

Save the Date

• **Thursday, 9/10**
PARENT ORIENTATION
6:00-6:45 grades K-2
6:45 PTA meeting
7:00-7:30 grades 3/4
7:30-8:00 grades 5/6

• **Wednesday, 9/16**
2:15pm Room Rep Tea
WB Multi-Purpose Room

• **Friday, 9/18**
Meet the Principal, 8:15am
WB Multi-Purpose Room

• **Tuesday, 9/22**
PTA Meeting, 6:45pm
WB Multi-Purpose Room

• **Wednesday, 9/30**
Market Day Pick Up
2:15-3:15pm, WB Multi-
Purpose Room

• **Thursday, 10/8**
Fall Student Picture Day

• **Friday, 10/9 and
Monday, 10/12**
NO SCHOOL

• **Thursday, 10/15**
Multi-Cultural Assembly
6:30pm

• **Tuesday, 10/20**
PTA Meeting, 6:45
WB Multi-Purpose Room

• **Wednesday, 10/28**
Music Concert, 6:30pm
Grades 1&2

• **Wednesday, 10/28**
Market Day Pick Up
2:15-3:15pm

• **Friday, 10/30**
Halloween Class Parties
1:15 All School Parade
1:30 Parties begin

Principal's Blotter

By Mrs. Barbie Rothbauer, Principal

Welcome for the start of the 2009-2010 school year! The staff and students

have enthusiastically gotten back to work and I am enjoying getting to know everyone here at Willow Bend. From what I have experienced so far, my first year with all of you is bound to be successful with such great students, staff, and family members. Please be sure to contact your child's teacher whenever the need arises. Your child's teacher may refer you to another member of our school team where any one of us will be glad to assist.

Please note that our office hours are 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The student lunch hour is 11:00-12:00. Students may arrive to school at 7:40 am but no earlier unless he/she participates in the CARE program. For more information about this before and after school program call the District 15 C.A.R.E. coordinator, (847) 963-3127 or the Rolling Meadows Park District, (847) 818-3202.

It is so important to us that our students are here every day from the first bell to the last. Please make every attempt to keep tardies to a minimum to promote an uninterrupted learning environment for all our students all day long. To provide optimum learning time, it is important that

orthodontic appointments etc. occur before or after the school day. Those missed minutes of learning time from tardies and appointments really do add up and can cause students to miss a large amount of instruction time a year.

Rules of Parent Pick-up and Drop-off

For the safety of our children, families, and Willow Bend Staff, please adhere to the following rules during parent pick-up and drop-off:

1. When dropping off your child, please pull as far forward as possible.
2. Please stay in the line without passing any other vehicles.
3. You must pull all the way up to the drop off area; it could be very dangerous to your child and others if you drop your child off in other areas.
4. Your child must exit the vehicle on the right side of the car so he/she doesn't need to be in a dangerous situation by walking around the car to enter school.
5. Once your child exits the car, the staff members at stations along the drop off area will assist your child.
6. Stay in the line of cars without passing others as you exit the lot.

Thank you for your assistance for a safe arrival and dismissal. Please further note that you are welcome to come into the school once you have parked your car in a designated parking spot in our lot. Please do not park in the drop off area or pull into any bus lanes.

Bus Routes are provided for all Willow Bend students.

If you do not wish for your child to ride the bus, you must submit a note to your child's teacher. A copy will be kept on file in the main office. Without a note on file, your child will need to ride the bus.

Please welcome our new staff members to our Willow Bend family. They are already busy working with your children and making an awesome team here at Willow Bend. This promises to be a wonderful year!

Kindergarten: Kaycie Bienert
3rd/4th Grade: Kelly Roemer
Art: Paul Scanlan
Cross Categorical: Cynthia Fletcher
Program Assistants: Rita Phillips, Alejandro Mateo Martinez

I look forward to a rewarding school year at Willow Bend.

Mrs. Barbie Rothbauer,
Principal



*"The best teachers teach
from the heart, not from
the book". ~Author
Unknown*

Family Picnic/Fun Fair

September 25, 2009

Coming Soon – PTA Family Fun Fair!

The Willow Bend PTA will be holding a Family Fun Fair on Friday, September 25, 2009 from 5:30pm – 8pm.

There will be food, carnival games, prizes and an opportunity to become a member of the PTA for a greatly reduced food price. This event is a PTA membership drive. The cost for membership is \$5 for a single-parent household and \$10 for a family membership.

We hope you will come out to support the PTA and have a great time with your family. Please note that this is a Parent-Child event.

In order for this event to be a success for our school, we really need volunteers to come that evening and help run the games. It will be fun!! Please contact Tracie McCarthy at 847-452-4420 or tracie_mac@msn.com if interested. We would welcome help from older siblings and grandparents also.

Look for more information in the coming weeks in your child's folder.

Join the Willow Bend PTA and participate in the Family Picnic/Fun Fair! Look for membership sign-up forms to be sent home with your child.

Market Day - A Fundraiser Like No Other

Market Day is one of the ways that we raise funds to support our PTA programs. Since its inception over 30 years ago, Market Day has raised over \$450 million for America's kids and communities. Look for the order sheet to come home in your child's backpack. For ease of ordering, order online at www.marketday.com or send the order sheet back to school with your child.

Upcoming Sale Dates

Wednesday, 9/30, 2:15-3:15 (online order cut-off 9/26)

Wednesday, 10/28, 2:15-3:15 (online order cut-off 10/24)

Give it a try this year! It is convenient and helps Willow Bend. For more information or to volunteer during the sale, contact Tara Deluca at taradeluca@comcast.net.

Be a Room Rep!!

If you aren't a room rep, but want to be one...please volunteer for your child (or children's) classroom this year. If you are interested, please contact Tracie McCarthy by Thursday, September 10th. (see contact information below)

We will be holding a Room Rep Tea on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 2:25pm in the Multi-Purpose room. This will be a brief information session on Room Rep responsibilities and will give Room Reps and Teachers a chance to meet.

It is not a big time commitment – simply help to plan classroom parties for Halloween and Valentine's Day. It is a lot of fun and a rewarding way to be involved with your kids' school activities.

Contact Tracie McCarthy for more information at 847-452-4420 or tracie_mac@msn.com.

Reflections 2009

For 40 years, the national PTA Reflections Program has encouraged students across the nation and in American schools overseas to explore their artistic talents. The PTA Reflections Program is designed to enhance quality arts education for students in preschool through grade 12, encouraging them to create works of art in the areas of dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts. More than 500,000 students participate through their local PTAs each year—millions over the course of the program's 40 years.

This year's theme is "Beauty is...". You will see more information coming home in your child's backpack as the **10/9/09 deadline** approaches. In the meantime, feel free to start talking with your child about how they see beauty and to begin their project.

For more information, contact Anna Niklarz at annaniklarz@yahoo.com.

*"We are what we
repeatedly do.
Excellence, then, is
not an act but a
habit."
Aristotle*



PTA Skate Party

Save-the-Date for the PTA Family Skate Night at Orbit Skate Center on October 21st from 6:30-9:00 pm. This event is FREE for PTA Members and their children.

Ways & Means... What does this mean?

Ways & Means (The way the PTA funds its programs)...

Kickoff for our main fundraiser will be September 11, 2009 and ending 9/21/09. This year we will be selling the new and improved Entertainment Coupon Books! Watch for information to come home with your child.

In October, we will host the second part of our fundraiser with Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough.

Direct donations are also very welcome. If you would like to make a direct donation, any amount is welcome, please make a check out to 'Willow Bend PTA' and send it to school with your child marked 'PTA' or drop it in the school office.

Thank you for your generosity!

For more information, please contact Nancy Groch (847) 397-9347.

Happy Birthday to you.... We have a book for you!

The Willow Bend PTA proudly sponsors the Birthday Book program to help your child celebrate his/her special day.

On your child's birthday they are invited to come down to the LRC and pick a book from the Birthday Book Rack for **free!**

Students with summer birthdays will be invited down before the end of the school year to choose a book from the rack.

**Happy Birthday from the
Willow Bend PTA!**

News from the Board of Education

Are you interested in what is going on in our School District? Would you love to attend a District 15 Board Meeting but are unable to find the time to get there? If so, please send an email to Amy Vogelgesang, ajvog@comcast.net, and your name will be added to a distribution list to receive updates on Board Meetings.



The Willow Bend Green Team has three recycling programs to keep Willow Bend families "Green"

Willow Bend Recycling

1. **Nike Shoe Recycle Program (April 2010)**
Save those stinky athletic shoes!
 - ✚ The Reuse-a-Shoe Program uses *athletic shoes* to make Nike Grind. Nike Grind is used for new sport courts and play areas
 - ✚ For more information on the Nike Grind process please visit www.letmeplay.com/reuseashoe/grind
2. **Cell Phones**
 - ✚ Phones must be intact; no cracks, broken hinges, etc.
 - ✚ Drop off in the office and **clearly** note the phone is for recycling
3. **Printer cartridge recycling program**
 - ✚ Done with those cartridges? Send them in. Collections are ongoing throughout the year.
 - ✚ Have more than you can carry? Contact a member of the Green Team for personal pickup.

For more information, please contact Nancy Groch at nancy.groch@att.net or 847-397-9347.

The Environmental committee is a PTA sponsored program. Your Green Team is Anna Niklarz, Debbie Hathaway, and Nancy Groch. Want to be a part? Feel free to join us! The more, the Greener!

How Can I Help?

- People Power – this is a list of parent volunteers who are committed to helping the PTA for a minimum of just 3 hours during the school year. A form was sent home in the summer mailing. Signing up for People Power will get your name on distribution lists for volunteer requests—usually via email or phone. Please contact Janine Goodsite, the WB PTA Volunteer Coordinator, if you are interested in being on this list. janinegoodsite@comcast.net or (847) 397-7559.
- Room Representative – this group helps coordinates Classroom Parties on Halloween and Valentine's Day. New This Year!!! No early morning phone calls on a snow day!! Thanks to the District 15 automated phone system, this is no longer a function of this group. For more information, call Tracie McCarthy, (847) 452-4420 or tracie_mac@msn.com.
- Classroom Help – if you are interested in helping in your child's classroom, please contact the individual teacher to schedule times and check availability.
- Any other Help – please contact Janine Goodsite, (847) 397-7559 or janinegoodsite@comcast.net, to help with specific events or any behind-the-scenes help. There is something for everyone in the Willow Bend PTA!

School's started—what do your kids do when they get home?

Check out a **Parent's Guide to Video Games, Parental Controls and Online Safety**. The National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB) developed this helpful booklet for parents to guide them in making good choices for their children.

You can find the booklet at the Willow Bend PTA website: <http://www.wbpta.org>. Once on the site, scroll halfway down the page and you will see a link to this important guide.

Are you on our Email List?

New this year! In the interest of using less paper, the *Eagle Journal* will be published monthly but only periodically distributed on paper. Monthly, you will be able to access the newsletter on the PTA website. You can also have it appear in your inbox!! If you are interested in being on the email distribution list, please send your email address to Amy Vogelgesang, ajvogs@comcast.net, and you will receive the newsletter monthly via email.