

Wildwood News

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Issue 3

The PTO meeting was a big success. We had a great parent turn out. Watch your child's backpack for more information on how you can help. We want everyone to feel welcome!

Wildwood PTO sponsors a skating party every month at Skateway. If children buy their tickets here at school during lunch...the cost is \$1.00 and the money goes to our PTO. Admission at the door will be \$3.00. Skate rental will still be \$1.50.

Our first PTO fundraiser will begin October 6. We will be selling candles. The candles will be here in time for Christmas. They make wonderful gifts and smell great!

Our next Early Dismissal is Wednesday, September 24, 2008.

Si tienen preguntas llamen a la escuela: 420-4564.

Dates to Remember:

WILDWOOD	SEPT. 19	MIDTERM REPORTS
WILDWOOD	SEPT. 24	EARLY DISMISSAL
WILDWOOD	SEPT. 30	PICTURE DAY
WILDWOOD	OCT. 6	3RD GR. OAT TEST
WILDWOOD	OCT. 6-20	FUND RAISER-Candle Sale
WILDWOOD	OCT. 9	4:30 PTO MEETING
WILDWOOD	OCT. 9	6:30 ESOL PARENT MEETING
WILDWOOD	OCT. 31	REP. CARD/ HON. ASSBLY

Stop in to see the picture from the Wildwood dedication on display in the office. If you wish to order an 8 X 10 picture of the front of the new school with the students spelling out the word Wildwood the cost is \$10.00. Please make the check payable to Wildwood PTO or send cash.

Name/Child's
Name _____

Number of pictures you wish to order _____

Number you can be contacted at to pick up pictures: _____

Return this portion with your money to school.

We hope everyone is recovering from Hurricane Ike. We know many of you still have power issues and we hope by Monday all Wildwood students and staff have power.

This is the end of the first week of the DIBELS testing window. This test is an indicator of whether or not the building blocks are in place in order for your child to become a great reader. In Kindergarten, first, and second grade we are looking at letter naming, beginning sounds, segmenting and blending sounds. For grades 3, 4 and 5 we are looking at reading fluency. Fluency is very important because if a child isn't fluent then their comprehension or understanding of what is read, is lost.

This year we are using more small group instruction in the classrooms in order to better meet the needs of all of our students. We will be instructing all students in the indicators necessary at their grade level to do well on the state tests. We will also begin instructing our students where they are in their achievement and moving them along the educational continuum as far as they can go. Please keep the lines of communication open with your child's teacher; you, your child and the teacher are a team.

Do you play golf, tennis, cards, or video games? The only way you get better at these activities is to keep playing or practice. The same is true of reading. If your child is not yet reading please read to him/her each evening for 15 minutes. If your child is reading they should be reading each evening for 30 minutes.

The younger students need to practice counting by ones, twos, fives and tens to 100. This is great thing to practice while riding in the car.

Finally, every student needs to practice his or her writing. Have your child keep a journal at home. Have them write about their day, what they had for lunch, about their friends, what they like...the list goes on...remind them to leave spaces between words, capitalize their sentences and end their sentences with appropriate punctuation.

In the event of a disaster: Wildwood Elementary students will relocate to JohnXXIII Elementary...just up the hill on Manchester Road (More information to follow.) Please fill out the early dismissal form attached and return to school on Monday.