

Werner Wildcats Newsletter



from your PTA ...

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new and returning families of Werner Elementary School. Our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is so excited about this upcoming year. From August's Kindergarten Tea, Open House, and volunteer sign-ups to September's Orientations and Fall Festival, planning is already underway. Find the event list in this newsletter and be sure to mark your calendar. It's going to be a fun year!

You will receive this newsletter each month from the PTA, but there is so much more that we do. We'd like to tell you a little more about what the PTA is, its role, and how you can get involved. Read this entire edition and you'll be in the know!

The PTA is a parent volunteer organization that's purpose is to support the educational experience of our children. We do this by providing growth opportunities for parents and teachers, organizing volunteers for school and classroom activities, and fundraising to support assembly and enrichment programs, school-wide events, media and classroom supplies, and other items not available through school funds.

The work we do is so important, but the best part is it's FUN, too! Yes, the PTA is a great place to use your talents, develop new skills, and share your helpful spirit, but is also a great place to have some laughs and connect with other parents. Plus, there's no better way to learn about and contribute to what's happening in the school.

Give us a call, or drop us a line. There are so many ways for you to get involved. Don't worry, we know you're busy. We can talk with you about volunteer opportunities that will fit your availability. Contact me, Julie Grillo, PTA President at 282-0550 or J.Grillo@yahoo.com anytime. We look forward to meeting you.

PTA Registration

As a parent/guardian of a Werner student, you are eligible to join the PTA. Registration is just \$10 and includes membership in the Colorado and National PTA and all their benefits. Look for membership forms in the students' first folders and at the PTA tables during our August and September events. The forms are due by September 4th.

10 Reasons to Get Involved with the PTA

1. Your child benefits.
2. We make a difference.
3. We pledge to honor your time constraints.
4. We have fun.
5. Meet nice people who share your concerns.
6. There's a lot of good to be done.
7. We can match jobs to your interests and abilities.
8. We're welcoming.
9. We're about parent involvement, not fundraising.
10. The results are very rewarding.

It's a note from the Principal...

Dear Werner Community,

I hope you all had a nice summer and enjoyed some time to relax and rejuvenate with family and friends! We look forward to seeing you all again for another excellent school year. This year there will be some changes at Werner, but our commitment to excellence will still remain.

Some of the trade marks of our excellent school are great students, staff, and parents. We are fortunate to have such dedication from all these groups. Our desire to continually improve and help our students achieve and grow helps to fulfill our district mission: Educate...Every Child, Every Day.

As we start this year, I encourage you to keep communication lines open so that we are constantly helping your child. Also, stay involved by volunteering and helping your child with his or her studies. Lastly, keep those high expectations which help your child and our school achieve the very best. I look forward to working with you to help make this a positive and rewarding year for your child!

Sincerely,
Hayden
hcamp@psdschools.org

2009-2010 Start/End Times

In an effort to develop more efficient transportation routes with the grade configuration change, the district has changed Werner's start and end time from **9:00am-3:38pm**. Doors will open for students at 8:55. If you are looking for options to help with child care, our B.A.S.E. Camp (Before and After School Enrichment) will be available. Call 266-1734 for more details.



Newsletter Deadline

Is there something you'd like to submit for the **September newsletter**? We can't always include everything, but we try. Send your article (and photo if you have it!) to kathy.m.mason@gmail.com by:

Friday, August 14th

The Mission of PTA

To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children;

To assist parents and teachers in developing the skills they need to help all children be successful;

To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.

PTA Meetings

Second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm
In the Media Center (unless posted otherwise)

Please join us! These meetings are the forum for parents and staff to bring input and questions for the PTA and Mr. Camp. All Werner parents are invited.

Our next meeting is
September 10th, 6:30pm
in the Media Center

Agenda Items

- Welcome to new PTA members
- Finalize Fall Fun Festival details -
Event date: Friday, September 11

Treasurer's Report

The PTA's starting balance for the 2009-2010 school year is:

\$15,909.94



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- With the transition of 6th grade to middle school, Werner projects to have 455 students this year and about 50 staff members.
- One of our portable classrooms was moved off-site this summer. Language workshop and the K-5 classroom will be moved into the school building. The gifted and talented program will stay in the existing portable along with our overflow storage.
- 4th grade classrooms will move to the North-East hallway.
- We have students in our school that are allergic to shellfish, dairy, eggs, tree nuts and peanuts. 'Four out of every 100 U.S. children have a food allergy and eight types of food account for over 90% of allergic reactions in affected individuals: milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, fish, shellfish, soy and wheat' (taken from CDC 2007 - National Center for Health Statistics website).
- Last year we had 574 volunteers log over 6,074 hours for Werner Elementary.
- Carpeting in all classrooms was cleaned during the month of July. And a sidewalk is being installed in the back portion of the school grounds.
- The Literacy staff is creating a new Guided Reading book room this year to be used by all teachers to provide our students the ability to read books that are appropriate to their reading level.

Congrats to Werner Baseball Teams

As you may have read in *The Coloradoan*, the Werner Boys Rec baseball teams did well this season:

- The 2nd grade team won both their playoff games
- The 3rd grade Werner 2 team finished 2nd in regular season play and won the tournament
- The 4th grade Werner team finished 1st in regular season play and got second in the tournament.
- The 5th/6th grade team finished 2nd in regular season play and defeated the undefeated White Sox to win the Tournament.

Congratulations boys!

Volunteer Sign Up Days August 25th – 27th 8:30-4:00



The goals of the Werner volunteer program is to support, sustain and expand the community's involvement in education. Volunteers assist students and teachers in a wide variety of activities, which includes tutoring, grading, helping with classroom activities, assisting with the specials classes, office staff

and more. We also have many opportunities to volunteer for exciting PTA activities that impact enrichment and engagement. Every school has a building volunteer coordinator that works in partnership with the school principal and staff and under the direction of the Partnership and Volunteer Program. Werner's volunteer building coordinator is Elise Branson.

For the safety of our students and staff, PSD Board Policy requires all volunteers to register in the PSD database to have a background check completed. Registration is fast and easy and may be done online either at home, at school at the volunteer PC in the main office, or from any computer with access to the Internet. Go to www.psdschools.org and click on Community, then Volunteers and Partners at the bottom of the menu and then to Volunteer Registration on the second screen.

Carefully read the Volunteer Agreement before you complete your online application. If you agree to the Volunteer Agreement, you may go to the online application by clicking on the Volunteer Online Application. Background checks are done through the Colorado Bureau of Investigation.

Once you have been approved, a Werner Volunteer name tag is made for you. Every time you come into the school, you need to sign in at the volunteer station in the front office and wear your name tag. If you have any questions or difficulties getting registered please contact Elise Branson. She can be reached at de.branson@comcast.net or 282-8102.

At Werner, the teachers and staff identify the needs they anticipate throughout the year and parents are given the opportunity to sign up for these spots at the beginning of the school year. This year's Volunteer Sign Ups will be held on Tuesday August 25 – Thursday the 27th. The signs will be up the entire time and we will have people available to answer questions all day on Tuesday. If you can't make these dates you can always work with the Room Coordinator, PTA chairs, teacher or staff to find a spot that's right for you!

“New To Werner” Orientation Night Monday, August 24th, 5:30-6:30pm

If you are new to the Werner community, please come to Orientation Night on Monday August 24th at 5:30. Principal Camp will give a brief overview of our school philosophy and expectations, Julie Grillo (PTA President) will highlight what PTA does and opportunities to participate, and Elise Branson (Volunteer Coordinator) will review requirements and opportunities to volunteer in the school.

Cub Scout Information



Mark your calendars and get ready to start the adventures of cub scouting. Boys from 1st to 5th grade, and their families are invited to join

the cub scouts of Pack191 at our open house informational pack meeting.

When: Thursday September 17th, 7:00 pm
Where: Werner Elementary Flex Room

For more information contact Cathy Galusha at 266-8181 or email at BCGalusha@gmail.com.

Parents: BSA registration for interested boys will occur during the event, your son can join the fun of PACK 191 that night just remember your checkbook!

PTA Programs: Make It Happen

Volunteers fuel so many wonderful programs and activities through the PTA to support Werner. Our list is really amazing! However, some programs do not happen every year, because the chair position or committee doesn't fill. The PTA board understands that parents simply aren't committed that year but will have the opportunity in subsequent years.

Please sign-up for those areas or events you are interested in helping 'make happen!' this coming year. Send us an e-mail sharing your area of interest: WandaMolinary@gmail.com. Also come to the Volunteer Sign-Up days on August 25-27, 2009. Thank you in advance for all you have done and will do with Werner this year!

Mark Your Calendar! Events for the 2009-2010 School Year

Werner PTA General Meetings

2nd Thursday each month, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

PTA meetings will have 40 minutes of business followed by a parent / staff educational speaker series.

September 2009

- Fri 11th – Fall Festival and Walk-A-Thon
- Wed 16th – Picture Day

October 2009

- Mon 5th – Barnes & Noble Night (Werner Fundraiser)
- Fri 9th – CSU Homecoming Parade – Werner Float
- Fri 30th – All School Halloween Parade and Classroom Parties

November 2009

- Fri 6th – Werner Bingo Night & Classroom Baskets Auction

December 2009

- Mon 7th – Fri 11th – Scholastic Book Fair

February 2010

- Fri 5th – Werner Family Activity Night
- Fri 12th – Classroom Valentine's Parties

March 2010

- Fri 5th – Werner Bingo Night II and Auction
- Wed 10th – Werner Art Fair
- Thur 25th – PTA General Meeting & Speaker Series (changed from 2nd Tues)

April 2010

- Thur 22nd – Earth Day

May 2010

- Mon 3rd – Fri 7th – Teacher Appreciation Week
- Tues 11th – Field Day Grades 3-4-5
- Tues 18th – Field Day Grades K-1-2

Werner's Fall Fun Festival



Friday, September 11th. Music, food, games, families and friends

A fun walk/run event will kick off the festival this year.

Mark your calendars! Specific times will be announced the first week of school.

Classroom Lists

Curious which classroom your student will join this year? Classroom assignments will be posted on the school door on Friday, August 14th at 3:00 pm.

Become Part of the PTA Flock '09-'10!

Chair or Co-Chair A Committee

Chair a One-Time Event:

- Werner Bingo Night** – Nov. 6, 2009 & Mar.5, 2010 - Create a fun bingo night at Werner – including food, bingo games, and prizes.
- Teacher & Me, Class Baskets** – Nov. 6, 2009 & Mar. 5, 2010 – Collect donations via classrooms, teaching staff and area businesses to create baskets to be sold at a silent and live Auction at Werner.
- Family Activity Night** – Feb. 5, 2010 – plan an evening of fun for the Werner Community – make it a valentine's dance, a beach party or an original idea you come up with!
- Earth Day** – Apr. 22, 2010 – plan a day of education and fun at Werner – include passive education and/or hands-on activities in conjunction with the classroom teachers.
- Read-A-Thon** - spring 2010 – create a day of reading and activities to support classrooms and students.
- Science Fair** – flexible time - coordinate, publicize, and organize a science fair for Werner students.



Chair throughout the school year:

- Birthday Books** – a new program to supplement the library and celebrate our children's birthdays.
- Great Books** – reading program for grades 1-6 using short stories and group discussion to boost students' learning.
- Lego Robotics** – support student team in creating and competing with Lego Robots.
- Literacy / Guided Reading Program** – a new program that supports classrooms and enables students to read books on their appropriate level. Volunteers will need to organize and maintain the book room – ordering new sets, using spreadsheets for cataloguing, organizing into boxes, and maintaining the check-out system.
- PTA Newsletter: Text Editor** – published monthly throughout school year - layout editor Kathy Mason.
- Spirit Sales** – determine what type of spirit sales to order, create and sell to community.
- Yearbook** – determine company to use, capture pictures throughout year with a team of photographers, layout and publish book in April 2010.

New Lunch Prices

Nutritious lunches and many meal choices are provided daily. Meals are priced at:

Elementary – \$2.00; Reduced – \$0.40
Secondary – \$2.25; Reduced – \$0.40

Lunch menus are posted under the Quick Links pull-down menu on the PSD web site at www.psdschools.org, in school newsletters, and printed weekly in the *Fort Collins Coloradoan*

Werner Parade Float

Anyone interested in helping with the Werner Float for the CSU Homecoming Parade needs to contact Melissa Bates at Batesinco@hotmail.com as soon as possible. We are forming our float committee NOW!

I Walk & Ride Safely Program Monday, August 10th, 9:30 am

Students entering kindergarten are encouraged to attend the free annual I Walk & Ride Safely program sponsored by Poudre School District, the Fort Collins Police Department, and the Larimer County Sheriff's Department. Parents, kindergarteners, Head Start students, and first graders, and all children welcome.

Children will learn how to walk to school or ride a school bus safely. Instructions are given under actual traffic conditions, including crosswalks, signs, traffic signals, automobile traffic, and crossing guards. PSD school bus operators participate as well as the Fort Collins Police Department.

For more information, please call PSD Transportation Services at (970) 488-5287

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Join A Committee

Join a Committee for a One-Time Event:

- Fall Festival** - Sept. 11, 2009 - Kick-off community celebration - co-chairs Cathy Lee & Kyra Geraghty.
- E or C-Book** – Sept. 2009 – coordinate sales of e-book and student rewards through classroom mail
- Homecoming Float** – Oct. 9, 2009 – create float design and encourage Werner community to join in the parade - chair Melissa Bates.
- PTA Membership** - fall 2009 – encourage, educate and sign-up parents to become members of our PTA organization - chair Melissa Robinson.
- Teacher & Me, Class Baskets** – Nov. 6, 2009 & Mar.5, 2010 - collect donations via classrooms, teaching staff and area businesses to create baskets to be sold at a silent and live auction at Werner.
- Werner Bingo Night** – Nov. 6, 2009 & Mar.5, 2010 - create a fun bingo night at Werner – including food, bingo games, and prizes.
- Book Fair** – Dec. 2009 & Apr. 2010 - co-chairs Susie Baer & Elise Branson.
- Family Activity Night** – Feb. 5, 2010 - create an evening of fun for the Werner community.
- Earth Day** – Apr. 22, 2010 – develop a day of education and fun at Werner.
- Teacher Appreciation Week & Luncheon** - May 2010 – create recognition program for staff and teachers and organize luncheon during week - co-chairs Melissa Bates and Elise Branson.
- Read-A-Thon** - spring 2010 – create a day of reading and activities to support classrooms and students.
- Science Fair** – flexible time - coordinate, publicize, and organize a science fair for Werner students.

Join a Committee and volunteer throughout the school year:

- Birthday Books** – a new program to supplement the library and celebrate our children's' birthdays.
- Bulletin Boards** – change PTA boards monthly throughout year.
- Clerical Team** – assist PTA board and committees throughout year - chair Bridget Froelich.
- Chess Club** – assist Chess Club K-5 students to learn game and supervise club activities - chair Lori Adair.
- Computer Geeks** - assist PTA board and committees with computer skills.
- Great Books** – volunteer for your child's classroom and lead a reading program using short stories and group discussion to boost students' learning.
- Hospitality** – coordinate refreshments at Werner events and host a fun and informative coffee talk series - chair Lori Loeb.
- Lego Robotics** – support student team creating and competing with Lego Robots.
- Literacy / Guided Reading Program** – a new program that supports classrooms and enables students to read books on their appropriate level. Volunteers will organize and maintain the book room – ordering new sets, using spreadsheets for cataloguing, organizing into boxes, and maintaining the check-out system.
- Odyssey of the Mind** – support students to creatively problem solve in competition – chair Carol Wilusz.
- Spirit Sales** – create, order, and sell spirit sales items to community.
- Volunteer Program** – organize and communicate with all Werner volunteers - chair Elise Branson.
- Wellness** – create various activities, events and education for staff, students and families - chair Cathy Lee.
- Werner Community Outreach** – organize and publicize various community outreach opportunities, main event early December - chair Renee Cohn-Jones.
- Werner Fundraising Nights at Area Businesses** – help publicize and coordinate fundraising nights at area restaurants, roller skating and other activities you determine successful - chair Jenny Whetsell.
- Yearbook** - captures pictures throughout year, publishes book in April 2010.
- Financial Wizards** - assist treasurer in creating spreadsheets and reports for PTA budget.



August 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6 9am Kindergarten Tea*	7
10 8am-3pm Registration for NEW students 9:30am Walk and Ride program*	11 8am-3pm Registration for NEW students	12	13	14 3pm Class rosters posted on front doors*
17	18 5:30-6pm Back to School Open House*	19 School Begins for All students Grades 1-5 Kindergarten Welcomes*	20 School Begins for A-L Kindergarten*	21 School Begins for M-Z Kindergarten*
24 5:30-6:30pm Orientation Night for Parents New to Werner*	25 Volunteer Sign-up*	26 Volunteer Sign-up*	27 Volunteer Sign-up*	28 9am PTA Chair Orientation (Staff Lounge)
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▪ *Indicates addition*

August

- 6 **Kindergarten Tea.** For all families at Werner on the playground. Sponsored by the Werner PTA. 9:00am
- 10 **I Walk and Ride Safely Program.** See inside newsletter for more information. 9:30am
- 14 **Class Rosters Posted.** Posted on the front doors. This is due to some class size fluctuations and registration of new students and how it will impact certain grade levels. 3:00pm
- 18 **Grades 2-5 Meet Teachers.** Come meet your teacher and drop off your supplies (grades K & 1 will have their own back to school day). 5:30pm-6:00pm
- 19 **Back to School.** Grades 1-5
Kindergarten Welcome to School Visitation. Please visit during your assigned time
- 20 **Back to School.** Remember new start/end times. Kindergarten students will have a staggered start: Students with last name beginning with A-L will start today.
- 21 **Back to School.** Kindergarten students with the last name beginning with M-Z attend school today.
- 24 **All Kindergarten students attend school**
Orientation Night for Parents/Guardians New to Werner. Come meet Mr. Camp, PTA board members and our Volunteer Coordinator to find out more about Werner, its philosophy and expectations. 5:30 - 6:30pm
- 25-27 **Volunteer Sign-up.** If you'd like to volunteer in any capacity at Werner this is the time to sign up to help in the classrooms, extra-curricular activities, etc. (see newsletter for more information). 8:30am—4:00pm

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The sunscreen tube is almost empty, one flip-flop is missing, and the inflatable pool has sprung a leak - some signs that school is almost here.



from your Werner PTA

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