



# April Newsletter – Wallace Elementary PTO

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

We hope you had a fun and relaxing Spring Break and are gearing up for the last two months of the school year! If you have not had the opportunity to help out this year, please consider giving a little of your time this spring! Our Spring Fundraiser is happening this month, and we will need some parent volunteers to help make this a great event! We will also be needing volunteers for our Fifth Grade Celebration, Field Day and Teacher Appreciation Breakfast. Keep an eye out for the sign-ups.

We are beginning the process of recruiting volunteers for the next school year. The PTO Volunteer Survey should be coming home with your child(ren). Take a look at that sheet to see if you would be interested in chairing or serving on a committee. We are also needing to fill some executive positions for next year. We will need a new President/Vice-President or Co-Presidents and a Secretary. The President or Co-Presidents help with communications, run monthly meetings and act as a liaison with Wallace Staff and our committee chairs. The Secretary takes minutes at our monthly meetings. If this is something that you would be interested in and would like further information about these roles, please contact us at [wallaceelementarypto@gmail.com](mailto:wallaceelementarypto@gmail.com).

As always, you can reach us at the above email. If you have not “Liked” our Wallace PTO Facebook page, we encourage you to do so to give you another way to stay informed. Our PTO website is also a good resource to check out. We look forward to continuing to serve you for the remaining school year!



## MEMBERSHIP

Website: [www.wallacepto.com](http://www.wallacepto.com)  
Facebook: under Wallace PTO  
Email: [wallaceelementarypto@gmail.com](mailto:wallaceelementarypto@gmail.com)

## FRIENDS OF WALLACE

Did you know that there is a year-round way that you can support our PTO?

Simply make a tax-deductible donation to the Friends of Wallace program. You can send a check or cash to school (made out to Wallace PTO). Please place it in an envelope marked “PTO - Friends of Wallace”. Include your name and email address, and we will send you a tax receipt.

All contributions are tax deductible and 100 percent of the money benefits our PTO and our school. Thank you for your support!

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Co-Presidents: Renea Barker & Crissy Pohl  
Secretary: Lindsey Robertson  
Treasurer: Morgan Halverson





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save the date

## Upcoming Events:

**April 4<sup>th</sup>:**

Wallace & JELA Academic Night – Science Center of Iowa, 5-8pm

**April 9<sup>th</sup>:**

6:45 PTO at Wallace

**Boosterthon Dragon Trot Fundraising Opens – April 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Pep Rally – April 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Trot – April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**April 26<sup>th</sup>:**

No School

**May 21<sup>st</sup>:**

Free Roller Skating Party, Skateland (aka SkateNorth) 5-8pm



## Be on the Lookout!

Our spring gift card fundraiser will be coming at the end of April. Watch for the flyers to come home in your student's take home folder. This is a great way to buy thank you gifts for teachers, graduation presents, and wedding gifts for the end of the school year and prepare for summer!



The PTO offers parents the chance to pre-order school supply kits for the next school year. Each set contains the supplies that your child will need for their grade level next year. Watch for more information to come home with your child(ren).



## Spring Fundraiser

Parents! This year's main fundraiser is the Wallace Dragon Trot by Boosterthon! It's a two-week program that kicks off with a Pep Rally on Tuesday April 16th. Families will then gather pledges for every lap your student runs (30-35 laps), and we'll celebrate at the Dragon Trot on Thursday April 25th! Our big goal this year is to raise \$20,000 to help us update our Media Center!

Students will also experience an amazing character theme throughout the program, **MINDSPARK MYSTERY LAB!** Boosterthon's most exciting theme yet combines S.T.E.A.M skills (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) with character-building. While they're teaming up with the MindSpark Kids to solve mysteries, our students will learn five 21st-century character traits that will help strengthen themselves and our world.

Donations will go towards the Media Center Project and to the entire two-week experience. So please help our school by reaching out to sponsors. Also, all families are invited to come out and cheer on your student at the Dragon Trot! Pledging on [Funrun.com](http://Funrun.com) officially opens on Tuesday April 9th and we cannot wait for kickoff! Go Dragons!!





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## WALLACE AND JELA ACADEMIC NIGHT!

WHEN: THURSDAY APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup> 5-8PM

PLACE: SCIENCE CENTER OF IOWA

- Join us for Wallace & JELA Academic Night on Thursday, April 4th from 5-8pm at the Science Center of Iowa! This is a private event just for Wallace and JELA families! Admission is just \$5 per person. Wallace and JELA students & staff are FREE!!
- Enjoy all the Science Center has to offer from the Lego Brick By Brick exhibit, Makers Studio, Why the Sky, When Things Get Moving, What on Earth and Small Discoveries! Check out the traveling exhibit: Mental Health: Mind Matters! For more information on the exhibits, directions and parking check out: <https://www.sciowa.org/visit/>
- There will be a special presentation of Iowa Skies Tonight in the Planetarium at 5:30 & 6:30pm. Locate constellations and planets, and hear myths of the night sky in this live planetarium program. <https://www.sciowa.org/>
- The Cafe will be open for snacks! This is a cash/check only event- credit cards will not be accepted.
- We hope you can join us for a great evening of family time + learning!
- If you have any questions please contact: Morgan Mescher: [morganmescher@gmail.com](mailto:morganmescher@gmail.com)



WALLACE & JELA  
ACADEMIC NIGHT AT

# THE SCIENCE CENTER OF IOWA

THURSDAY, APRIL 4TH FROM 5-8PM

ADMISSION: \$5/PERSON  
(FREE FOR WALLACE & JELA  
STUDENTS & STAFF!)

SPECIAL PROGRAM: IOWA STARS  
TONIGHT IN THE PLANETARIUM AT  
5:30 & 6:30PM!