

WIZARDS WORLD NEWS

Westchase PTA Newsletter



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JAN 18 -19	NO SCHOOL
JAN 21	CLUB PICTURES
JAN 22	KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP
JAN 25	BOX TOPS STARTS



Dear Wizard Families,

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a wonderful break filled with family, friends and good cheer.

Your Westchase PTA is back at work and preparing for the annual Kindergarten Round-Up on January 22 at 8:30 a.m. in the MPR. This is a great time for future Wizards and their families to learn more about our outstanding Kindergarten team and take a tour of the campus. Volunteers are always needed for this event. If you're interested in helping out, please contact Andrea Digdo at andreadigdo@icloud.com

Looking ahead to spring, we will begin the important task of assembling the 2016-2017 Westchase PTA Executive Board and Committee. We are always in need of enthusiastic volunteers with fresh ideas and a desire to serve. If you are seeking opportunities to be involved, please contact me at carolyn.reynolds@outlook.com.

Whether you have one hour per week, or one hour per year, we have a spot for you!

Wishing you health and happiness in the new year,

Carolyn Reynolds

PTA President (And John and Lauren's Mom!)

BOX TOPS

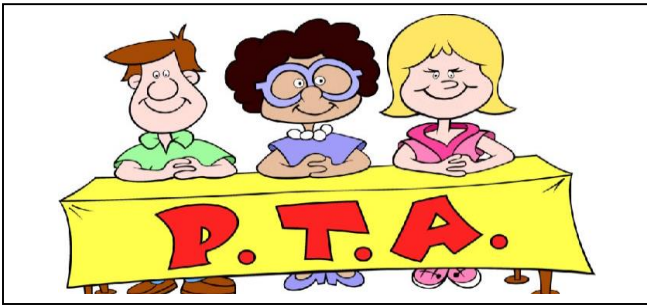


Thank you all for supporting our school. From the previous Box Tops Drive, we're at 75% of the school goal. Our upcoming 2nd Box Tops Drive will start on January 25th and end on February 19th. With your help again, we'll definitely meet the goal.

For every Box Top we collect, our school earns 10 cents. Like the 1st drive, there is one entry for every 10 box tops turn in. Each entry is placed in the drawing for a chance to win a gift card for that week and a Kindle at the end of the drive. The class that collects the most in each grade level will have an Ice Pop party.

During the drive, parents please don't forget to turn in a written paper of your child's name, grade, and teacher along with the box tops.

Thank you all again! Please keep clipping Box Tops!



PTA MEMBERSHIP

Please support your PTA by completing and returning the Membership form. A portion of the dues will be used to fund programs at school.

COMMUNITY DISCOUNT CARDS

Community Discount Cards are on sale in the front office for \$10. The Community Discount Card offers discounts and specials to you, and helps support Westchase Elementary and local businesses. When you purchase the card, you automatically have access to the portal (Smartphone App) that includes all the vendors on the card, plus many more.

5th GRADE COMMITTEE

Mark your calendar! Westchase Family skate night is scheduled at Skate World on Thursday, February 11, 6-8pm! 100% admission proceeds go to the Steering Committee for student events. Cost is \$6 and includes admission and skate rental. Children 3 and under free; Adults 18 and over free.



Drums for Music Program: During the Winter Concert – the PTA received a heart felt “Thank You” from the Music Program. The ASE funded “Teacher Grant” program was able to provide two new drums for the music program.

1st Annual Movie Night: Thank you to all the Wizard Families that donated toys for the Toys for Tots collection. Your generosity helped make the holidays brighter for some local children.

Holiday Giving Tree: The 2015 holiday giving tree was a huge success. We provided over 300 gifts to 17 struggling families. Thank you for all the support. Special thanks to the WOW for providing food for a special holiday meal to all 17 families.



PTA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- MENTOR PROGRAM - Gift of time for a child in need – Forms in office.
- KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP: Opportunities to provide tours – please contact Andrea Digdo at andreadigdo@icloud.com



PTA PROGRAMS

WOW!! Thank you Westchase Families

2015 PTA BUDGET:	
FUNDRAISING	\$41,000
PROGRAMS	(\$12,000)
TEACHER GRANTS	(\$11,000)

Estimated Amt for SCHOOL Donation \$18,000

The PTA’s goal is to have one MAIN fundraiser each year. 2015 Goal = \$30k using Boosterthon.

The PTA works with Administration and Teachers to decide how to spend the fundraising dollars. So far, this year’s list has been narrowed down to:

- 1) Adding a playground for 2nd & 3rd graders
- 2) Adding a cover for the Primary playground.

PTA SUPPORTED PROGRAMS:

School Programs:

- Helping Hands
- Giving Tree
- Red Ribbon Week
- Veterans Program
- Yearbook
- Grandparents Read To Me Day
- Supplies
- Volunteer Breakfast
- Walk To School Day
- ASE

Teacher Support:

- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Welcome Back to School lunch
- Conference Night Dinner
- Fall Festival
- Mentor Program
- Great American Teach-In
- Love Ya Latte
- Teacher Grants