

THE WILKINS WIRE

Fall 2009



UPCOMING DATES

October 29 – Wilkins Day
@ Chili's

Nov. 3rd – Wilkins Day @
Marion Tomaso's

Nov. 6th 5:30 – Witty
Kitties Night, Wilkins
Gym

Nov. 9th – Wilkins Day @
Marion Zio Johno's

Nov. 10th, 6:30 pm – PTO
Meeting, Media Center

Nov. 18th – Wilkins Day
@ Marion Pizza Hut

Dec. 1st – Wilkins Day
@ Marion Tomaso's

Dec. 5th – Wilkins Holiday
Bazaar, Wilkins Gym

Dec. 7th – Wilkins Day @
Marion Zio Johno's

Dec. 16th – Wilkins Day @
Marion Pizza Hut

Dec. 20th 5-7 pm –
Wilkins Skate Night @
Super Skate

We are off to a super year at Wilkins!

Hopefully everyone was able to attend the Open House, Book Fair and Spaghetti Supper in September. The PTO fed almost 560 people that night with the help of Zio Johno's! Thanks to Lori Allington, Jen Johnson, Tricia Krsek and Mary Lukefahr for heading up the Spaghetti Supper and to everyone who volunteered to help serve!

Have you noticed...

that we have expanded our Restaurant Nights? We now have Wilkins Days (yes, they are actually all day, not just nights) at the Marion Tomaso's, Marion Zio Johno's, Marion Pizza Hut, and Chili's Restaurant. **Tomaso's, Zio's, and Pizza Hut all donate 20% of gross sales back to the school, and Chili's 10%**, so it can add up quickly. This is a tasty and easy way to support the school! So far on the two Tomaso's days we've made \$180 – WOW!!!

Did your kids tell you...

what a fun time they had at the Walk-a-thon??? Yes, it was held indoors this year, but the kids still had a blast! **Wilkins raised \$5,135 during this event!** Thank you to Play Station, Dominoes, Dairy Queen, Castle Lanes, Burger King, General Mills, Playtime Poppy, Culvers, Z102.9, Carlos O'Kelly's, Chili's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Family Video, and Rough Riders for prizes, to all the parents who cheered the kids on during the Walk-a-thon, and to the chairs: Theresa Pint, Tracy Read, Carol Renz, and Deana Benson for organizing.



Have you seen this logo?

Hy-Vee has a SMARTPoints contest where Wilkins could win a SMART Board interactive whiteboard. If you receive a SMART Points receipt with your regular receipt while shopping at Hy-Vee, please log on to the website and donate your points to Wilkins. Contest runs through October 31st, 2009.

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DON'T FORGET BOX TOPS!

Keep clipping and collecting Box Tops as the kids are having contests in their classrooms at school and will earn prizes based upon how many Box Tops their class collects!

Update on Enjoy the City

The response to the Enjoy the City fundraiser has been overwhelming! So far, Wilkins students, parents, and staff have sold 538 books! That's raised \$5,380 for Wilkins! **WAY TO GO!** Our high sales person was **Brody Dawson** who sold 15 books!! Drawings, the awarding of prizes, and the pizza party were held on October 23rd. Thank you to Nikki Schweitzer for chairing this fundraiser!

Muchas Gracias

- To Julie Felicilda and Martha Endicott for leading our Spanish Club
- To Mary Lukefahr and Jen Johnson for organizing our Wilkins Pool Party
- To Elizabeth Wilson, Brenda Bauermeister, and Shelly Beaver for organizing the Homecoming Parade Float, even though the weather didn't cooperate!
- Michelle Dalton, Beth Anderson, and Debi Wells for organizing the Read and Feed

Wilkins Cares

You may remember having the opportunity on the Spirit Store order form to donate to the Wilkins Caring Corner. Well boy did you! We received donations of \$270, which bought 27 long-sleeved Wilkins t-shirts for students in need. Thank you to all who donated and remember the amount of your donation is tax-deductible!

IT'S OFFICIAL

Wilkins PTO recently received word that our application to become a 501(c)(3) has been **APPROVED** by the IRS! Thank you to Elizabeth Wilson for all her hard work and perseverance on this complicated, but worthwhile issue!! We are now able to receive grants from corporations and donations made to our PTO are tax-deductible. However, please remember that the purchase of goods from the PTO is NOT tax-exempt.

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