



March Newsletter – Wallace Elementary PTO



A Message from the Wallace PTO President: Staci Randall, 2017-2018

Is it spring yet? By the time this newsletter goes out, we hope to see milder temperatures in the forecast. With spring break looming, our students will be ready for some consistent outdoor weather and a chance to run around outside without slipping on any ice!

I would like to thank all the families who attended our first ever family ice skating night. It was a new idea and a lot of fun for our students whether they were experienced skaters or new to the ice. We have new chairpersons for our Special Events/Bridges committee this year, and new chairpersons often mean new ideas.

On that note, I invite all of you to consider volunteering for a position with the PTO next school year. Any time we get new faces involved with our activities, we get new ideas to try out along with our traditional events. The result is a consistently strong PTO with plenty of support for our school plus a few chances for our families to meet outside of school and form new bonds which will last throughout our students' years in Johnston schools.

Next year, we hope to re-implement a Co-President system with our PTO rather than a President/ Vice President which we have used the past few years. The workload gets much easier when two people can share it, and our bylaws support either system. If you have any interest in being an executive with our PTO, be sure to reach out to us with questions or indicate interest in April when we send out our Volunteer signup for next year.

Enjoy your Spring Break and be safe if traveling!



MEMBERSHIP

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PURPLE PARTY THANKS

We would like to thank all the parents who helped to make this year's Purple Party a success!

All profits from the Purple Party are shared throughout the district.

Last year, the Wallace PTO received \$2100 for our families' contributions to the party. For those who attended, we hope you had fun!

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President: Staci Randall
Vice President: Renea Barker
Secretary: Lindsey Robertson
Treasurer: Barbara Remer





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Upcoming Events:

March 1st:

Parent-Teacher Conferences 1:30-8:00
PTO Caters meal

March 6th:

Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:00
PTO Caters Snacks

**Spring Break NO School –
March 9-18**

March 20th:

6:45 PTO

March 28th:

Spring Pictures

Spring Break Ideas:

Are you excited about the upcoming Spring Break? Or are you dreading the break because you don't know what to do with your kids? Check out the following websites for lists of spring break activities in the Des Moines area:

<http://dsm4kids.com/2018-spring-break-activities-des-moines/>

<https://desmoinesparent.com/spring-break-des-moines-2018/>

Events in the area include:

Polk County Conservation programs at Jester Park
Spring Safari Camp at the Blank Park Zoo
Crafts and activities every day at the Brenton Arboretum
Climb Iowa camps
Living History Farms one day or five day camps
Iowa Wild game
Movie- A Wrinkle in Time



Most programs require fees and registration. These are not JCSD programs and availability is not guaranteed.

Scholastic Spring Book Fair

There is still time to stop at the Book Fair!
February 26th - March 6th

