates of Operation	Breakfast	Lunch	Exceptions
Boys & Girls Club 1615 W. Illinois Bloomington	June 6 thru August 12, weekdays	9:00 to 9:30 a.m.	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Closed July 4th
Irving School 602 W. Jackson Bloomington	June 6 thru August 5, weekdays		12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Closed July 4th
Second Presbyterian Church 313 N. East St. Bloomington	June 6 thru August 5, weekdays		11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Closed July 4th
Sheridan School 1403 W. Walnut Bloomington	June 6 thru August 5, weekdays	8:30 to 9:00 a.m.	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Closed July 4th
Schools open for breakfast during summer educational programs				
Bloomington Junior High 901 N. Colton Bloomington Summer school	June 6 thru July 7, Monday thru Thursday	8:30 to 9:00 a.m.		Closed July 4th
Irving School 602 W. Jackson Bloomington Early Start	July 25 thru August 11, Monday thru Thursday	9:00 to 9:30 a.m.		
Sheridan School 1403 W. Walnut Bloomington Early Start	July 26 thru August 11, Monday thru Thursday	9:00 to 9:30 a.m.		The first day of the program is Tuesday, July 26 th .

If you have questions, call Kate at 309-827-6031, X-227.

The Summer Food Service Program is available to all eligible children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Any person who feels that he or she has been discriminated against in any USDA-related activity should write immediately to: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410.

THANK YOU!

OUR RAFFLE BASKET DONORS

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Canvas on Demand	Gerri Whitcomb	Latrice Ryan
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Carlos O'Kelly's	Gold's Gym	Lisa Clark
Carrie Mack	Great Display Company	Lisa Kozlen of A Bees and Me
Casey's Garden Shop	Green Mountain Roasters	Lisa Molnar
Cheeks	Grove Street Bakery	Logan's Roadhouse
Chicago Bears	Gryfalia's Aerie	Longhorn Smokehouse
Chicago Cubs	Gymboree	Lori Stevens
Chicago White Sox	Hampton Inn	Lynda Hocevar
Chicago Wolves Hockey	Harry of London Candies	Maggie Killian
Children's Discovery Museum	Hayashi	Main Street Grill
Chris Ayers	Heartland Community College	Mandy White
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Cindy Kozlowski	Holiday Inn	Mary Clugston
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OUR RAFFLE BASKET DONORS

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Shooters		



Coins for Kids

The week of April 25th Washington School participated in a fundraiser for Easter Seals called “Coins for Kids”.

Throughout the week students learned about different disabilities while raising money to help children in our community. With the generous support from our students we were able to raise **\$3037.18!**

Thank you to all the students and families who donated to this cause. We raised more than our total last year, and are proud to be the top collecting school in the area for the second straight year!

Wolf Park Garden

It takes some GREEN to be **GREEN**: We need to raise some funds to get the garden started and to sustain it. We have written four grants already (and waiting on results) but please support the garden.

Call the school at 829-7034 or email Deborah at dhalperi@iwu.edu for more information.



LOVE YOUR LIBRARY DONATIONS

Donated by The Riley Family: *I, Q* by Roland Smith

Donated by The Halperin Family: *Grace for President* by Kelly DiPucchio

Donated by Mrs. Hanfland in memory of Neldene Gray, mother of Mrs. DeMay:

Dave the Potter, Artist, Poet, Slave by Laban Carrick Hill

Birds of a Feather by Jane Yolen

Dogku by Andrew Clements

Locks of Love

Each year, thousands of children are diagnosed with life altering diseases. Often, many are treatable, but have devastating side effects. Washington School is looking to do their part to help in anyway we can. Last year we asked for help **growing your hair out** for an entire year.

Many have been growing their hair since 2009, awaiting this day! We are meeting at Fox & Hounds on **May 22nd at 1 pm** to cut it all off and donate some tails to Locks of Love. Fox & Hounds is donating ALL of the cuts and Kelly's is providing the foodie food! ANYONE is welcome and all of the hair is being donated! It takes an average of 6 pony tail donations to make one wig!

If you have questions contact Kelly Mathy, mathyk@district87.org





May 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>School Improvement Day- No School</i>	3	4 <i>Hot Dogs with parents K & 2</i>	5 <i>Girl Scouts 1126- 5:30 pm</i> <i>Brownies 1138- 6pm</i> <i>Hot Dogs with parents 3, 4, 5</i>	6 <i>Hot Dogs with parents 1st (12:50 lunch time)</i> <i>Hat & Sunglasses Day</i> <i>3rd gr. To Peoria</i>	7
8	9 <i>PTO Meeting 6:30</i> <i>Market Day</i> <i>Pickup 3:45 pm</i> <i>Girl Scouts 1290 3:15 pm</i>	10 <i>Cub Scouts Pack 33- 7 pm</i>	11 <i>2nd Grade to Sugar Grove</i>	12 <i>Prairie Fire Theater Assembly 1:45</i> <i>Boy Scout Pack 33 6:30 pm</i>	13 <i>Relay for Life walk</i> <i>1st grade to BJHS</i>	14
15	16 <i>Girl Scout 1083- 6 pm</i> <i>Daisy Scout 1165- 6 pm</i>	17 <i>BPL summer reading kickoff 9:30-10:30 am</i>	18	19 <i>Kindergarten to ISU Farm</i> <i>Girl Scouts 1126 5:30 pm</i> <i>Brownies 1138 6pm</i>	20 <i>Ice Cream party for Speech students 2pm</i>	21
22	23 <i>Girl Scouts 1290 3:15 pm</i>	24 <i>4th grade field trip to Chicago</i>	25 <i>Field Day</i>	26 <i>Honors Day 1:30 pm</i>	27 <i>Last Day- 15 minutes Busses will run</i>	28
29	30	31	<i>Have a great summer!</i> 			
						