

Wallace Elementary

PTO Newsletter

Parents and Teachers working together to create Opportunities for our students

2014-15 School Year

March Edition

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 13

In Service

March 16-20

Spring Break

March 23

Friends of ELP Meeting

7-8:30

JMS Library

March 27

Original Works Orders Due

April 13

Deadline for PTO Newsletter
Submissions/Ideas

(send to
wallaceptopres@yahoo.com)

April 14

Wallace PTO Work Night

Wallace Library

(5:45-6:45)

Wallace PTO Meeting

Wallace Library

6:45

April 17

3-Hour Early Dismissal

April 22

Earth Day

The Wallace PTO and Kids Need You!

Spring is in the air and it's almost time to register your kids for school next year! Your registration packet will include a PTO Volunteer Interest Survey meant to help you find ways that you might like to give your time. We hope you will consider getting involved with the Wallace PTO! We can accommodate any schedule. If you would like more information or want to talk about the commitment level for something you are interested in, please email Jackie Johnson at wallaceptopres@yahoo.com or call her at (515)334-7466.

If you'd like to help out right away, we're still looking for help with this year's Field Day!



Another Easy Way to Support Wallace PTO

Earlier this year we told you how you can support Wallace PTO programs without even leaving your house by shopping at AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com) and selecting Henry A. Wallace Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization Inc as the charity you'd like to support. Another easy way to help is through Target's Take Charge of Education® program. Just select Wallace as your school and Target will donate 1% of your Credit or Debit REDcard purchases made at Target and Target.com. This is a great deal for our kids. **Only 62 people currently have Wallace designated on their REDcards, yet Wallace has earned over \$15,400 from the program!** Think

March Meeting Highlights

Playground Fund Update

In the past, the PTO raised money to replace our playground. We didn't come close to our fundraising goals at the time, but have used a lot of what was raised to put up new basketball hoops and tether ball poles.

With the removal of a couple of older pieces of equipment this year, we are looking into using the remaining funds to replace those items.

Spring Fundraiser

This year's spring fundraiser will raise money to purchase a STEM cart from the Science Center of Iowa to have our own Makerspace at Wallace. A Makerspace is a physical location that provides hands-on, creative ways to encourage students to design, experiment, build and invent as they deeply engage in science, engineering and tinkering. Watch for details to come home with your student.

Movie Night

Thanks to all the families who attended movie night last month. The kids had a great time!

Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee has been busy all year ensuring our teachers are well taken care of. Thanks to all who signed up to help provide dinner to our teachers during spring conferences.

The committee will also be helping our families recognize Administrative Professionals Day next month and treating our teachers to an annual appreciation breakfast in May.

Original Works

Packets with sample magnets for our Original Works fundraiser for our art department went home with kids last week. Please return orders and/or the unpurchased sample magnet with your student by March 27.

Connect with Wallace PTO

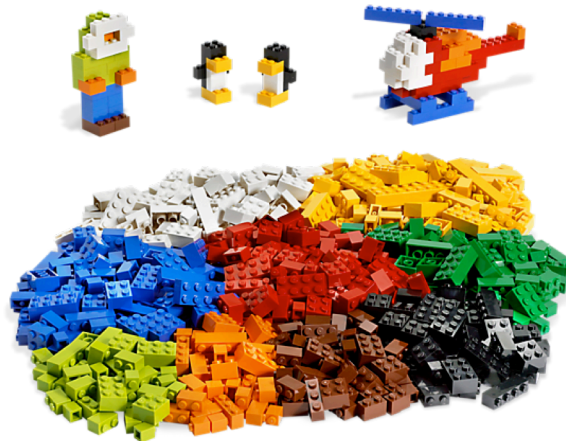
Keep informed about all that's going on at Wallace by following the Wallace PTO Facebook page.



Find us on:
facebook®

Everything is Awesome When You Donate to Our Future LEGO Club!

Wallace wants to start a LEGO club and needs your help! Please consider making a donation of new or used LEGO bricks before the end of the school year. All donations are welcome and appreciated! Ebay is a great place to buy used ones if you'd like to donate but don't have any lying around! (If you do have some lying around, watch your step!)



Free Childcare at Next PTO Meeting!

Respondents to our PTO survey said they couldn't attend meetings because of lack of childcare. Join us at our next meeting on April 14 and bring your kids because we heard you and we have **free childcare during the meeting**. If you'd like to help out beforehand at our PTO work night, we'll have childcare available starting at 5:45.

We were also able to offer childcare during spring conferences and would love to keep offering this kind of service, but we need volunteers to make it happen. Thanks to those who helped!

As an added bonus at the next PTO meeting, we'll draw to give away a \$25 Starbucks gift card to one of next month's attendees!