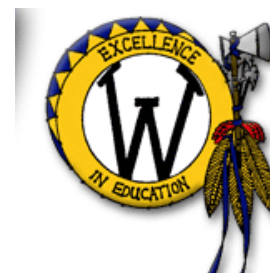


The Wasatch Warrior PTSA Newsletter



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From the Principal...

Dear Patrons,

Never in my wildest dreams did I think that I would be including in the March newsletter information concerning areas of the building that were NOT complete. However, there is good news, the auditorium is the only area of the building still unfinished. The installation of the stage rigging for our musical "Peter Pan" will be complete by Friday, February 27, and additional material is being installed on the stage floor to increase stability and to provide a safe and long lasting surface for stage productions. This should all be accomplished in the next few weeks prior to the performances the first week of April.

The company that has received the bid to install the marquee is Sign Source Custom and Electric Signs. After speaking with company representatives, I am hopeful the marquee will be in place by the first part of March give or take a week. The PTSA has donated all the money for the marquee. Thanks to all of you for your kind support and especially to the PTSA.

As a reminder, if your student is interested in running for Student body officer or Cheer leader at Wasatch Junior High it is important to remember that eligibility for those positions is based on the first three quarters of the current school year. You can find the requirements listed in the student planner. Every year there are students that are unable to run resulting from eligibility issues. Again, make sure that you are knowledgeable about the requirements and make sure that unresolved issues that are resolvable are done prior to the end of third term.

All things considered, the year is progressing smoothly. We are gearing up for year- end testing that will begin with the Direct Writing Assessment for ninth grade students February 23-27. This will take place in their English classes. The year- end CRT Testing window is from April 20-May 13. This year our Math CRT Test will be taken on the computer. It will be exciting to see how that turns out.

Until next month, D. Bingham

PTSA President's Message

I have appreciated so much the many helping hands that are offered constantly to the PTA for various activities and programs at our school. We are fortunate at Wasatch to have such a concerned and active parent/student base. In just the past few weeks, parents have helped with conducting vision & scoliosis testing, the school spelling bee, helped the cheerleaders with valograms, provided food for the science fair judges, and once again are getting a newsletter into every student's home. Each quarter I am asked to submit to the Utah PTA, the amount of volunteer hours rendered by Wasatch parents & students. The number I submit is staggering to me, and yet I know is not accurate – because there are many things that you do, that go unreported (but not unappreciated!!). If you in ANY WAY do something that benefits our school, whether it be physically at the school or not, PLEASE put that down in the volunteer log in the office. It is not you, asking for a pat on the back for something that you did, but rather a way for us to be able to recognize all the contributions that go into the quality educational experience at Wasatch. Thank you, Thank you, for helping make our children's Jr. High experience the best.

In the next couple weeks, The PTA Nominating Committee will post (in the office) their nominees for the 2009-2010 WJH PTSA Executive Board. This list will also be posted in next month's newsletter and voted on in a general PTA meeting later in April. If there are any additional nominations, please contact me at: susankaelin@netzero.com.

Sincerely,
Susan Kaelin – WJH PTSA President

Information will coming next month regarding
Early Prepayment for the 2009-2010 school
year. Please watch for it!

SBO and Cheer Candidates:

Applications for these offices will be available in April. Please note the requirements for both offices. Students must:

- Have earned a 3.0 **term GPA** in the first, second, and third terms prior to the term of election
- Have no “F” grades and no more than one (1) “D” grade in the first second and third terms prior to the term of election.
- Have earned a 3.0 **term CPA with no “0” citizenship grades** in the first, second, and third terms prior to the term of election.
- Have no Safe School Violations.

SBO and Cheer candidates will be given a calendar which will NOT be put on the school webpage.

SBO News

The S.B.O.'s recently put on the Valentine's Dance, which was a very big success. We had drawings for candy bars, a picture booth, and we elected royalty. We think that everyone had a very good time and felt that the dance was worth their time. The following is a list of who was voted what in the royalty. The royalty had the dance floor for a while during a slow song, and then the student body joined in.

James Gaisford	King
Soleil Cook	Queen
Dylan Vessel	Prince
Mary Carter	Princess
Corbin King	Duke
Amy Folsom	Duchess

We are also beginning to prepare for next year's S.B.O. elections. Students who are thinking about running for office should start thinking of campaign ideas and slogans.

We are also working on initiating a new school mascot. Wasatch's title will still be the Wasatch Warriors, but we will have a different animal for the mascot. Sort of like how the Utah Utes have a red-tailed hawk as their mascot, but are still known as the Utes. We hope to have the mascot decided on and ready to go for next year, so we are working hard to make this project go through.

Thanks, Brady Nelson

PTA Golden Apple Award

This year through our Leadership Vice President, Cheri Jackson, WJH PTSA submitted our drama teacher, Ms. Karen Dodge for the PTA Golden Apple Outstanding Educator Award.

We were excited to find out that her nomination was advanced from the Skyline Council Area to the Region, and has now advanced onto the State level. Congratulations Ms. Dodge!!

Change for Children

The Wasatch Leadership Team will be conducting their Change for Children fundraiser during the week of March 9-13. This is an important fundraiser because the money collected goes toward helping students within our own district. More information will be coming!

Scripps National Spelling Bee

Congratulations to all those who participated in the Scripps National Spelling Bee round held at Wasatch on January 29th!

1st Place: Daniel Liu
2nd Place: Shravan Parthasarathy
3rd Place: Christine Lodder

Daniel will go on to represent Wasatch in the Valley wide Spelling Bee on March 7th!

Watch for the “Wheels for Woodrow” service project

Sponsored by the SBO's & PTSA to help the students of Woodrow Wilson Elementary attend our Wasatch production of PETER PAN.

Spring Pictures

On February 24th all students had their pictures taken by LifeTouch. Your student will bring home pictures for you to look at and decide if you'd like to purchase them. Please send the money for the pictures you want or return the pictures to the office.



** SAVE THE DATE **

"Aloha 2009"
9th Grade Promotion Party
Dinner and Dance

June 3rd
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Wasatch Jr. High Gym

We still have WJH Logo wear

Great for Easter gifts and birthdays!!

WJH Logo wear order form

Item	Size	Cost	Total
Blue Hoodie	S M L	\$30	
White Full zip Hoodie	S M	\$30	
Gray Full zip Hoodie	S M L XL	\$30	
Blue Full Zip Hoodie	S M L XL 3XL	\$30	
	GRAND TOTAL		_____

Return order to office
Pictures of logo wear in office
Any questions call Deena Lofgren 277-9220
