

WPTG: Woods School Parent Teacher Group



Welcome to Woods School!
We are excited to have your family as part of our community. This memo provides a quick overview

of the WPTG and invites your participation.

Purpose. The purpose of WPTG is to *support* and *enrich* the educational experiences of our students and families. By organizing volunteers and raising money, WPTG helps with:

- The ski program, which allows students to learn to ski or snowboard at Grand Geneva as part of their physical education.
- Cultural events and professional performances at assemblies, including a Native American speaker, an African Drum Troop and Chinese Acrobats.
- School improvements, such as Smart Boards and computers, new stoves and a refrigerator, a stage sound system for music programs, roll-away bleachers for the gym, library updates and a reading garden.

☺ **Volunteers.** WPTG welcomes and appreciates our parent volunteers. By sharing your time, you can become involved with the school, have some fun, and get to know the teachers and other families. Volunteers are the heart of the WPTG. Parental involvement is a key part of the culture and success of Woods School. Volunteering is easy, fun and requires very little time. Please take a moment to look at the attached summary and sign up to share your time and talent!

Fundraisers. We hope you will support our fundraisers with your time and contributions. We are planning a Dec. 2, 2011 Holiday Party at the Driehaus estate on the lake, a March 2012 Silent Auction and dinner at school, and food sales from Market Day throughout the year. Other fundraisers include collecting labels and “Box Tops” for Education, the Target Red Card program and pizza night.

Officers. The officers for the 2011-12 School Year are:

- Monica Goebel, President, 262-903-9270, monicagoebel@wi.rr.com
- Matt Johnson, Vice President, 262-374-0878, allheightspainting@gmail.com
- Brad Coltman, Treasurer, 312-541-5703, coltman.brad@principal.com
- Eilena Athans, Secretary, 815-575-6403, eilena62@aol.com
- Tammy Wrzesinski, Committee Chairperson, 262-903-5423

Meetings. WPTG meets at the school at 6:00 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month (Sept 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March 20, April 17 and May 15). All parents and teachers are invited. We welcome your ideas for new programs and activities. (You do not need to attend the meetings to get involved – just sign up for a committee or support our fundraisers!)

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Playground Helpers. Every full school day, parents help supervise the playground during lunchtime recess, from 11:50 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This is a great way to stop in for a quick visit, get to know the students, and see what your children are doing at recess. You can sign up for one time a year, once a month, or more! *Please contact Andrea Reynolds, 708-420-1975, akrccj@gmail.com.*

Testing/MAP Proctors. Parents help teachers supervise students taking “MAP” assessment tests during the week of September 26 and again in the spring. Training for parents will be provided!

Hospitality Helpers. From time-to-time, WPTG arranges refreshments for teachers, parents or students. For example, parents help plan, bring food or beverages, decorate, set-up and clean-up “Soup & Salad” for teachers on parent-teacher conference nights.

Lunch Money. Twice weekly, parents count money and compile food orders for student lunches. It takes about an hour, and we would love to have several parents alternating each month.

Fitness Club. Open to any 3rd through 5th grader, this group will run for 6 weeks in the fall and spring, and meets once a week after school from 3:30-4:15 to run and/or walk around a designated course on school property and participate in fitness games and activities. Parents are needed to help with

group management, course/game set up, snacks, etc.

November 17, 2011 Pilgrim Dinner. This “Big Feast” for teachers, students and their families is a cherished Woods School tradition. Parents help make food assignments, prepare food, set up, assist the student servers, and clean up.

Teacher Appreciation Week. For a week in May, volunteers plan and organize the parents and students to show their appreciation for the teachers. Parents help decorate, arrange a luncheon for the teachers, and coordinate surprises from the students to the teachers.

Green Team. Parents join the 3rd and 5th graders to help keep the school “green.” Volunteers are also needed to help with seasonal decorations and maintenance of the reading garden.

Cultural Lunch Activities. To help our students appreciate the diversity of our world, we have occasional lunches that celebrate other cultures. In past years, we have recognized Cinco de Mayo, Chinese New Year and German Oktoberfest. Parents organize cultural learning experiences and activities, as well as set up, serve lunch and clean up.

Picture Person Art Program. This program is designed to enhance the curriculum by bringing art into the classroom. Parents give presentations and lead discussions about a selected artist. The information and discussion questions will be in a ready-to-use

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PowerPoint format and volunteers will receive training to use the Smart Boards.

Field Day. This is a fun-filled afternoon of outdoor games on the last full day of school. Parents arrange a picnic and plan games for the students. Volunteers supervise the games, serve food, set up and clean up.

Box Tops for Education. After students bring “Box Tops” and labels to their classroom, parents help gather, count and send the labels to the company to earn cash or points for the school. Parents organize a special treat for the class that collects the most box tops.

Market Day. Market Day is a school fundraiser that allows you to purchase a variety of food and pick it up at school. A nice way to get grocery shopping done and support the school! You can order food online at www.marketday.com or send in an order form. Parents help collect orders and sort food for pickup once a month.

March 2012 Silent Auction. This is a fun-filled family dinner and silent auction fundraiser at the school. Volunteers help collect auction items, decorate, set up, clean up, serve dinner, supervise children’s activities and run the auction.

Pizza Night. On certain nights of the year, you can order pizza from Dominoes and a percentage of the proceeds go to the school. Parents help with publicity and otherwise oversee the program.

Concessions. Parents help sell snacks and beverages at home basketball and volleyball games.

Target Red Card. This requires almost no time at all. Go to Target and sign up for a Target Visa or Debit card. When the card arrives, go online at Target.com and select Woods School to receive a donation from Target each time you make a purchase!

Extracurricular Clubs and Activities. This year, we plan to start some new after school activities that will enrich our students educational and life experiences. We hope to begin a math club, a science night, special arts programs and more. Details will be coming soon. If you would like to lead or help with an extracurricular activity, please contact Monica Goebel.

Homeroom Parents. Each class usually has a homeroom parent (or two) who help organize classroom parties and other activities. Ask your child’s teacher how you might be able to help.

☺ **We Love Volunteers!** ☺

The WPTG Committee Chairperson is *Tammi Wrzesinski*, 262-903-5243. Please let Tammi know if you have any questions or would like to help. Sign-up sheets will be in the gym at Meet the Teacher Night. You may also complete the attached form and return it to the school.

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Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet

If you are interested in helping with Woods School activities or events, please complete this form and return it to the school. Questions? Please call Tammi Wrzesinski at 262-903-5423.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

I would like to help with:

- Playground Duty
- Testing/MAP Proctors
- Fitness Club
- Hospitality Helpers
- Field Day
- Pilgrim Dinner
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Lunch Money Counting/Compiling
- Green Team
- Cultural Lunches
- Picture Person Art Program
- Labels/Box Tops
- Market Day
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- Concessions