

January 2010

Calendar

January

- 6 Back to School!
- 7 PTA Board Meeting
- 15 Doughnuts With Dad
- 19 PTA General Meeting—CRCT Prep
- 21 Partners Pizza Spirit Night
- 22 Mom's Prom

February

- 2 Wings 'n Things Spirit Night
- 4 PTA Board Meeting
- 9 PTA Meeting- International Night & Nominations Committee
- 12 Father/Daughter Dance
- 25 CiCi's Pizza Spirit Night

March

- 2 PTA Board Meeting
- 4 McDonald's Spirit Night
- 7 Atlanta Motor Speedway Fund-raiser
- 16 PTA Meeting-Math/ Science Night & Elections
- 17 Stevie B's Spirit Night
- 27 Spring Fling

For a full calendar of events, visit our web site at www.welchpta.com



The Pup Post

Beauty Is....Our Reflections Contest Winners!

Thank you so much to everyone who helped with our PTA Reflections Program this year! Welch has some very talented, artistic students & what a pleasure it is to be able to showcase that talent. Our theme was "Beauty is..." and we had entries in four out of the six categories.

Thanks especially go out to Mr. Don Nixon, Director of our Centre for Performing Arts; to Chrissie Knott, Administrative Assistant at the Centre; and to Denise Marsh, Art Teacher at Arnall Middle School. Each of these people had the difficult task of judging our Reflections entries. They did a fantastic job and they are so appreciated by Mrs. Doolittle and the PTA! Here are the results for the 2009-2010 Welch PTA Reflections competition:

Dance Choreography:

1st Place-Maggie Harrison, 1st Grade

Literature:

1st Place-Nate Thomas, 1st Grade

A Message From Stephen Schaefer, Welch PTA President

I hope everyone had a safe and happy break. The PTA has been busy with many great projects. The first half of the year saw two in-house field trips, Santa's workshop, the Read-A-Thon, a movie night, and the Fall Festival just to name a few. We have many great events planned for the second half of the year including our third in-house field trip, two dances, Doughnuts With Dad, Muffins With Mom, Math and Science Night, and International Night. These events are only possible with great volunteers. If you have interest in helping at an event, helping a teacher, or helping research grants, please contact us to volunteer. Any help is beneficial for the PTA to flourish.

Photography:

1st Place-Kyle Waters, 1st Grade and Brandon Ravelo, 4th Grade

2nd Place-Tara Sperberg, 4th Grade

Honorable Mention-Lauren Garger, 4th Grade

Visual Arts:

1st Place-Nate Thomas, 1st Grade; Beck James, 2nd Grade; Donovan James, 3rd Grade; Kain Kibodeaux, 4th Grade

2nd Place-Brandon Ravelo, 4th Grade

Each of the first place entries was sent to the State Competition. From there, any finalists will be entered into the National Competition. Congratulations to each and every participant. Keep looking for information to come about our Reflections "Feast"- a time for us to celebrate and honor each one of our Welch students who entered the competition this year.

Thanks again to each student who participated! Great job!!

Between the Read-A-Thon, grants, Box Tops, and Spirit Nights we have had a good flow of income to fund our projects. We will be finalizing our other goal, the guided reading sets, in January. With the help of our teachers and PTA members, we will be making a proposal to purchase the books at the January general meeting. Also, at the meeting we will be having an informational talk about preparing your children for the CRCT test. We hope to see you there!

I hope the second half of the school year proves as exciting as the first. It has been my pleasure and the board's pleasure to serve you this year!

Stephen Schaefer



How Can I Help at Welch this month?

- These PTA positions are still available: Volunteer Appreciation, 5th Grade Activities, School Board Liaison and Hospitality. For more information, please contact Stephen Schaefer at 770-254-9860.
- **Doughnuts With Dad—** Calling All Moms! We are looking for Moms to help serve our hungry Doughnuts with Dad guests! If you would like to help, please contact Roxana Torres at 770.683.3471 or roxanag@numail.org.
- **Mom Prom and Father/Daughter Dance—** We need volunteers to help us plan these events and also to chaperone! Please contact Roxana Torres at 770.683.3471 or roxanag@numail.org.
- **International Night—** We need volunteers to assist during International Night, which is coming up in February. Contact Roxana Torres at 770.683.3471 or roxanag@numail.org.

Holiday Shop Update!

The response to the Holiday Shop was so great, we earned \$500 in books for the library from Kids Korner! Thanks for shopping and we hope everyone had a great holiday season!

A Special Message From Art Teacher, Mrs. Doolittle

Thank you, PTA, for the "Thankful Tree" Christmas Cards that each of us teachers received. What a special treat that was! As a teacher, I very much appreciate all that PTA does to support us. I also want to thank our families who have been so generous in sending in items for us to use in Art Class- from the bought items to the recyclable ones. Each of these are so important to what I am teaching your children about art. So thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!

Some other items to keep on the look out for: (items you may have left over from the holidays!)

- * EMPTY tissue boxes (we'll be creating mosaics from these)- don't forget to check the Kleenex brand ones for your Box Tops!!!
- * CLEAN, empty Cool Whip and/or butter tubs (they make GREAT water buckets when

painting)

- * Tissue paper in GOOD condition (folded up- not balled up!!!)
- * Any bows or ribbon in GOOD condition that you don't want/need

A special thank you goes out to Janette Higgins and Trish Sperberg!!! They are able to come and help out in the art room each week, and I don't know what I would do without them now. I can always use the help- NO ARTISTIC ABILITY NECESSARY!!!! Come help cut paper, hang artwork, organize supplies, make copies... please let me know if you'd like to help out! Email me at jennifer.doolittle@cowetaschools.net.

I hope that everyone enjoyed their break and has gotten this New Year off to a great start. I look forward to what we'll do in Art in 2010! :-)

Box Top Update and Campbell's Soup Label Bonus Points!

Top 5 Teachers as of Dec. 16:

1. McHughes—1367
2. Cliett—596
3. McCranie—504
4. Patel—488
5. Penson—478



Ms. McCranie's class reached 500 box tops & earned an extra 15 minutes recess! Congratulations!

Top 5 Students as of Dec. 16:

1. Alden Appling—494
2. Nate Thomas—299
3. Jonathon Ramsey—291
4. Trey Belcastro—270
5. Kyle Waters—221

IT'S A TIGHT RACE! Keep sending in Box Tops, Tyson A+ labels, and Campbell's Soup labels! Our Box Tops goal this year is \$3000 and so far we have received a check for \$1363.30. Keep 'em coming!

Box Tops for Education are found on more products than you probably realize, such as General Mills cereal boxes, Huggies and Pull-Ups, Fruit Roll-Ups,

Yoplait yogurts, Hamburger Helper, Pillsbury products, Juicy Juice, Ziplocs, Swanson broths, Kleenex, Betty Croker products, Green Giant frozen veggies, Avery and Highlighter products, and so much more! For a full listing of participating products, go to www.boxtopsforeducation.com.

Campbell's Labels for Education has also been running a Holiday bonus offer. If we sent in 2,500 Campbell's labels between Oct. 21st and Dec. 31st, we would get 2,500 bonus points. We sent in almost 3000 points so **WE EARNED THE BONUS POINTS!** Now, our school is in the drawing for one of three Bonus Point Grand Prizes! We ran our own contest between the classrooms and Ms. Cliett's classroom won the Campbell's challenge. They have earned a pizza party! Ms. Jaskot's class was a very close second (only one soup label less!) and Mr. Mayfield's class was third. Great effort everyone!

Thank you so much for your support of these great programs that earn money for Welch PTA!

Doughnuts With Dad—January 15th!

Doughnuts with Dad is just around the corner! **This event will be Friday, January 15th, from 7-8 a.m. in the school cafeteria.**



Start the New Year off right with a special morning of doughnuts, fruit, juice, milk, and of course coffee with your child. Don't forget to invite Grandpa too! The event is free of charge, but donations will be gladly accepted. Please put this date on your calendar and stay tuned for RSVP

forms to be sent home with each child. We hope to see you there.

Also, calling all Moms! We will be looking for some Moms to help serve our hungry Doughnuts with Dad guests. If you would like to participate please contact our PTA Volunteer Coordinator Roxana Torres at roxanag@numail.org.

Don't worry moms—you are never forgotten! Your Muffins With Mom morning is coming up in May!



Spirit Nights Rock!

Our Stevie B's Spirit Night earned \$134! Two classes tied for the most participants: Mr. Mayfield's class and Ms. Luppens' class. They will both get a pizza party!

The Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night raised \$150 and Ms. Henderson's class had the most participants and earned an ice cream party!

Our McDonald's Spirit Night raised \$341 and the Chick-Fil-A Spirit

Night raised \$294. Wow, that is awesome! Congrats to all the class winners and thanks for your support!

Our next Spirit Night will be at Partner's Pizza in Summergrove on Thursday, January 21st from 5pm to close. We hope to see you there!

Welch PTA Discount Cards are still available! They are just \$10 each and are valid until June 30, 2010. Visit www.welchpta.com to learn more!

have their artwork shown on the back cover.

Also, if you have a 5th grade student at Welch, time is running out for you to send a special message to your child in their final Welch yearbook. Pictures can be included too. The ads are just \$25 and are **only available until January 31st**. After that date, ads **WILL NOT** be accepted!

For more information, contact Julie Daniell at 678-414-3705 or jhdaniell@msn.com.

Yearbook Prices Go Up January 31st!

The Early Bird price for the 2009-2010 Welch yearbook is just \$20, but don't wait any longer to order your copy! **The price goes up to \$25 on January 31st!** Be sure to get your order in as soon as possible to take advantage of this discount.

The yearbook will be a full color, hardback book with 84 pages. A contest to determine the cover was held in November and 5th grader Kaitlyn Carroll's drawing will adorn the cover of the yearbook. Additional winners from each grade level will

Mom Prom—Jan 22



Our first ever Mom Prom will be held on Friday, January 22nd in the evening. This special event will be for moms and their sons to have a sweet evening together. Aunts, Grandmas and other mother figures are welcome too! There will be music, snacks, and games as well as a photographer to take pictures. Volunteers are needed to help organize this event as well as our first-ever Father/Daughter Dance which will be in February. If you can help, please contact Roxana Torres at 770.683.3471 as soon as possible.

Spirit Wear On Sale!

Just a reminder that Welch Spirit Wear is always available! We have great new shirts for just \$12 in Bright Pink and Carolina Blue. We also have some long sleeve shirts and warm, cozy hoodies as well. These are great for those cold winter days! You can also get pencils and magnets too. For more info, contact Jenn Thomas at lukeandjenn@yahoo.com or print an order form from our website.

January Meeting-CRCT Prep



Our January PTA Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 19th at 6pm in the Cafeteria**. We will have an informative presentation about being prepared for CRCT testing, which will be in April. Childcare will be available for this meeting and we may have a chili cook-off as well! Look for flyers to come home the week before the meeting with more information.



This month, the PTA would like to thank the following people and businesses for their help with these recent school activities and projects:

Faculty Meeting—Thank you to the parents who supplied sweet treats for the December teacher faculty meeting: Julie Daniell, Julie Nash, Jenn Thomas, Christina Carlton, Regina Allen, Nikki Peychaud, Heidi LaHaie, Shannon Curtain, Hope Huey, Montie Verett, Marnie Hirsh, Lori Jantosciak

Holiday Shop—Thank you to all of the parents who helped with the Holiday Shop! We couldn't have done it without you!

Read-A-Thon—Thank you to Georgian Cinemas for providing the popcorn for the classroom popcorn parties!

If you would like to help with PTA events and activities, contact PTA Volunteer Coordinator Roxana Torres at roxanag@numail.org or 770-683-3471.

Attention New Families!

Get up-to-date information about Welch PTA events & activities by visiting our website at www.welchpta.com.



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Welch PTA Wants 100% Faculty Membership!

Welch PTA is still accepting members! All Welch faculty, parents, grandparents and community leaders are invited and encouraged to join. Having 100% faculty membership is important to us, so if you are a Welch staff member and you haven't yet signed up, please join our team and give us your input!

the school. PTA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change. While **volunteering is not a requirement** of PTA membership, it is encouraged and does have an added benefit—the feel-good factor! When you help at Welch, you will be making a difference in the lives of about 900 kids!

There are lots of good reasons to join PTA. Of course, when you join you help your child and the whole school. And there's no better way to know what's going on at Welch. PTA is a forum for parents to obtain knowledge and voice their opinions on what is happening in

As of December 14th, we have 245 members. Memberships are \$5, \$25 or \$50 and include extra benefits like free discount cards! Download a membership form from the web at www.welchpta.com or contact Jason Kent at country75@gmail.com or 770.865.3986.

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