May PTA Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar

- 5/1: Walk In Registration 5:00-8:00pm
- 5/2: Walk In Registration 5:00-8:00pm
- 5/6-5/10: Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/8: Book Fair Sale Day 9:15am-3:00pm and 5:00-8:00pm
- 5/9: Book Fair Sale Day 9:15am-3:00pm
- 5/10: Book Fair Sale Day 9:15am-11:00am
- 5/13: NO SCHOOL-School Improvement Planning
- 5/13: Kindergarten Walk In Registration 1:00-5:00pm
- 5/15: General PTA Meeting 9:30am
- 5/18: Fine Arts Festival
- 5/24: Fifth Grade Farewell
- 5/26: Ozzie Reading Club/Kane County Cougar Game Day 6:30pm
- 5/27: NO SCHOOL Memorial Day
- 5/29: Student Council Spirit Day

Welch PTA Accomplishments

- Planned and hosted our first ever Culture Night which was a huge success!
- Provided volunteers to help with Picture Day.
- Continued to provide LMC volunteers to help reshelf all those books, update the iPads and work on special projects!
- Paid for Earth Day t-shirts for Green Club members.
- Paid for the Super Teacher Worksheets membership for 3rd grade teachers.
- Sent a representative to the Illinois PTA Convention
From Your Presidents

April showers bring May flowers...

I think we were all taken by surprise by April’s showers! Looking forward to some dry, warm weather in the month of May.

April also brought us the first annual Welch PTA Culture Night, a multicultural evening of displays and performances from some of our very own Welch families. The event was a huge success and we would like to thank all of the volunteers, families and staff who participated.

As the end of the school year quickly approaches, we would like to thank all of our fellow officers, chair people, committee members and volunteers. It has been a wonderful year at Welch!

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer!

Karen Duncan & Michelle Enns
Birthday Club Participants

Michael  
Birthday: August  
Book: Frankie Pickle and the Mathematical Menace

Kegan  
Birthday: March  
Book: Ninjago - A Ninja's Path  
Sponge Bob - The Bikini Bottom Bike Race

Maya  
Birthday: March  
Book: Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?

Valeria  
Birthday: September  
Book: What is a Princess?  
Barbie - Surf Princess

Noah  
Birthday: April  
Book: Hooray for Fly Guy!

Brennan  
Birthday: April  
Book: Frankie Pickle and the Pinerun 3000

Domas  
Birthday: March  
Book: Charlotte's Web
Environmental Committee

In the past month, the Green Club has studied trees, made posters for Earth Day & in preparation for the upcoming Shoe/Textile collection next to the School’s Office. The Collection will be from April 22 (Earth Day) to May 2nd. Items collected will be brought to the Will County Office Building on May 3rd to add to the Will County’s week long collection event, ending with a live broadcast of WJOL!

Also for Earth Day, the Green Club will be going to the Jewel on 95th/Rt. 59 to see the Jewel’s green efforts. Earth Day shirts were given out @ the April Green Club meeting & the Green Club members will wear them at the Jewel event.

Dean Olson

Art Room News

As the school year is winding down we are gearing up for THE FINE ARTS FESTIVAL, which will be held on SATURDAY MAY 18TH at NEUQUA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL from 9:00am till 4:00pm. This is a unique opportunity to celebrate the fine arts and the amazing talented students in District 204. Art will be displayed from students in K-12th grade and music will be performed all day long. Please take an hour or so to stop by Neuqua and enjoy the show. The INDIAN PRAIRIE EDUCATION FOUNDATION sponsors this festival. Welch will have approximately 300 pieces of art on display.

All students at Welch have been busy creating wonderful works of art. Here are some of the projects we have been working on.
Kindergarten- Picasso’s hand held flowers
First Grade- The Magic fan
Second Grade- Dinosaur drawings blending colors with markers
Third Grade- Oriental Mountains and sailboat drawings
Fourth Grade- Naperville Police Dept. Crime Prevention Calendar Contest
Fifth Grade- Impressionism drawings, Chinese brush painting and Aboriginal Art.
The Scholastic Book Fair will be at Welch May 8-10. Further information can be found at:

http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/arlenewelchs/. Can’t come to Welch to shop on those days? Parents may shop online May 1-21. We have been able to purchase items such as IPADs, online subscription databases, and books from previous book fair sales. We appreciate your support of our school! To see some of the books purchased please visit the Library Media Center tab of the Welch website – What’s New in the LMC (http://welch.ipsd.org/).

The Kane County Reading Program ends May 6. Vouchers will be distributed that week and will need to be returned to the LMC by Tuesday, May 14 (make checks payable to Welch Elementary for purchase of additional family tickets). Game day this year is May 26 at 6:30pm!

Finally, I’d like to thank all of our LMC Volunteers for their constant, amazing support this year: Joanne Boehm, Raje Garapati, Archana Thallikar, Molly Blubaugh, Maria Poedtke, Chris Quinlan, Chrysti Trekas, Deepa Chapala, Karen Duncan, Francis Paik, Helen Ayoung-Chee, Khyati Bhatt, Kathy Adams, Lakshmi Srinivas, Maitreyee Raha, Jean Furrer, Michelle Engstrom, Mag Fuente, Linda Hill, Natasha Menezes, Shweta Karkare, Peggy Pizza, Joyoti Parmar, Lisa Schweih, Mary Stephens, Felicia McConnell, Devi Chandaka, Jaishree Nagaraj, Subhra Ghosh, Saritha Urusula. We really are so fortunate to have such a wonderful group of volunteers.

Thank you especially to Carol Mordach who has helped coordinate volunteers for the last three years! We say goodbye to our 5th grade parents who have volunteered for many years (Jean Furrer has volunteered for 6 years!).
Welch Club News

Kindergarten—2nd Grade Free Apps

Booksby Tipitap INC—a learning-to-read platform for young kids. It is designed from the ground up to help young children, Pre-K through 2nd grade, practice and develop their reading skills.

Schoolhouse by BizzyTime INC—provides Math, Spelling, Time, US Currency and Sight Word combined flash card study tools.

BrainPOP Jr.® Movie of the Week—Get a different animated movie every week with related quizzes and educational activities.

Flat Stanley Superimpose a Flat Stanley cutout character with your photo. Your image, along with a greeting, is pinned with your location and shared on a Google map. It is a fun way to for a child to get a sense of world geography.

Rocket Speller by Little Big Thinkers—4 different levels with increasing difficulty and over 130 words to spell, children using this app will get practice in spelling, reading, and vocabulary, all while having fun.

3rd-5th Grade Free Apps

Mad Libs—provides 21 amazing stories to play over and over. You can share your stories with your friends.

Rocket Speller by Little Big Thinkers—4 different levels with increasing difficulty and over 130 words to spell, children using this app will get practice in spelling, reading, and vocabulary, all while having fun.

Cookie Next Door—Rainy Days—children use their imaginations to tell stories based on illustrations that are provided. Each page has various pictures that children narrate with the voice recorder.

BrainPOP Featured Movie—Get a different animated movie every week with related quizzes and educational activities.

Scholastic Reading Timer—promotes reading practice by encouraging reading every day. Children of all ages can use the Scholastic Reading Timer as a fun and functional reading timer throughout the year.

Miss Spell’s Class—players test their spelling skills against the most commonly misspelled words on Dictionary.com. They quickly decide whether each of 20 words is spelled correctly or incorrectly.
Culture Night

The Welch PTA’s first annual multicultural event was held on April 11th and it was a huge success! We had 16 cultural displays represented by some of our very own Welch families as well as a variety of cultural performances. It was a fun evening had by all and a great opportunity to learn about the diversity in our own school community! A big thank you to Mrs. Dawes and all of our wonderful volunteers and families who helped make this evening a success. We are already thinking about next year’s event!

PTA Volunteer & Donation Opportunities

Fifth Grade Farewell
Come join the celebration! If you would like to help with the Fifth Grade Farewell celebration scheduled for May 24 (back-up date May 29), please contact Jennifer Bergeron at jberge0718@aol.com

FunFest
The 4th Annual Funfest is coming in October! If you would like to help with planning, please contact Julie Killacky at j5killacky@comcast.net

FunFest Prizes
It's time to do some spring cleaning! The fall fest needs prizes for their games. Big or small items, new or gently used are accepted! We can use stickers, small toys, games, video games, stuffed animals and anything you can think of. Send them with your child the week of April 29 or drop them off at walk in registration. There will be a box in the front of the school. Thank you! Questions? Contact Julie Killacky at j5killacky@comcast.net or 630-362-5307.

Seeking 2013-14 Committee Chairs
Do you have a favorite PTA event or program? Would you like to be part of PTA leadership? Would you like to get to know staff and other parents better? The PTA is looking for volunteers to chair the following committees. Committee descriptions can be found at http://welch.ipsd.org/uploads/PTA.Committees.pdf

Room Parents
Silent Auction
Labels/Escrip
Cooks' Night Out
White Tiger Writing Center
Junior Achievement
STEM
Culture Night
Fifth Grade Farewell
White Tiger Breakfast
LMC Liaison
Read for the Record
PDAC Liaison
Community Service

Helpful Websites

http://welch.ipsd.org/
www.ipsd.org
www.illinoispta.org
http://www.pta.org
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Lopa Dhar Banerjee

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Naperville, IL. 60565
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630-548-1196

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2860 Showplace Drive
Naperville, IL. 60564-5058
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