

# The Wolverine Track

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## President's Message...



### Volunteers need back up; Spouses deserve thanks

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"I've decided I want to be president this year. If I don't do this, all the volunteers who work on our programs may not get to do their work just because no one feels like taking the time to step up and lead."

"How much time will it take?"

"I don't know yet."

"How will it impact me?"

"I don't know yet."

Looking back on it, my hubby was smart in asking me these questions. Because he knows I don't like doing things half way, he knew when I volunteered this year that the time it would take would be substantial. We all make sacrifices when we choose to do something we feel strongly about. I decided I wanted to be president this year, and my entire family made adjustments so I could donate my time in this way. My husband had to get home early on various meeting nights. Everyone had to suffer through dust bunnies and endless piles of unfolded laundry as I prioritized writing this column or an agenda higher than an ironed shirt, clean house or occasionally, dinner. Most nights, no one in my family saw me after 9pm as I was usually on the computer working through PTA emails and actions for a couple of hours.


My family is not unique. This situation may seem familiar to anyone who volunteers for their school, church, or kids' sport team. We should never forget that the spouses of volunteers are important players within the volunteer organization too. Many times volunteers' spouses don't have the foggiest idea of what is being accomplished in lieu of things at home, yet they accept our need to volunteer and either put up with our shortcomings or cover for us.

For that, we are grateful.

I think we need to remember that Team Wellington includes not just the volunteers, but those who back us up. To everyone who has had to burrow to the back of the frig for the leftovers that will be called dinner; thank you. To the coach's wife who has been up until midnight washing those uniforms or dropping the gear at practice; thank you. To the kids whose moms and dads are at school to pick them up, but they can't be found because she is in the office or somewhere on campus besides the pickup spot; thank you. To the moms and dads who drop their child off in the mornings or make a special trip after school to pick them up because their kid volunteered for patrol; thank you.

The important thing to remember is that it takes a lot of people to make everything flow smoothly in any volunteer organization. And, while there are some PTA jobs like mine this year that allow me to be visible and have a voice, most do not. We have had an incredible year of people working behind the scenes to quickly and quietly make things happen for our kids. And I know, and want to remind you, that the thanks goes to our volunteers, but also to everyone in their lives who have backed them up, covered in a pinch and were there to celebrate when the job was done. That is teamwork.

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**Dates to remember**  
 June 17: Volunteer Luncheon  
 11:30-1:15pm in library  
 19: Last Day of School  
 dismissal at 10:40am  
  
**Have a great summer!**  
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Next WT deadline is August 28, 2009

## From the Executive Committee ...

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### President's Message continued...

We have a new exec team coming into their roles, and as I stagger forward to pass the baton at the end of my term, I am confident that this new team will continue what we've started. Already Joan Ritter and team has warmed up with the beginnings of forecasting and forming next year's plan. With this new group comes new spouses willing to take up the slack or accept that things may be a bit behind for awhile.

Thanks for a great year of volunteers, and a great support system of spouses. I look forward to providing a little back up for my hubby at the Dammel house by wrangling in those size-of-a-small-dog dust balls and puppy hair, getting dinner on the table again, and putting socks that match in the drawers. It's the least I can do after he's covered for me after this hectic, but insanely rewarding year.

-Rochelle Dammel

# PTA Dollars at Work



## Walk-A-Thon Results

Congratulations to all the kids, parents and staff at Wellington. We exceeded our goal of \$20,000 in donations for the PTA Walk-A-Thon!

This success will ensure PTA programs – which support our children's education, extra-curricular activities and safety, will continue uninterrupted next year. It will also allow us to support the school, teachers, principal and staff as we continue to feel the effects of district budget cuts this fall.

Our children contributed \$19,675 over 5 collection days, Papa John's pizza night earned \$250, T-shirt sales earned \$210, Jamba Juice sales earned approximately \$80 and contributions from corporate matching will earn approximately \$2300. The grand total is over \$22,500!

Thank you so much for your financial support! Thank you to all who volunteered their time to make the Walk-A-Thon a success and a fun experience for our walkers.

For matching fund pledges: If you have not submitted your match request please do so as soon as possible so the money can be collected by the end of the school year. You can submit your request online or drop a completed form in the school office with "Attn: PTA Treasurer" on it. If you have any questions, please contact me at [arlenebruce@yahoo.com](mailto:arlenebruce@yahoo.com) or at 425-398-0426.

-Arlene Bruce, Treasurer



## Thanks to the Walk Team

The Walk Team has worked all year to ensure that the Walk went smoothly and was a success. Our Walk team included: Ann Bhat, Danielle Glessner, Linda King, Stacy Meyer, Liane Logan, Kim Hansen, Karen Bradbury and Kelly Zuger-Biggs.

Starting in October they met to organize the event, recruit corporate sponsors, set up experience prizes, and recruit volunteers. They managed all the details, collected money, determined winners and tallied classroom totals daily. On the day of the Walk there was no detail that hadn't been thought through.

Thank you Walk Team – it was an awesome event and it wouldn't have happened without all of your hard work, organization and commitment. We appreciate all of you!

*Please come join us ...*

# Thank You to Our Volunteers!

Thank you for your invaluable support this year with a PTA event, work behind the scenes, or in the classroom.

We appreciate all you've contributed to give our kids a great experience at Wellington.



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***On Wednesday  
June 17, 2009  
11:30-1:15pm  
In the Library***

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The PTA Board of Directors,  
Teachers & Staff are hosting  
a luncheon in your honor  
to say “thanks” for your  
service this year.

## Library Inventory Volunteers Needed!

Fun stuff involved:

- All books will be removed from the shelves
- Shelves cleaned
- Books ordered back to their proper sequence
- Books rechecked in (for some sections)
- Books re-shelved

We only have three days to process somewhere over 14,500 books. If you can help, please email Lynn Fischer at [lynn@fischershaw.org](mailto:lynn@fischershaw.org) with the date and time you are available. No training required. AND YOU CAN TALK IN THE LIBRARY!

**Tuesday, June 16th, 8:45 - 12:00**

**Tuesday, June 16th, 12:30 - 3:00**

**Wednesday, June 17th, 8:45 - 12:00**

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**Thursday, June 18th, 8:45 - 12:00**

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**PTA/PTSA district disclaimer:** "These activities are not sponsored nor endorsed by the Northshore School District or any of its schools. The district assumes no responsibility for the conduct during or safety of the activities. Northshore School District shall be held harmless from any cause of action, claim, or petition filed in any court or administrative tribunal arising out of the distribution of these materials including attorney's fees and judgments or awards."

# Emergency Preparedness in action

Thanks to all of the parents who volunteered to be an Emergency Caller this year. Fortunately we did not need to activate the calling tree with exception of 5<sup>th</sup> grade for Camp Casey over the Swine flu concerns. As a reminder, if you are returning to Wellington next year you are still an emergency caller until the new list is published in late September and Early October. So please keep your lists. If you do not have your calling list please email Jim Dunlap at [jimwdunlap@comcast.net](mailto:jimwdunlap@comcast.net) before June 12<sup>th</sup>.

## 2009 PAVER SALE ORDER FORM

Here is your chance this year to purchase a memory brick in the patio. You will help fund PTA programs and add to Wellington's history. The kids, parents and staff will look back at the engraved pavers for years to come! The patio is a place for students and teachers to enjoy class projects, reading groups, and many other activities; including outdoor chess games.

### PAVERS MAKE GREAT GIFTS:

- \* TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION
- \* BIRTHDAYS
- \* 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRADUATION
- \* REMEMBRANCES FOR SPORTS TEAMS OR SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS
- \* HONORARIUMS
- \* FAMILY AND FRIENDS
- \* SPECIAL MEMORIES

Your purchase of a brick paver, engraved with your child's name, a personal message, or a quote will signify your lasting involvement with the children of our community for years to come. For inscription ideas, come and visit the patio. Make sure your aren't left out! Let your paver become a permanent record of support.

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**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS ORDER FORM AND RETURN BY JUNE 8th**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please use additional forms for each brick ordered. Circle your choice.

6" x 12" Paver 1 line inscription \$60.00	6" x 12" Paver 3 line inscription \$115.00
6: x 12" Paver 2 line inscription \$90.00	12" x 12" 3 lines with Symbol \$190.00

Please print one letter per block – upper case, block letters. Punctuation and each space counts as one character. Max of 20 characters per line.

For information email Shelley Covington at [shelleymc@woodinvilleloans.com](mailto:shelleymc@woodinvilleloans.com) or call at 206-255-5814. Return your order form with payment to the Wellington Office no later than June 8<sup>th</sup>. Once this is received and confirmed via email, your paver will be on order.

Make checks payable to Wellington Elem. PTA. Envelope should read: Attn: Paver Coordinator.

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*One of many exciting Walk-a-Thon experience reward stories...*

### **Walk-A-Thon Winner Delights in Buying Books for the Wellington Library**

Julia Kohut was the winner of the Triple B experience award from the Walk-A-Thon. This allowed her to shop for books at Barnes and Noble with Mrs. B. Linda King, Walk-A-Thon committee member, procured the donation from B&N and arranged the experience.

The purpose of the award was to buy some books for the library and some for the winner. Instead, Julia chose to donate *all* the books to the library. She thought through her purchases and was sure to think of both primary and intermediate students. Julia even donated a personal copy of one of her favorite books, which is now displayed in the library.

Thanks Julia, and thanks Wellington Walk-A-Thon Coordinators for a memorable experience.

Mrs. Borchert

## **Scholastic Book Fair**

**Brings New Titles for 2009/10**

Thanks to all who helped make the Book Fair a success. There was a huge turn out from our Wellington families and thanks to them, we now have a generous fund that will go towards buying exciting new titles in the 09-10 school year. Wellington students value reading good books, and that makes your Wellington Librarians proud!

Mrs. Leland &  
Mrs. Borchert



## **SKATING PARTIES/POPCORN FRIDAYS**

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU**

to all our volunteers who helped on the monthly *Popcorn Fridays*

**Amy Stine, Katherine Beaupre and Heather Tomlinson!**



It was a fun year working with everyone and seeing all the smiling faces when we passed out the popcorn.

Thanks to everyone who came to the *skating parties*, that help support our PTA. It wouldn't be a success without the kids.

Next year we have scheduled 3 FUN skating parties, so look out for the dates!

***Thank you*** to all my smart, hardworking Walk-A-Thon, money counters.

I couldn't have counted ALL that money without your help!

*-Arlene Bruce, Treasurer*

Stacy Meyer

Laurie Rohrich

Jen Dardzinski

Danielle Glessner

Stacy Knoles

Lisa Stefanzick

Rochelle Dammel

Kelly Vedaa

Sara Petersen

Gayle Hickey

Joan Ritter

Cyndi Cook

Connie Bruskland

Kelly Zuger

Theresa Beers

Sandy Mollerup

## *Last chance for...*

### *Paver Purchases*

Hey all you committee chairs, parents and anyone else who wants to be a part of Wellington history, and contribute to our PTA fund as well. This is your last chance to order a paver to be installed in the patio at Wellington. The actual installation goes in the first week of August, but we must have all orders and payments in no later than June 8<sup>th</sup> (extended from May 28<sup>th</sup>).

To order, please contact Shelley Covington at [shelleymc@woodinvilleloans.com](mailto:shelleymc@woodinvilleloans.com) or call 206-255-5814 or use the order form on page 4 of this newsletter. We must have a minimum amount of orders in order to have the paving company come out to install, so please contact Shelley soon!



## **Congratulations Wellington Families!**

With your help we raised over **\$780** in box tops and over **\$300** in cartridge recycling!

Don't forget to keep collecting box tops and cartridges over the summer. With your help we can raise even more money for Wellington next year.

A special thanks to Ingrid Johnston and Caroline Ahlstrom who helped me count box tops throughout the year. Look for information on collecting box tops and updates for the next school year from Pam Pare, the new Box Tops/Cartridge Recycling chairperson. Good luck Pam!

*-Ronee Baldie, Committee Chair*

## **Wellington After-School Choir**

### **End of Year Report**

We're proud to announce that 27 students participated in this new program and \$975 was donated back to Wellington PTA. Thank you students, parents, Wellington staff & PTA for all your support!

*-Paulette Bauman, Choir Director*

## **EMPLOYEE MATCHING PROGRAM**

**Q: Does the Wellington PTA qualify for Microsoft's employee matching gifts program?**

**A: Yes!** Microsoft matches U.S.-based employee cash donations to WELLINGTON ELEMENTARY PTA 6.10.43 as we are an eligible 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Microsoft families of Wellington students can help our school by directing their generous gifts to our PTA through their corporate intranet site <http://give>. Hardcopy forms are also available that can be completed and brought to the school office with Attn: PTA Treasurer.

Microsoft will match up to \$12,000 per year per employee, with a minimum donation requirement of \$25. Please consider a donation to the Wellington PTA to ensure that our important PTA programs and priorities are realized.

**Q: Can Wellington's Microsoft Parents get their volunteer hours matched at \$17/hour for PTA sponsored events, programs and activities?**

**A: Yes!** Microsoft employees who volunteer 10 or more hours to support the Wellington PTA (Coat drives, food drives, committee work, fundraisers, and nearly all PTA sponsored events) can request that Microsoft match their volunteer efforts at \$17/hour by visiting <http://give>. This process must be initiated by the employee. Only hours volunteered by a Microsoft employee qualify for the volunteer matching program.

**Q: When will the Wellington PTA expect to receive the matching donation from Microsoft?**

**A:** In order for the Wellington PTA to receive matching funds from Microsoft, all employee initiated paperwork must be completed and then matching gift checks will be distributed at the end of each quarter -January, April, July, and October.

**Q: Do other companies also match donations?**

**A: Yes!** So far we have received matching donations from Boeing, Adobe and RealNetworks. If you have any questions, please contact Arlene Bruce at [arlenebruce@yahoo.com](mailto:arlenebruce@yahoo.com) or at 425-398-0426 and she will help you figure out how to do this.