

Northwoods Elementary

Koalaty Times Mini Newsletter

Our newsletter is a little different this month. Because of Spring Break, we only had a few short weeks of school in April. In this issue, we are highlighting some events that are coming up. The final newsletter for this school year will be coming out on **May 29**. If you have anything to submit, please email Stacy Dalness at weebonk@earthlink.net by **May 19**.

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NORTHWOODS SPRING FLING IS ALMOST HERE!!!

Bring your family and friends!!!

**GRAB YOUR PICNIC DINNER AND CHAIRS
OR A BLANKET!!!**

Better yet, pick up Jimmy John's on your way to school and enjoy a great sandwich as you play!!! Jimmy John's will hold "Northwoods Night" on the night of the Spring Fling so that you may support your school as you enjoy your picnic dinner!!!

Rain or Shine!!!

FRIDAY, MAY 1ST 5 PM UNTIL 8 PM

Don't forget to wear your Spirit Sprint T-shirt!!!

YEARBOOKS ARE COMING !!!

The 2008-2009 edition of the Northwoods Elementary yearbook will be here soon. They will be delivered to the school after Memorial Day. We will have a few extra yearbooks on hand that can be purchased for a cost of \$20. We will be accepting CASH ONLY.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

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School Calendar

May

The artwork of the **Northwoods Reflections Contest Winners** will be displayed at Coffee and Crepes in Crossroads Plaza from **April 22 to May 26**.

Friday, May 1—Last day to turn in Read-a-Thon Logs

Friday, May 1—Spring Fling—5:00-8:00pm—See Page 1 for more details

Monday, May 4— 7:00pm General PTA Meeting

- Mrs. Swann to talk about classroom placements for next year
- PTA meeting to approve next year's budget and present next year's executive board
- Children's music performance by the 2nd grade

Monday-Friday, May 4-8—Teacher Appreciation Week—See Page 3 for details

Thursday, May 7—Dress Rehearsal for Talent Show

Friday, May 8—Talent Show

Monday, May 11—Interim Reports go home this week

Wednesday-Friday, May 13-15—EOG Testing (3rd-5th grades)

Friday, May 15 is the **last day to take Accelerated Reader tests this year**. Any tests taken after this date will not count for AR points. The Accelerated Reader store will be open during the last 2 weeks of May. Since points cannot be carried over to the next school year, students will need to spend all of their points (or lose them). Fractions of points will be rounded up this time, and bonus prizes are available for high point earners.

Friday, May 22 is the **last day to turn in box tops for this year**. The school-wide winner of the box top competition will have a pizza party, and the winning classes in each grade level will have a popsicle party. Thanks to all who have helped turn trash into cash!!

Friday, May 22—Koalaty Kid Assembly

Monday, May 25—NO SCHOOL-Memorial Day holiday

June

Tuesday, June 9—5th Grade Dinner/Dance

Wednesday, June 10—Last Day of School

NORTHWOODS STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK!

MAY 4-8, 2009

Dear Northwoods Families,

Please join us in showing our appreciation to the Northwoods teachers and staff for all they do for our children throughout the school year. This will be a special school-wide, week-long event!

MONDAY, Book Bonanza

May 4: Bring in a new or gently used, grade appropriate book to donate to your child's classroom library.

TUESDAY, Shower of School Supplies

May 5: Send in a school supply for your child's classroom teacher.

WEDNESDAY, Snack Stock-up

May 6: Send in store bought, individually wrapped snacks. What you send in will not go to your child's classroom but will be collected and distributed for all the staff to enjoy.

THURSDAY, Staff Luncheon

May 7: We are having a special on-site luncheon for the whole staff!
****See below for gift card information****

FRIDAY, Thank You Day

May 8: Have your child(ren) make and bring in a Thank You card for one or several staff members. Don't forget office staff, custodial staff, bus drivers, cafeteria staff, specials, and classroom teachers!

** All activities listed above are voluntary. We hope you will join us in showing our appreciation to the wonderful staff at Northwoods!**

GIFT CARDS FOR TEACHERS

We would also like to present each staff member with a \$10 gift card on the day of the luncheon (May 7th). We did this last year with great success! This means that we will need to collect 80 gift cards donated by you, our Northwoods families! The gift cards can be from anywhere such as Target, Borders, Panera Bread, WalMart, Blockbuster, Harris Teeter, Best Buy, Michaels, restaurants, etc. Please consider purchasing a gift card (or more than one) and donating it for the staff luncheon. If you would like to donate, please let me know. You can send the gift card into school with your child in an envelope marked "Kelly Cain, PTA" and your child's teacher will turn it in to the PTA. I would like to have them all in by May 1st. Please email: kcain407@netscape.net with any questions.



Northwoods PTA is Looking for Board Members!

We are still looking for two more people to help on the PTA Board. Below is just a brief overview of these positions. You may get more details by contacting the current board members listed below or Stacy Dalness, PTA Nominating Committee at weebonk@earthlink.net or 319-7346. Please let us know if you'd be interested in either of these positions.

VP Treasurer—The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining the PTA's financial records. This position requires approximately 4-5 hours per month. Bonnie Reed 678-0314, bonniereed@nc.rr.com.

VP Volunteers—We already have one person in this position and are looking for another team member. Duties include: compile the volunteer survey; committee heads will call their own volunteers, using the database you created. Sometimes, you will need to get volunteers for office requests (Kindergarten registration, school pictures, special programs, etc). This is done almost exclusively by email. Sandra Libero 678-9710, sandralibero@yahoo.com.

The West Cary PTSA is currently recruiting for the following Executive Board positions for the 2009 -2010 school year:

Vice President of Fundraising -- Oversees the Fall Fundraiser, Book fair, Spirit Wear, Membership and School Store committees.

The PTSA is also looking for volunteers to take charge of these individual committees: Box Tops, the Book Fair and the Fall Fundraiser.

Vice President of Programs -- Oversees committees such as Cultural Arts, Reflections and 8th Grade Activities.

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Assistant Treasurer -- Assist current Treasurer with financial transactions.

Communications via E-mail -- Send a weekly e-mail to the WCMS Yahoo group with important school wide information

If you are interested in serving in one of these key PTSA positions, or if you have questions about these or other available leadership positions with the WCMS PTSA, please contact Lisa Riegel, PTSA President, at diazriegel@aol.com.