

PTA NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

- *Friday, 8/29 - Fall Fundraiser begins
- *Thursday, 9/4 - Shop for Stratford for Schools begins & Curriculum Night
- *Friday, 9/5 – August and September Birthday Table at Noon
- *Friday, 9/12 - Fall Bulb Sale begins
- *Monday, 9/15 - Battle of the Books begins
- *Saturday, 9/20 - New 200 Foundation Fun Run @ 10:00 am
- *Monday, 9/22 - Reflections Kick-off
- *Monday, 9/22 - Deadline to submit info for next newsletter @ 12:00 pm
(email your entry to eamoorhouse@sbcglobal.net)
- *Thursday, 9/25 - Lunch and Learn registration due

Thank you!!!!

To All who attended our first PTA meeting! Your enthusiasm and willingness to be such an integral part of our school is contagious! Together we can do great things for our school, our kids, our Washington staff and our community!

To SUSAN GOONAN and a great team of volunteers, including our custodial staff for a wonderful ice cream social! It was a lovely night and a great turn out!

To the PTA Executive Board and Committee Chairs - thank you for your leadership and willingness to rise to the occasion!

To the Washington Staff - for your warm welcome to our kids on the first day back to school!

Art Smart - Art Smart is an Art Enrichment program and a wonderful way to be involved in the classroom for anyone interested in the Arts. The Art Smart Volunteer will present an artist and a print representative of his work to the classroom. Binders with mounted art prints are available in the LLC, as well as some additional printed information on the artist or particular print. Generally, the presentation is 1x per month for approximately 20-30 minutes. The volunteer can provide any information appropriate for the selected print, i.e. biography, additional art work from the artist, library books, or a short activity can be directed. This program lends itself to personal creativity and is a fun way to gain new knowledge on some of the great artists of our time.

Please contact your child's teacher for volunteer sign up. A short meeting will be scheduled to get us all started!

For more information, please contact
Linda Wagner 630-668-6869

Shop Stratford for Schools - This is a program that Washington School is in at Stratford Square Mall. Any purchase made at any Stratford Square Mall store, restaurant, kiosk or movie theater between until September 1st, 2008 until February 28th, 2009 earns us points. When you make a purchase, just go to the Customer Service Center (located on the lower level near Gloria Jens), and have your receipt stamped for our school. The ladies at the counter mark your dollar amount into a book for Washington school. The school earns 10 points for every dollar spent, extra points are earned when you use your Visa or store Charge card.

Receipts can be validated until the 7th of the following month, so all of September's receipts can be counted until October 7th and so on. We have an extended date for the December shopping. I will send out information later on that. We have Bonus opportunities to earn extra points and I will send out information in our newsletter when they arise. If for some reason you cannot get back to the mall and have receipts stamped, let me know. I will be at the mall once a month (first Thursday), and could get the receipts stamped and returned to you if that helps.

At the end of the program, if Washington school has earned 600 points per # of students enrolled at Washington, we receive a \$500.00 check from the mall. Washington school has used this money for many projects in and around our school grounds.

***A bonus for us is any purchase made in August (for back to school shopping) still awards us 50% of our point value. The receipts can be shown to customer service starting in September. Please if you or any friends or family go to the mall, please save all receipts and have them stamped. Please save the movie ticket stubs too, they earned us great points last year. I will send more information after the first meeting.

Thank you for your help!! ***I am looking for a mom to partner with this year. If you have little ones at home this is an easy meeting (15 minutes at the mall once a month). Little ones are welcomed. Call if you are interested or have questions...

Lisa Crochet

510-8210 or lisa@thecrochets.com

Reflections - Get those pencils, art supplies, cameras, dancing shoes, video cameras, musical instruments and imaginations ready!!!! The 2008 – 2009 Reflections program, sponsored by the PTA, is set to kick off the week of September 22nd. Students may submit original work based on the 2008-2009 theme “WOW!” in any or all of the following categories: Visual Arts, Photography, Literature, Musical Composition, Dance Choreography and Film/Video Production. Entry forms will be sent home the week of the kick off and will also be available (along with complete rules) in the LLC. Please contact Leona Rochford at 630-653-6621 with any questions or if you are interested in volunteering for this worthy program!

PTA NEEDS YOU! There are so many ways to become involved at school! A few committees still need chair people to make them happen: Spring Fling, American Ed week, Health and Safety & Publicity. Consider teaming up with a friend and chair together. If you wish to know more about these committees, contact Beth Moorhouse at eamoorhouse@sbcglobal.net. If you cannot volunteer your time - consider a \$5 PTA membership - every parent's dues will go a long way. PTA membership forms are available at the office or by contacting Beth Moorhouse. If committees and events are not for you - feel free to make a donation directly to the school for a program of your choice!

SPANISH LUNCH AND LEARN LANGUAGE REGISTRATION

Lunch and Learn Language is an opportunity for **1st - 5th graders** to effectively learn the **Spanish language and culture** through fun activities that include games, songs and parties **during their lunch hour**. Students have LALL **one day a week, bringing along a sack lunch** to eat during class.

The fall session begins the week of **September 29th**. The winter session begins in mid-January. The fee for the fall 10-week session is **\$58 per child**. Parents also have the *option* of registering for both the fall and winter sessions at the cost of \$110 per child. Registration for the winter session will take place in January for those who prefer to wait. Class size is limited to 18-20 students so registration is taken on a first come, first served basis as **registration forms with payment** are received in the school office by **Thursday, September 25**. We will do our best to accommodate all!

Questions? Contact Tricia Reinhard at 630/690-9610 or at tdreinhard@core.com.

Please enroll my child in the Spanish Lunch and Learn Language Program. Enclosed is my payment of **\$58** for the **fall** 10-week session *or* **\$110** for the **fall and winter** 10-week sessions. **IMPORTANT:** Checks must be made payable to **TRICIA REINHARD**.

Signed _____ Date _____

Child's Name _____ Grade/Teacher _____

Phone _____ Session: Fall _____ F&W _____

Email _____

PLEASE RETURN FORM WITH PAYMENT TO THE LALL FOLDER IN THE OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 25. STUDENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THEIR CLASS ASSIGNMENT THROUGH THEIR CLASSROOM TEACHER.