

Wilkins PTO Summer Newsletter

Thank you to everyone who volunteered with the PTO this year! We had a very busy and successful year with so many fun activities.

SPECIAL THANKS TO...

- Todd Evans for organizing the Wilkins Night at the Ballpark.
- Mary Lukefahr and Mike Hansen for chairing Spring Clean-up at Wilkins – doesn't our school look great!
- Cindi Wibben for all her efforts in keeping school spirit high by organizing the Wilkins Spirit Store
- Melissa Edgar and Theresa Pint for chairing our amazing staff appreciation events throughout the entire year – including a whole week of meals and activities in early May during staff appreciation week. Check out the new paint and curtains in the staff lounge!
- Nikki Schweitzer, Elizabeth Wilson, and Cathy Swenson for chairing the Wilkins Family Picnic.
- Judy Ramsey for chairing Absolutely Incredible Kids Day.
- Theresa Pint and Deana Benson for chairing Movie Night.
- Tracy Read for taking all our Scrip orders and making sure we all knew about Pizza Ranch nights.
- Judy Kraus, Michelle Dalton, Tammy Evans, and Tracy Read for all their creative ideas and keeping us up to date through the PTO bulletin boards at Wilkins.

DID YOU KNOW???

You can now record the hours you volunteer to the PTO online through a website developed by the Linn-Mar Community Services Office at <http://volunteers.linnmar.k12.ia.us/>. Follow the link to register online and record volunteer hours. This eliminates having to fill out your time card in the office – YEAH!! It is still a requirement of the program to have volunteers provide annually a volunteer disclosure form. Please print and sign yours today, and send it to school. It is available on the website.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Be sure to attend **Wilkins Registration** on Thursday, August 6th, 5:00 – 8:00 pm in the Wilkins gym.
- Don't miss the **Wilkins Night at the Marion Pool** on Friday, August 14th, 8:15 – 9:45 pm. Rain date is Saturday, August 15th, 7:15 – 8:45 pm (note the time is 1 hour earlier).
- Come meet your teachers and drop off your school supplies at the **Wilkins School-Wide Meet and Greet** on August 18th, 4:00 – 6:00 pm.

- Join us in front of the school after the bell has rung to celebrate the first day of school with **Donuts and Coffee** for parents and younger siblings.
- Come join us on Tuesday, August 25th, for the **PTO Kick-off Meeting** at 6:30 in the Media Center. We have lots of items to discuss including the budget and elections for open Board positions.

CHAIRS NEEDED!!!

We still have a couple open chair positions. This includes:

- The **Wilkins Homecoming Float** which we enter in the Linn-Mar Homecoming Parade on October 1st.
- **Family Fun Night Games.** This person organizes the games, volunteers, and prizes for the games during Family Fun Night in February. This could be chaired by more than one person if a group of people were interested.
- **Family Fun Night Baskets.** This person organizes all the basket donations and raffle for the baskets for Family Fun Night in February. Again, this could be chaired by more than one person.
- **Wilkins Family Movie Night.** The PTO has a Movie Night scheduled for April 1st and needs someone to chair the event.

ELECTIONS FOR OPEN POSITIONS:

- We will be having elections at the PTO Kick-off meeting on August 25th. Open positions will be Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Please plan to attend the meeting if you are interested in running. Contact Deana Benson at deanabenson@yahoo.com or 373-1644 if you have any questions on position responsibilities.

REMINDERS

- Don't forget to **save Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Labels** this summer. We will be having classroom goals and prizes this fall.
- We are starting a **Terracycle Program** at Wilkins. Save Capri Sun and Honest Kids juice pouches and Nabisco cookie wrappers to earn money for Wilkins. More information will be available in the fall. You can also visit <http://www.terracycle.net/> for more information.
- The Growl Prowl is looking for volunteers. If you are interested, the Growl Prowl will be on Saturday, October 3 @ 9:00 am at Indian Creek/Armstrong Field. Go to the Growl Prowl website at www.growlprowl.com if interested in volunteering.
- As always, go to www.wilkinspto.org for more information on the Wilkins PTO!