

Save the Date

- **Month of December**
MAP Testing
- **Tuesday, 12/8 and Wednesday, 12/9**
Holiday Gift Shop
- **Thursday, 12/10**
Int. Orchestra Concert
Winston Campus
7:00pm
- **Wednesday, 12/16**
Board of Ed Meeting
7:00pm
Sundling Jr. High
- **Friday, 12/18**
Market Day orders due
to school
- **Monday, 12/21-
Sunday, 1/3**
NO SCHOOL
Winter Break
- **Saturday, 1/2**
Internet Market Day
Orders Due
- **Monday, 1/4**
School Reopens
- **Monday, 1/11**
Access Testing begins
- **Thursday, 1/14**
PTA Moms and
Munchies, 7:10am
- **Monday, 1/18 and
Tuesday, 1/19**
NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Birthday Observed (M)
Teacher Institute Day
(T)
- **Tuesday, 1/26**
PTA Meeting, 6:45pm
All Members Welcome!

Principal's Blotter

By Mrs. Barbie Rothbauer, Principal

Thank you for attending conferences last month. While you had an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, you probably received some suggestions for home support. It is always helpful if you can provide a quiet study spot with available supplies for completing homework. Reading daily is extremely important, too. I also hope you had an enjoyable week with your family during the rest of the week they had off from school.

During the month of December, please remember to dress your child for the weather conditions. We believe in offering outside recess as often as possible. When the temperature with the wind chill factor is above 0 degrees and the ground conditions are good, we plan to take the students outside. Please plan ahead so your child is dressed appropriately. If you need assistance with outdoor clothing, please call our school social worker, Cindy Wong, 847-963-7326.

Nurse's Note

While flu, as well as other communicable diseases are occurring with such frequency, the district health services would like to remind families to keep children at home until they are fever-free without the use of Tylenol or ibuprofen for 24 hours. Even though your child may be feeling better, the Public Health guidelines

PTA Meetings

Did you know that ALL PTA members are invited to the PTA meetings at Willow Bend? Please mark your calendar to come to the 2010 meetings!

1/26, 2/23, 3/30, 4/27, 5/25

All meetings are on Tuesday evenings at 6:45pm in the WB Multi-Purpose Room.

We will be having our 2nd round of MAP testing throughout the month of December for students in grades 2nd-6th. We use the information from the test to look at student growth in reading/language arts and math. By monitoring their growth and offering small group instruction, our teachers will provide all students with an opportunity to learn new skills. We will also be completing our second round of AIMSweb testing. This provides teachers with information regarding reading readiness and reading rate.

Enjoy the two week winter break with your family. The Willow Bend office will be open Monday, December 21, Tuesday, December 22, Monday, December 28, and Tuesday, December 29. We hope to see all our students well-rested and back to school on Monday, January 4, 2010 for a Happy New Year!

for controlling the spread of flu and other diseases require isolation from others to prevent sharing those germs. During this pandemic flu period, we urge everyone to be considerate of the health of all our children and remind families to not send children to school when they are ill.

Are you interested in attending the PTA meetings but have difficulty finding the time? If so, please contact Nancy Sieh, nbsieh@comcast.net, and she will happily email you the meeting minutes.



Help Get Free Stuff for Willow Bend

Labels for Education has awarded free educational equipment to schools across the United States in exchange for proof-of-purchase labels from the Campbell's family of brands. Now, it's gotten even easier to score cool stuff for your kids' schools. Buy one of the popular Campbell brand cookbooks, www.lfecookbooks.com, and earn 125 points for Willow Bend's LFE account. That is not a typo: Each cookbook is worth 125 LFE points! After you complete your purchase on the checkout page, you will be directed to another page where you can instantly credit the points you've earned to Willow Bend. Get started now. You not only are helping out our school, but also are getting cookbooks that help you plan and prepare every meal for your family and friends. They make great presents as well!

Don't forget about the UPC codes form the Campbell products we use every day.

Iwona Trybula, iwona.trybula@yahoo.com

Congratulations to Reflections Participants!

Congratulations to the following Willow Bend students whose Reflections work has moved up to the District Level:

LITERATURE

Gabrielle B.
Untitled
Anne L.
Beauty is...
Sara B.
Reflections of Beauty
Tina S.
Circle of Life is Beauty
Heather S.
100% Math Test

MUSICAL COMPOSITION

Emma H.
Untitled
(Piano)

PHOTOGRAPHY

Ryan G., Natalie G., Sara G., Alyssa T.

VISUAL ARTS

Shabistha M.
Henna is Beautiful
(marker)
Sara G.
Beautiful Flower
(watercolors)
Jenny K.
Untitled
(watercolors, crayons, pencil)
Natalie G.
I LOVE Horses
(watercolors)
Oreoluwa O.
My family, My home, My favorite things, Love, My Visit to pet shop
(pencil, crayons, color pencils)

Julian S.

Beauty is...a fast racecar
(markers)
Nicole B.
My Grandma's Garden
(pastels)
Patryk K.
Untitled
(markers, pencils)
Kelly F.
Untitled
(oils)
Tara B.
Untitled
(markers, const. paper)
Alexandra S.
Flower Patch
(watercolors, color pencil)

Sara G.

Beautiful Flower
(felting)
Anuraji S.
Super Car
(color pencil, marker)
Dylan P.
Untitled
(oil pastels)
Natalie G.
Beautiful Sunrise
(felting)
Hanah M.
Beauty is the whole galaxy
(crayons, pencil)
Izzy B.
Love For Color
(oil pastels)

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE! Save the Date: February 22, 2010; Reflections Showcase

Annual Holiday Gift Shop

The PTA Holiday Gift Shop is coming to Willow Bend December 8th and 9th.

This is a great opportunity for students to shop for their family and friends. There are many great choices to choose from, with prices ranging from .50 cents through \$10. Look for flyers to come home with your students the first week of December.

If anyone is interested in helping out with the sale, please contact:

Laurie Callero 847-925-0792 or laurie674@comcast.net
Maria Pappas 847-303-3536 or marpappas@yahoo.com

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Natural Health Products for a Healthy Life

This just in from Willow Bend's own Green Team:



There are products which are toxic to all human beings; we are in contact with those products every day. Sometimes the quantities are so small that they may appear to have no immediate effect until the level of toxicity becomes too high for one's immune system to handle.

Natural products work better than their conventional counterparts because they don't contain unnecessary fillers or irritants. And while some unnatural products may seem to work better with the first try, over the long-term, the harmful chemicals that made your skin feel cleaner or your hair feel smoother may actually cause damage.

skindeep.com is a really helpful cosmetics safety database website from the Environmental Working Group that helps you research specific products and identifies known and potentially harmful ingredients contained in the products.

Did you know that Oil of Oregano is great for headaches and fever? Here are some of its benefits:

- Destroying organisms that contribute to skin infections and digestive problems.
- Strengthening the immune system.
- Increasing joint and muscle flexibility.
- Improving respiratory health.

For more information on natural cures go to <http://www.homeremediesweb.com/>. Products available at your local Whole Foods store.

Here are a few places to get Natural Health and Beauty Products at lower prices: Marshalls, TJMaxx, or on line at www.Overstock.com.

Also a few websites you can check out for natural health information and products:

<http://www.gonatural.biz/>; <http://www.honeybeegardens.com/>; www.vitaminshoppe.com/; or <http://www.mercola.com/>

News you can use...

Do you love to read? For those readers out there, if you are looking for a good book to read or if you have some books you'd like to recycle we have a book exchange bin in the PTA Room. Come check it out.

FYI- In the PTA room we have a suggestion box. We are always looking for ideas and ways to improve the PTA as well as always in need of helpers to put those ideas into action!

Thank you to the following volunteers who helped aid in getting the H1N1 vaccine to the students. It really made the process run smoothly:

Janine Goodsite
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Katie Klimala



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A Word of 'Thanks'

A special thank you goes out to "The Purse Ladies" (Willow Bend Parents, Liz Walker and Anne Schnoor). These special ladies hosted a purse/jewelry party for our teachers last month and donated the proceeds to the PTA. In addition, they were able to donate a purse for other fun PTA efforts. Thank you, ladies! The Willow Bend community appreciates your generosity!

Are you up for a Little Local Holiday Shopping?!?



Fremd Holiday Boutique



Check out our Holiday Boutique show for all things fashionable and fun!
Get ready for the new season and spend a few hours of shopping with your friends and family!

Over 180 crafters offering quality jewelry, fashion accessories, seasonal décor, tasty treats and so much more! Get in the holiday spirit at the Fremd Holiday Boutique. Find new and handmade items for everyone on your shopping list. Select from jewelry, scarves, handbags, chocolates, home decor, holiday greenery and so much more!

No admission charges and plenty of parking available. The Boutique is organized by the Fremd Boosters Club. All proceeds are used to benefit the many sports programs and student organizations. Please stop by and support the school!

Doors open at **9 a.m. Saturday, December 12, and the shopping doesn't end until 4:00.** Mark your calendars and come early to this season's main event.

Come Celebrate the Holidays with Us!

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.

Manna Gift Cards—Holiday Shopping Made Easy!!

WILLOW BEND PTA is offering Manna Gift Cards for the final time this calendar year. Manna is an easy way to support Willow Bend while making your shopping easier.

Manna is a program where Willow Bend families and friends, teachers and staff can purchase gift cards through the school. You buy the gift cards at face value and Willow Bend PTA receives between 3% -20% of the gift card value as cash-back. Orders will be taken several months during the school year.

See the order form at the back of this newsletter or check in your child's backpack! This month's orders are due on Friday, December 4th for delivery on December 11th.

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Manna Gift Card Order Form

Order to school by Friday, December 4th – home by December 11th

Support Willow Bend while making your everyday shopping easier!

The Manna program allows Willow Bend families and friends, teachers and staff to purchase gift cards through the school. You buy the gift cards at face value and Willow Bend PTA receives between 2% -30% of the gift card value as cash-back.

- ** Great for Birthdays, Holidays, Teacher thank-you gifts
- ** Grocery Shopping – use Dominicks or Jewel cards for your regular and holiday grocery shopping
- ** Restaurants – use Manna cards at your favorite restaurant
- ** Wal-Mart, Hallmark, Kohl's – chances are Manna can be used at your favorite store, even online stores like Amazon, iTunes & HSN
- ** Now there is even a Visa gift card that can be used almost everywhere

Student Name _____ Contact Phone Number _____
or Email Address _____

Grade _____ Teacher's Name _____ Total Order Amount (no tax) \$ _____

Orders will be sent to your child's classroom. If you would like to pick up your order, please contact Donna Yohe at 847-392-5313 or yohemccall@comcast.net.

Indicate the number of each gift card you want to order **in front** of the vendor name. Attach one check made out to "Willow Bend PTA" for the total amount (no tax) and send to school with your child or drop off in the office or PTA room.

#	Restaurants / Fast Food (% to PTA)	#	Entertainment / Travel (% to PTA)	#	Services (% to PTA)	#
	Applebee's (9%)	10	AMC (5%)	6.5	Auto Zone (8%)	25
	Applebee's (9%)	25	AMC (9%)	25	BP Gas Card (3%)	50
	Arby's (9%)	10	Best Western (5%)	100	BP Gas Card (3%)	100
	Baja Fresh (8%)	10	Best Western (5%)	25	Delta Sonic Car Wash (20%)	16
	Baskin Robbins (10%)	2	Blockbuster (8%)	10	Exxon (2%)	50
	Boston Market (14%)	10	Blockbuster Night Card (18%)	12	Gas City (3%)	50
	Buca di Beppo (9%)	25	Brunswick Zone (9%)	10	Hair Cuttery (9%)	10
	Buffalo Wild Wings (8%)	25	Choice Hotels (5%)	25	Jiffy Lube (12%)	25
	Buona Catering (9%)	100	Choice Hotels (5%)	100	Marathon (4%)	25
	Buona Gift Card (9%)	10	Classic Cinema Theatres (10%)	10	Marathon (4%)	100
	Burger King (5%)	10	Disney (3%)	25	Mario Tricoci (9%)	25
	Cali Pizza Kitchen (5%)	25	Disney (3%)	100	Regis Salon (9%)	25
	Caribou Coffee (9%)	10	Disney (3%)	500	Speedway (5%)	25
	Champps Rest (10%)	25	Disney (3%)	1000	Speedway (5%)	100
	Cheesecake Factory (4%)	25	eSkape Entertainment Ctr (20%)	25		
	Chili's (12%)	25	Fandango (10%)	10	Stores (Continued)	
	Chipotle Mexican Grill (12%)	10	Goodrich Quality Theaters (5%)	10	Kohl's (5%)	100
	Chuck E Cheese (9%)	10	Hyatt (9%)	100	Kohl's (5%)	25
	Claim Jumpers (9%)	25	Hyatt (9%)	25	Kringle.com (20%)	25
	Cold Stone Creamery (10%)	10	Marcus Theatres & Resorts (10%)	25	L.L. Bean (19%)	25
	Dairy Queen (5%)	10	Marriott (9%)	50	Lands End (9%)	25
	Darden - Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Bahama Breeze, Smokey Bones (9%)	25	Marriott (9%)	100	Lord & Taylor (10%)	25
	Dave & Buster (15%)	25	Mt.Olympus/Treasure Island (14%)	50	Lowes Home Improvement (5%)	25
	Del Taco (5%)	10	Travelocity Incentives (15%)	100	Lowes Home Improvement (5%)	100
	Denny's (8%)	10			Lowes Home Improvement (5%)	500
	Domino's Pizza (4%)	5	Stores (% to PTA)		Macy's (10%)	25
	Domino's Pizza (9%)	10	Ace Hardware (5%)	25	Macy's (10%)	100
	Dunkin Donuts (5%)	10	Amazon.com (5%)	25	Maui Jim Sunglasses (15%)	25
	Dunkin Donuts (5%)	25	Amazon.com (5%)	100	Menards (4%)	25
	Edwardo's (9%)	10	American Eagle (10%)	25	Menards (4%)	100
	Egg Harbor (4%)	15	Barnes & Noble (10%)	10	Men's Wearhouse (8%)	25
	Famous Dave's (9%)	25	Barnes & Noble (10%)	25	Michael's Crafts (5%)	25

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Gino's East (9%)	10	Bass Pro (8%)	25	Mothers Work (10%)	25
Giordano's (9%)	25	Bath & Body Works (14%)	10	Mrs. Field's Cookies (19%)	5
Great American Bagel (9%)	5	Bath & Body Works (14%)	25	Nike (15%)	25
Great Harvest Bread (9%)	10	Bed Bath & Beyond (7%)	25	Office Depot (4%)	25
Hard Rock Cafe (9%)	25	Best Buy (3%)	25	Office Max (5%)	25
Home Run Inn (20%)	25	Best Buy (3%)	100	Omaha Steaks (9%)	25
Houlihans (9%)	25	Billboard Music Card (25%)	10	Once Upon A Child (9%)	25
Jack In The Box (7%)	15	Borders Books (9%)	10	Options - GAP, Banana Republic, Old Navy (10%)	25
Kentucky Fried Chicken (10%)	5	Borders Books (9%)	25	Overstock.com (10%)	25
Landry's Seafood (9%)	20	Build A Bear Workshop (9%)	25	Payless (14%)	10
Lettuce Entertain You (14%)	25	Carson Pirie Scott (10%)	25	Petsmart (5%)	25
Lettuce Entertain You (14%)	100	Carson Pirie Scott (10%)	100	Plato's Closet (9%)	25
Lone Star (5%)	25	ChicagoBears.com (7%)	25	Regis Salon (9%)	25
Lou Malnati's Pizza (8%)	25	Claire's Boutique (7%)	10	Restoration Hardware (14%)	25
Max & Erma's (14%)	25	Cracker Barrel (10%)	10	Rocky Mountain Chocolate (13%)	10
Noodles & Company (7%)	25	Crate & Barrel (7%)	25	Sally Beauty Supply (15%)	25
Oberweis (10%)	10	Crate & Barrel (7%)	100	Sara Lee (14%)	10
Old Country Buffet (5%)	25	CVS Pharmacy (4%)	25	Sears (5%)	25
Outback / Bonefish / Cheeseburger in Paradise (6%)	25	CVS Pharmacy (4%)	100	Sears (5%)	250
P.F.Changs (9%)	25	Dell Computers (5%)	100	Sephora (6%)	20
Panera (9%)	10	Dennis Uniform (5%)	20	Shell (3%)	25
Papa Johns Pizza (7%)	10	Dicks Sporting Goods (7%)	25	Shell (3%)	50
Pizza Hut (9%)	10	Dillard's (10%)	25	Shell (3%)	100
Qdoba Mexican Grill (8%)	25	Dillard's (10%)	100	Shoe Carnival (5%)	25
Red Robin (9%)	10	Dominicks (5%)	25	Shutterfly (10%)	25
Restaurant.com (30%)	10	Dominicks (5%)	100	Sports Auth (9%)	25
Rockbottom/Old Chicago (7%)	25	Dots Clothing (14%)	25	Staples (6%)	25
Spaghetti Warehouse (19%)	25	Eddie Bauer (10%)	25	Staples (6%)	100
Starbucks (8%)	10	Edine Gifts (4%)	25	Talbots (10%)	25
Starbucks (8%)	25	Express (11%)	25	The Children's Place (10%)	25
Starbucks (8%)	100	Fannie May / 1800Flowers / Plow and Hearth (25%)	20	The Container Store (10%)	25
Steak & Shake (9%)	10	Fashion Bug (8%)	25	TJMaxx / Marshall / HomeGoods (8%)	25
Subway (4%)	10	Footlocker (9%)	25	Toys R Us (2%)	20
Sweet Tomatoes (9%)	10	Game Stop (4%)	25	Ulta Cosmetics (4%)	25
Texas Roadhouse (9%)	25	Garden Fresh (3%)	20	Ultra Foods (3%)	25
TGIFridays (9%)	25	Gordon Food Service (GFS) (4%)	25	Ultra Foods (3%)	100
Uno Chicago Grill (15%)	25	Gymboree (14%)	25	Visa (3%)	25
Walker Bros Pancake House (7%)	25	Hallmark Gold Crown (5%)	25	Visa (3%)	50
Wendys (5%)	10	Harry & David (13%)	25	Visa (3%)	100
		Home Depot (5%)	25	Walgreens (5%)	25
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		Home Shopping Network (10%)	25	Wal-Mart (3%)	25
		Honey Baked Ham (10%)	20	Wal-Mart (3%)	50
		iTunes (4%)	15	Wal-Mart (3%)	100
		iTunes (4%)	25	Wal-Mart (3%)	250
		J. Jill (10%)	25	William Sonoma / Pottery Barn (9%)	25
		JCPenney (7%)	25	William Sonoma / Pottery Barn (9%)	100
		JCPenney (7%)	100	Yankee Candle (10%)	25
		Jewel Foods (5%)	25		
		Jewel Foods (5%)	100		
		JoAnn Fabric (7%)	20		
		Joe Caputo & Sons (5%)	25		
		KMart (5%)	25		