

December/January Newsletter – Wallace Elementary PTO

A Message from the Wallace PTO Co-Presidents: Renea Barker & Crissy Pohl, 2018-2019

We have had a productive last month of November, all in an effort to support our students. We have wrapped up our Fall Fundraiser selling Entertainment Books. The total sales of the fundraiser was \$7,785 with approximately 302 books sold. Thank you to all who participated!

This school year is a very unique year, with regards to teacher grants. The decision was made to focus on the vocal music teachers' needs for the current school year. The PTO met in November to review Grant Requests made by Mrs. Aanonson and Mrs. Stoa. Classroom stools, seven rolling orff stands, two alto xylophones, two soprano xylophones and one bass xylophone were approved in the amount of our budget at \$6,000. The students will be getting a lot of use out of these items and this will benefit them greatly.

With the help of Attorney, Gordy Allen, we updated our Articles of Incorporation to incorporate Johnston Early Learning Academy (JELA) along with Wallace Elementary, in an effort to bring the two groups together. Our goal is to support each other, whether it is volunteering time and/or donations and helping with fundraising efforts, so that both Wallace and JELA benefit.

As the Winter Break nears, don't forget to thank your child(ren)'s teacher for all that they do. A handwritten note of thanks from the student does not go unnoticed. Finally, we wish your family a safe and enjoyable holiday!

MEMBERSHIP

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SUCCESS IN THE FALL

Thanks for a successful Book Fair! A big thank you to all our parents and students for making this our most successful book fair yet! We earned over \$7,000 for the school to buy books!

Box Tops brought in \$685.10 this season! Thanks to all who participated. Keep clipping!



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Upcoming Events:



Teacher Cookie Walk

Winter Break -No School Matter Dec. 24-Jan. 2



January 21st: No School

February 18th: No School

Wallace/JELA Staff Cookie Walk Dec. 18th

Each December, the Wallace PTO treats our teachers and staff with a Cookie Walk. Every teacher and staff member will get to select and take home 2 dozen cookies, so we need about 200 dozen donated in order to do that!

All sorts of sweet treats are welcome---Tried and true family recipes, that new fun recipe you found on pinterest, chocolate covered pretzels, sweet snack mixes (make sure to package individual portions), etc. Our only request is that we avoid chocolate chip cookies, so that there is a festive selection of treats available!

Please bring your treats to Main Wallace Office by <u>noon on the 18th</u>. It works best to package cookies in containers that you don't need back. If it is not obvious by looking----please attach a note about what kind of treat you have sent.



Any Questions? kellyaschulte@yahoo.com Calling All Treat Makers! Staff Holiday Cookie Walk- Dec 18th

Miscellaneous:

Order forms for our fall gift card fundraiser went home right before Thanksgiving break. This is a great chance to stock up on gift cards for holiday gifts and stocking stuffers. The school receives a percentage back for every gift card purchased.

Please return the completed order forms with cash or a check made out to Wallace PTO SCRIP on or before December 5th. You'll receive the gift cards you order the week of Dec. 17th.



