

WILKINS PTO NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 3rd: No School

September 4th: 6-7 PTO Meeting in the library

September 21st: Wilkins Way Tech Trek

October 1st: 6-7 PTO Meeting in the library

MEETING

We will have our first PTO meeting of the year on **TUESDAY, SEPT. 4TH** in the Wilkins library. Please join us to talk about upcoming events in PTO & how you can get involved. There will also be someone from the Linn-Mar school district to talk about the upcoming bond. We will have S.O.D.A. students there if you need childcare.

FUNDRAISERS

Friday, September 21st will be our annual fundraising run - The **Wilkins Way Tech Trek**. This will take place during specials times. We are raising money to purchase iPads and/or lap tops for the classrooms. Fundraising and donation matching forms will be going home soon, so keep an eye out for those. We will be using Signup for volunteers. If you know that you would like to volunteer, please make sure that you are a registered volunteer through the district, as this activity takes place during the school day. There are forms in the Wilkins office if you need one.

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HEADS UP

If you were not able to make it to parents night this week, I am attaching the flyers that were handed out. There is a PTO calendar as well as some information on how you can easily help the PTO. There is also a volunteer form you can print and send in with your student if you would like to be involved in PTO activities. The more volunteers we get, the more we can accomplish! If you have any questions or suggestions, please email us at wilkinspto2@gmail.com.

Find Wilkins PTO on Facebook to get more updates on events

Wilkins Elementary PTO

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Events Calendar

AUGUST

22ND DONUTS AND DROP OFF 7:30-9:30
23RD FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!
23RD FIRST DAY KINDERGARTEN A-L
24TH FIRST DAY KINDERGARTEN M-Z

SEPTEMBER

3rd – No School Labor Day
4th - **PTO Meeting 6-7pm**
21st – Wilkins Way Tech Trek

OCTOBER

1ST-**PTO Meeting 6-7pm**
25TH-America Reads
26TH – No School
27TH – Trunk or Treat 3-5pm
29TH – No School

NOVEMBER

9TH- Bingo Night 5:30-7pm
13TH – **PTO Meeting 6-7pm**
17TH – Skate Night 4-6pm
21ST-23RD- No School Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

24TH-31ST- No School

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JANUARY

1ST - No School
7TH - **PTO Meeting 6-7pm**
14TH – No School
21ST- No School
25TH- STEM Night
TBD- Skate Night

FEBRUARY

5TH - **PTO Meeting 6-7pm**
18TH- No School
22ND- Movie Night

MARCH

18TH-25TH – Spring Break
29TH- Bingo Night
TBD – Skate Night

APRIL

1ST- **PTO Meeting 6-7pm**
19TH-22ND – No School

MAY

2ND- Art show/ Clay night
6TH-10TH-Staff Appreciation Week
10TH- Carnival
13TH- No School
21ST- **PTO Meeting 6-7pm**
27TH- No School Memorial Day
31ST- Last Day of School!!!

JUNE

Enjoy your Summer!
Collect Box Tops and Hyvee receipts

The above dates and times are subject to change and Board Approval. Be sure to get the latest updates and information by **joining the “Wilkins Elementary PTO” group on Facebook!**

WAYS TO HELP WILKINS PTO

BE INVOLVED! BE INFORMED! BE HEARD! BE YOUR CHILD'S BIGGEST FAN! JOIN PTO!

- ❖ **Support Fundraisers**- We will have 3 major fundraisers this year: Discount Cards, Wilkins Way Tech Trek & the Carnival. The PTO is able to do so much with these funds, some of which are giving supplies to the teachers, new technology for the students, the Paw window, Old Creamery Theatre, and Family Clay night to name a few.
- ❖ **Attend restaurant nights**- See some friends, no cooking, and a percentage goes back to the PTO. This is used for family activities such as movie night, STEM night, family picnic and so much more.
- ❖ **Send in HyVee Receipts**- Collect from family & friends. HyVee stores, pharmacy & gas all count. Percentage goes back to PTO & is used for field trips for all grades and the 5th grade send off.
- ❖ **Send in Box Tops**- PTO gets \$.10 for every Box Top collected. These funds go towards things like Backyard Bash & helping with playground equipment.
- ❖ **Shop on Smile Amazon**-If you go to Smile.Amazon.com you can log into your normal Amazon account & choose Wilkins PTO as your organization to donate to. Every time you make a purchase through this, they give pack a small percent to our PTO. Your family and friends can do it as well. This can add up quickly if everyone remembers to do this!
- ❖ **Send in Little Bites packages**- New opportunity for us this year. Send in the Little Bites packages & PTO gets \$.02 back for each one.
- ❖ **Penny Wars**-The students had so much fun with this last year that we are going to do it again. They enjoyed the friendly competition, all the while raising funds that allowed us to purchase a good amount of reading support materials for the school. It's a win-win event!
- ❖ **Send in Pop Tabs**- PTO sends these in to help raise funds for The Ronald McDonald House.
- ❖ **Send in dried up old markers**- The PTO will be collecting these at school, but students are encouraged to bring these from home as well. We will send them in to be recycled.

****Don't forget to follow WILKINS PTO on Facebook for events & information****

Wilkins PTO Volunteer Interest Survey

Please provide us some information about your family's interests & talents and the time you are

available to help out. You will be contacted about how you can help. Thank You!

I AM INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

Special Events Helpers

- Trunk or Treat
- Family Movie Night
- STEM Night
- Family Picnic Night
- Carnival
- Bingo Night

Other

- Spirit Wear orders

FUNDRAISING

- Help count Box Tops
- Help at Wilkins Way Tech Trek
- Help at restaurant nights

Provide Food Items

- Carnival Sweet Stroll
- Conference Dinners
- Staff appreciation
- Candy for Trunk or Treat

I HAVE A UNIQUE TALENT OR SKILL THAT I'D LIKE TO SHARE (photographer, artist, graphic designer, gardener, etc.):

I HAVE ACCESS TO A UNIQUE RESOURCE THAT MIGHT BE A GREAT FIT FOR THE SCHOOL: (list)

The Days, Times and Types of Activities Best For Me Are: (Please check all that apply)

- The School Day At School Weekday Evenings After School From Home Weekends

There are many opportunities for service at Wilkins Elementary, come work with us to find the one that best fits you.

Your name:

Child's Name (and current grade):

E-mail:

Child's Name (and current grade):

Phone: Day ()

Evening ()

Check best time to contact you.

- Sign me up for email updates
- I am already signed up.
- No thanks.

My goal for the 2018-2019 school year is to increase the NUMBER of parents participating while DECREASING the amount of time they need to volunteer for.

There is something to fit everyone's time & talents!