

# PTA Newsletter



## September

2009

### Upcoming Events

- 9/15 Grandparents' day for lunch
- 9/17 Movie Night 5:30 pm
- 9/17 T-shirt orders due
- 9/24 Chic-Fil-A Spirit Night 5-7pm @Jordan Landing location
- 9/25 Room Parents' Par-Tea 1:30 pm
- 10/5 PTA Board Meeting 1pm
- 10/7 Walk to School Day in the Morning
- 10/8 Classic Skate Night 5-8pm
- 10/9 Birthday table during lunch for October birthdays

## Pointers from the PTA President

Welcome back Parents and Westland Wildcats! I hope that you all had a great summer and are as excited as the PTA to get back to school. We have planned some great events to take place the next couple of months and we are very excited to get started. I hope that you have had a chance to meet our new principal Mr. Vicchilli. If you have not, please stop in and say hello.

Thank you to everyone that attended Back to School night and for returning the volunteer information and becoming a PTA member. If you haven't had a chance to return these please send them back as soon as possible. Thank you so much for your support. The PTA can't succeed without you.

We have our Movie night 9/17, Room Par-

ent's "Par-Tea" on 9/25, Skate night 10/8, Red Ribbon week 10/12 and Reflections deadline 10/19. More information will be coming soon.

A big thank you to everyone serving on the PTA board this year. Your time and talents are appreciated. I could not do this without you.

We still have open positions on the PTA board this year. If you are interested please give me a call.

Last, but not least, thank you parents for all your support at home and at school. You make the biggest difference. I know we can make this a very successful year.

Teresa Atherley  
PTA President

## Straight from the Principal 's Office

Dear Parents,

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has issued recommendations regarding the flu virus in schools. The CDC suggests that individuals:

- Use tissues for coughs and sneezes;
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth;
- Wash hands frequently with soap;
- Stay home when ill (a temperature of 100.5 degrees or more); and
- Not return until symptom-free for 24 hours, including no fever without medication.

We will do our best at school to reduce the risk of infection. Please do not send children who exhibit flu symptoms to school.

It was also recommended that everyone be vaccinated. There are two vaccines, one for the typical flu and another for the H1N1 flu available through your medical care provider.

Sincerely,  
David Vicchilli,  
Westland Principal

## Second Grade Teacher Touches Lives in Uganda

Imagine walking into a classroom to teach 80 students, with only four textbooks for them to share. This is what it was like at the orphanage in Uganda, where VeNicia Green visited this summer. She visited this orphanage / school after coordinating a pen-pal activity in which 250 students at Westland participated.

"The number one need, by far, that the headmistress of this school mentioned was textbooks. There are 20 students sharing one textbook in this school," said Green.

These Ugandan students are willing to help raise money to pay for their own textbooks. They make beads out of paper that are then made into earrings and necklaces to sell.

We have the opportunity to help by buying earrings for \$1, long necklaces for \$3 (there are only a few of these left), or to make any size monetary donation and get a bookmark or post-card.

For more information, please contact VeNicia Green.

## Walk to School Day

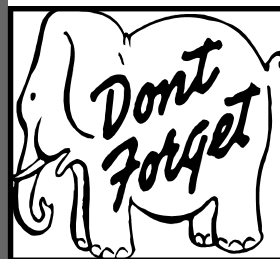
Just a reminder about Green Ribbon Month. Please use the green ribbons to tie on your child's backpack and on your car antennae. Keep wearing your helmets and mark off a box on the green paper each time you do. Each child that turns their completed paper in by 9/28 will be entered into a drawing for some fun prizes! We are also having a walk to school day on 10/7. This will be an exciting opportunity for everyone to walk to school. For those that live too far to walk, the designated drop-off is a Church 7265 S 2700 W. Please

drop-off your children in the south parking lot and exit through the north parking lot. Please don't drive on 7268 South as there will be many children walking on that street. If you need to drive please use 7180 South instead. Officer Hoffman and others will be at the designated drop-off to help children cross streets and supervise starting at 7:45AM. Parents, please feel free to join us and enjoy our walk to school day. It will be great fun!

## Reflections:

### "Beauty Is..."

We have kicked off our Reflections program and the students had some great ideas for their projects. Packets with information and entry forms should have come home, and I hope that all of you are working on your art, literature, photography and other entries. Please remember that this year the Artist Statement is mandatory. Be sure to let the judges know why you entered your project and where your inspiration came from. I am very excited to see all of your wonderful hard work turned in! Entries are due 10/19. Questions may be directed to Allyson Swett (801) 280-2998.



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Elementary's

website has many things you may want to check out.

Go to:

[www.schools.jordan-district.org/](http://www.schools.jordan-district.org/)

Room Parents' "Par-Tea" will be Friday, 9/ 25 at 1:30PM. Please see your child's teacher if you are interested.

## Volunteers Needed

Thank you to all of you who have signed up to help with PTA activities throughout the year. It's not too late to sign up to help. There are activities scheduled throughout the year. If you can help, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Wendy Festin at (801) 955-7653 or [wendy.festin@comcast.net](mailto:wendy.festin@comcast.net).



We changed the date for Walk to School Day. It will be 10/7

Please come join us for Classic Skate Night

- Thursday, 10/8
- 5PM to 8PM
- Admission is FREE to PTA members, or \$1 per person for non-PTA members.

T-shirt orders are due this week on 9/17.