

THE WILKINS WIRE

Spring 2010



UPCOMING DATES

April 12th – Wilkins Day
@ Marion Zio Johno's

April 13th 6:30 pm – PTO
Meeting, Media Center

April 21st – Wilkins Day @
Marion Pizza Hut

April 29th – Wilkins Day
@ Chili's Restaurant

May 1st, 10am -12pm –
Spring Clean-up at
Wilkins

May 4th – Wilkins Day
@ Marion Tomaso's

May 6th – Wilkins Family
Picnic

May 10th – Wilkins Day @
Marion Zio Johno's

May 19th – Wilkins Day @
Marion Pizza Hut

May 24th – 5th Grade
Send-Off

May 27th – Wilkins Day @
Chili's Restaurant

May 31st 2pm – Wilkins
Day at the Kernels

We can make a difference!

We can and we have! Wilkins has an amazing PTO and we've been able to provide financial support for many improvements at Wilkins! You may have heard discussions about white boards recently. The good news is we now have LOTS of them! Over spring break, 24 MAGNETIC WHITEBOARDS (with 50 year warranties!!!) were installed in the classrooms at Wilkins. The staff is ecstatic, as they are a big improvement over the outdated and often unusable chalkboards they used to have. Next time you're in your child's classroom ask your child's teacher how they like the new whiteboards.



WE WANT YOU!

PTO elections for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are coming up at the April 13th PTO meeting. The meeting is at 6:30 in the Media Center. Please consider running for office to serve the PTO and Wilkins! It's a very rewarding job! If you have any questions about job responsibilities please contact Deana Benson at deanabenson@yahoo.com.

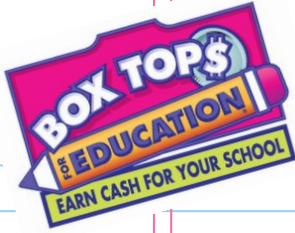
Technology Update

You may remember from the Walk-a-thon that we were raising funds for upgrades in technology and reading software. **We raised \$5,100** and have recently been able to purchase 30 copies each of Inspiration (software for graphic organizers) and Pixie 2 (educational software), 2 presentation document cameras (which teachers can use to show just about anything on a large screen), and 2 projector screens with a carrying case. These purchases benefit all the students at Wilkins!

Calling All Wilkins Families

The Wilkins Family Picnic is approaching on May 6th. Watch for more details to come home from school.

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DON'T FORGET WILKINS!

There are many of ways to earn money for Wilkins without spending a cent. We collect Box Tops, Campbells Soup Labels, Terracycle, My Coke Rewards, Best Buy Reward Zone, Tyson Project A+, Swiss Valley Milk Caps, printer cartridges, and Pizza Ranch Wagons. All are collected and turned in. Wilkins earns over \$2,000 per year through these simple collection programs.

Family Fun Night

We hope you and your family were able to come and enjoy a fabulous Family Fun Night. We had lots of new games, as well as many old favorites, an exciting Basket Raffle, a new Silent Auction, and a meal for the family. The night couldn't have been a success without our Basket Raffle and Silent Auction Extraordinaires of Shannon Hampson and Pam Kacena, our Game Gurus of Shelly Beaver and Michelle Heidelberg, and our Meal Master of Lisa Edwards. Many thanks to these ladies for their hours and hours of planning and prep! Thank you also to the many, many, generous families, businesses, Cub Scouts, and SODA students that donated items, money, and time!

Muchas Gracias

- To Julie Felicilda and Pam Schulz for leading Spanish Club.
- To Shelly Beaver and Michelle Heidelberg for organizing our **FOUR** Skate Nights this year!
- To Linda Skvor for bringing Wittie Kitties to Wilkins for a **very** exciting evening!
- To Cindi Wibben and Marcia Grassfield for chairing the Wilkins Bazaar.
- To Dana Lampe for getting us active at Family Fitness Night.
- To Amy Bidleman and Sarah Melvin for organizing Family Movie Night.

Don't Forget:

Hy-Vee Coupon Books and Scrip are available in the school office on a cash and carry basis! Get them **before** you go shopping!

Watch for information about the upcoming Spring Clean-up at Wilkins!

It will be held May 1st, from 10 am till noon.

Get all the latest at www.wilkinspto.org