



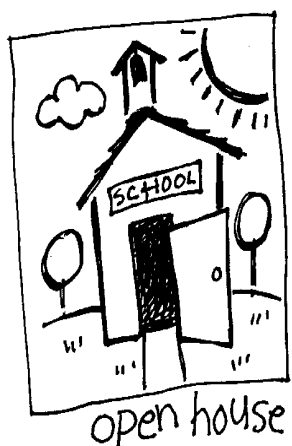
# The Wilchester Herald

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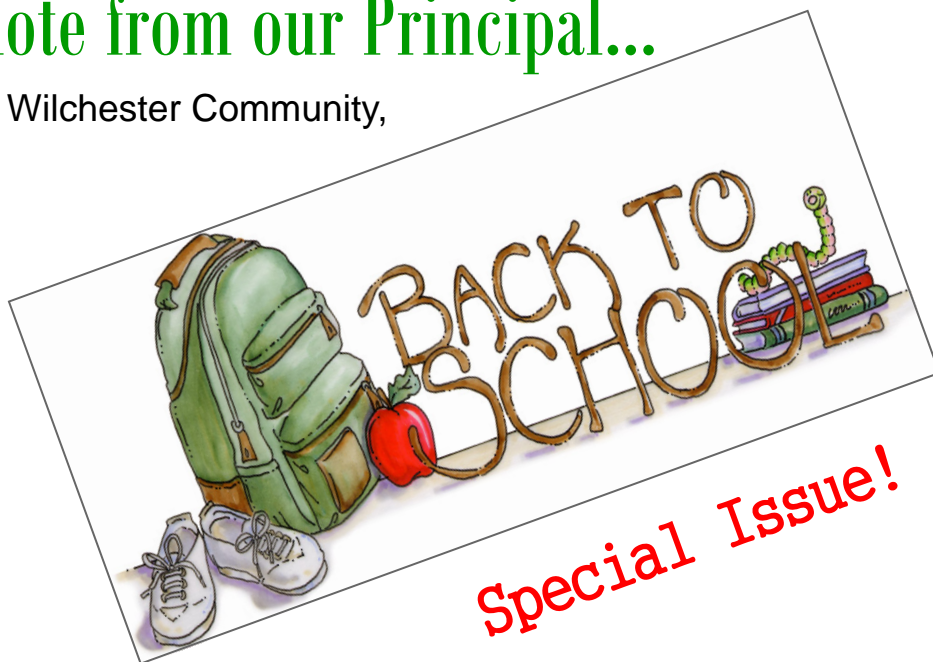
## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- **September 5**  
School Holiday
- **September 6**  
PTA meeting @9:30 a.m.  
Flex Room
- **September 7**  
Homeroom Mom Coffee  
@9 a.m. Library
- **September 21**  
Picture Day!  
Back to School Open  
House 7-8 p.m.



## A note from our Principal...

Dear Wilchester Community,



Welcome back to school! We are thrilled to finally be in our brand new facility. It is absolutely gorgeous and we are so thankful to have this space designated for student learning. It is amazing to see the excitement of the children as they enter the school in the morning. Each year, we look forward to school starting in the fall, but this year it has been especially memorable as we welcomed our students into the new Wilchester.

As you may have noticed, construction is still going on around us. Currently they are working on expanding our driveway to its final size. As well, they will be installing a sidewalk alongside the east end of the new parking lot addition. This sidewalk will function as a corridor for walkers and bikers to get on and off the property safely instead of using Yorkchester. The entrance point for the path will be midway down St. Mary's near the old school

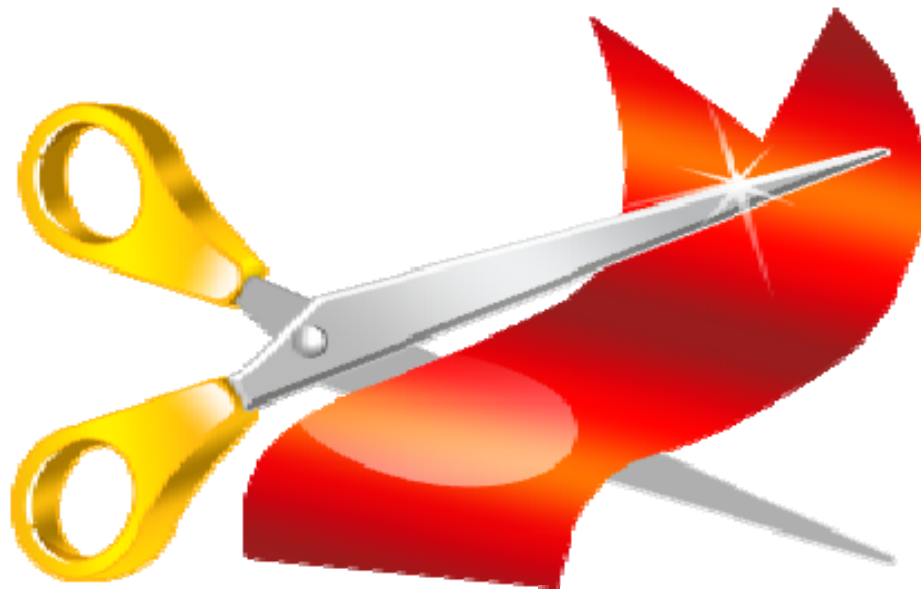
flagpole. I will be sending updates to you about this new sidewalk option within the next few weeks.

We appreciate your support and flexibility as we move into and live in this new school space. As we move forward, I will keep you updated and as informed as possible about the opening of new spaces, (like the playground), and opportunities on campus. It is my hope that our new school provides a richer and safer environment for each one of our students.

Please save the date! The Grand Opening Ceremony for WCE will be October 27th at 4 p.m. More details to follow shortly in your Tuesday folder.

Wishing you a great year,

**Rian Evans**



*Wilchester Grand Opening Ceremony*

*Thursday, October 27, 2011*

*4:00 p.m.*

# Wilchester PTA President



Welcome Back Wildcats!

It was truly fun to watch families enter the new school at Meet the Teacher. Parents and students alike were beaming with Wildcat pride! I heard a lot of "Wow...AWESOME!" comments from the kids and I couldn't say it any better! Our school truly has a "WOW" feeling from the second you step through the door.

As I mentioned at the Back to School coffee, a house isn't a home until you start making memories in it and the same holds true for a new school, so I can't wait to embark on all the memory making this year has in store for us! Be sure and look for your e-blast each Tuesday with a link to our online Tuesday folder. We're working on a slightly new look for the e-blast, so stay tuned! We'll list important upcoming dates, so you're sure not to miss a beat this year!

This will be a year of many firsts in our new school, which means we will have a bit of a learning curve, so to speak, on how we do things and where we do things. Thank you in advance for your patience and your flexibility as we adjust.

We had an enormous crowd at our New Family Welcome! Thank you to **Lissa Purcell** and **Amy Badger** for helping our new families get acclimated. You are so appreciated! I'd be remiss if I didn't also give a shout out to all the kids who volunteered to be buddies with a new student. They all did a great job and I saw lots of instant friendships forming! **Laura Benes** and **Dawn Weaver** provided scrumptious refreshments for both the New Family Welcome and our Back to School Coffee – thank you, ladies!

There's a lot that happens behind the scenes in our PTA over the summer as we prepare for a new year. **Tamma Howell** worked hard to finalize our **PTA budget** for 2011-12 which was approved at a special PTA meeting held in early August. Thank you to those of you who attended the meeting, so we could approve the budget and teachers could begin ordering supplies. **Chris Vierra** worked diligently to close our books for the year and transition to our new **Treasurer, Renee Ash**. Thank you, Chris for two amazing years of service! Our **Audit Committee** of **Allison Millan, Amy Lombard and Natalie Mandery** also deserve kudos for their efforts over the summer!

**Copy Chairs: Jeannie Able and Michelle Payne** cheerfully copied items for our first Tuesday folder so our **Teacher Appreciation Chairs, Angela Dina and Jessica Broussard**, could get their crew of volunteers busy stuffing those folders. Thank you

**Spirit Sales:** Rhonda Overbergen, Deborah Weitzel and Leigh Haney have cooked up some amazing new shirts, bows and shorts to outfit your favorite wildcats! Be sure and check out the online order form to place your order, if you weren't able to purchase at Meet the Teacher.

**Website:** Amy Delgado continues to keep our website updated and current...with our continuing efforts to go green, this will be a great resource for info, forms, etc. Thanks, Amy, for always updating the site at a moment's notice.

**E-Mail:** Alaine Djuvik has taken over as our new E-mail Coordinator, so she will be working hard to update our e-mail distribution list, so we can keep everyone up to speed with our Tuesday e-mail blast.

**School Supplies:** A big thanks to our chairs, Kate Keimig and Lisa Verbeke! A lot of organizing, sorting and heavy lifting go into getting supplies in the proper place so our kids are ready to roll on the first day of school. Thank you and your team of volunteers!

**Directory:** Karen Madaras, Robin Parker & Diana Bates have been coordinating directory ads and individual input. This was a new system last year and boy was it successful! If you have not updated your directory info on-line, it only takes a few seconds.

There are so many things we throw your way at the start of the year, I thought it might help to have a PTA checklist:

**Be A Volunteer:** Go on-line at [www.springbranchisd.com](http://www.springbranchisd.com), click on "Be a Volunteer" and register yourself ASAP. You must be registered to volunteer for Field Trips, Homeroom Mom, Class Parties, Science Fair, Library, etc., so be sure you sign-up today!

**Join the PTA:** If you haven't already, please complete your membership form in the 3-Part Form. Our goal is 100% participation! A copy of the form is available on the PTA website...[www.wilchesterpta.com](http://www.wilchesterpta.com)

**Attend Grade-Level Coffees:** You will receive your invitation in the first few weeks of school and I encourage you to attend! You can learn lots about the volunteer opportunities and catch up with parents in your grade-level all at once.

**Keep up-to-date with our PTA communication:** Look for our Tuesday e-blasts (with a link to our online Tuesday folder)...also check the school and PTA websites for forms, procedures and important dates. The monthly email newsletter and occasional school call-outs will continue to keep you informed.

I hope everyone will consider volunteering in some way this year! There is a place for everyone whether it's sending refreshments for the Valentine's Party, helping with Carnival ticket sales or being a Science Fair parent, we need each and every one of you! Let the memories begin!!!

**Sharon Muschalik**

**Texas**  
**PTA**<sup>®</sup>  
*everychild.onevoice.®*

# PTA Communication Plan

STAY  
IN THE  
LOOP



## Weekly

**Folder** will come home in your child's backpack. This folder will include take-home classroom work and some hard copy info (hard copies will be limited to items that require parent response, e.g. field trip permission slips, and some info related to major PTA events, e.g. one-time requests for carnival items, after which the item will be posted on both school and PTA websites.)

**Email** will go out every Tuesday. This will contain a reminder to review the online Tuesday folder (**with link to the Tuesday folder info on the WCE website**). Online folder will contain most all communications to parents including notice of upcoming events, math stars, reading stars, after-school programs that meet district requirements and copies of all hard copy items sent home, like permission slips.

If you have something for the **online Tuesday folder**, email your item to Sharon Crump ([sharon.crump@springbranchisd.com](mailto:sharon.crump@springbranchisd.com)) and copy Sharon Muschalik ([smuschalik@comcast.net](mailto:smuschalik@comcast.net)) by Wednesday 3 pm. Sharon Crump will review items and obtain approval from Rian Evans by Thursday 3 pm and will post to school website by the following Tuesday 3 pm and forward to Amy Delgado ([amybdelgado@hotmail.com](mailto:amybdelgado@hotmail.com)) for inclusion in PTA website.

If you have something you want **hard copied for Tuesday folder**, e-mail your item to Sharon Crump ([sharon.crump@springbranchisd.com](mailto:sharon.crump@springbranchisd.com)) and copy Sharon Muschalik ([smuschalik@comcast.net](mailto:smuschalik@comcast.net)) by Wednesday 3 pm. Sharon Crump will obtain approval from Rian Evans by Thursday 3 pm and will place any approved items in the To Be Copied Folder in PTA mailbox for copy committee to copy. Sharon Muschalik will let Copy Committee know when they have items to be copied.

Copy Committee copies on Friday mornings:

Jeannie Able [jeannie.able@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeannie.able@sbcglobal.net)

Michelle Payne [michelle1payne@aol.com](mailto:michelle1payne@aol.com)

## Monthly

**PTA newsletter** produced monthly and distributed via email only with limited number of copies available in the main office for first few months of school. Newsletter is also posted to PTA website. *To submit a document for the newsletter*, email to Julie Siciliano ([jmsiciliano@comcast.net](mailto:jmsiciliano@comcast.net)) by the submission deadlines below:

Submission Deadline	Publication Date
Aug. 30	Sept. 2
Sept. 27	Sept. 30
Oct. 25	Oct. 28
Nov. 29	Dec. 2
Jan. 31	Feb. 3
Feb. 28	Mar. 2
Mar. 27	Mar. 30
May 1	May 4

## Email

Reminders will be sent through PTA email notification. Alaine Djuvik ([edjuvik@comcast.net](mailto:edjuvik@comcast.net)) will be handling this once all the new info is inputted for this current school year. *If you have something to go out via email*, please email to Alaine and Sharon Muschalik ([smuschalik@comcast.net](mailto:smuschalik@comcast.net)). Sharon will approve and try to consolidate with other emails to avoid daily Wilchester PTA emails in your inbox!

## PTA Website

Send any other PTA notices directly to Amy Delgado ([amybdelgado@hotmail.com](mailto:amybdelgado@hotmail.com)) with a cc to Sharon Muschalik ([smuschalik@comcast.net](mailto:smuschalik@comcast.net)).

# Health Reminders

## FLU VACCINES

OCTOBER 4, 2011

3:30P.M. – 5:30P.M.

WILCHESTER FRONT LOBBY



This year (2011) the vaccine contains the seasonal (A and B) and the H1N1.

**2** choices on the Seasonal and H1N1 Influenza Vaccine 2011-2012:

**Flu shot:** about 80 % effective. For people between 6 months to any age; cost: **\$20.00** (cash or check payable to Texas Vaccine Institute)

**Flu Mist or inhaled Nasal Spray:** Almost **100%** effective. For people between 2 to 49 years old. No needle, just inhale. People have to be healthy, without asthma and not pregnant women. Cost: **\$30.00**.

Side effects are rare, brief and mild. The vaccines are not recommended for people allergic to egg products or people with fever.

### Other important vaccines for adults:

**Tdap** (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis: one dose and then Td every 5 to 10 years): \$30.00.

**Pneumonia Vaccine** (people 50 years & older): \$65.00. **Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B:** \$30.00 per dose. **Shingles:** \$180.00.

**Medicare (Flu and Pneumonia) as Primary Insurance is accepted.**

**I DO NOT NEED TO KNOW IF YOU WANT TO TAKE THE FLU VACCINE.** If you want to take the Tdap, Td, Pneumonia, Hepatitis A or Hepatitis B, **PLEASE** let me know. The provider wants to make sure to bring enough medication.



**Myrtle Herbst, RN**

# News from the Art Department

We are off to a fantastic start this year in Art. All grade levels are busy creating their first projects of the year. We usually take about 5-6 lessons to complete a project so expect to see your child's first product come home in a few weeks.

Our Art year is separated into 4 major divisions (quarters or nine weeks) throughout the school year.

First Quarter	Drawing Projects
Second Quarter	Painting Projects
Third Quarter	Mixed Media Projects
Fourth Quarter	Clay Projects

When projects come home you will find a written explanation of the focus of that project. This will give you an overview of what we were learning while creating the piece of art. I know you will be impressed that we are learning more in class than just drawing and coloring!

Please be aware of your child's art day and send them dressed appropriately - we sometimes get messy. Speaking of dress, I tossed out the smocks at the end of last year and I need to replenish our supply. If you have old T-shirts or button up shirts you could donate, please send them in a bag to the Art Room (00258). I appreciate your assistance.

Thank you for your support of the Arts!

Most Sincerely,

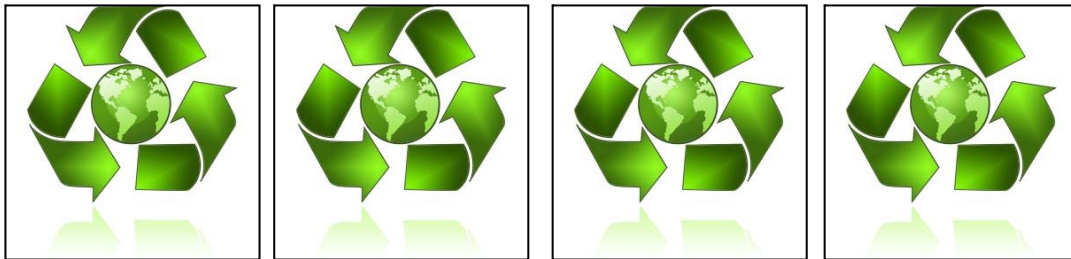
**Nancy Perkins**



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**YOUR TRASH IS CASH FOR  
WILCHESTER ELEMENTARY**

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**KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!**

***PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR  
CARDBOARD & PAPER  
IN THE GREEN & YELLOW BIN  
IN THE WESTCHESTER PARKING LOT***

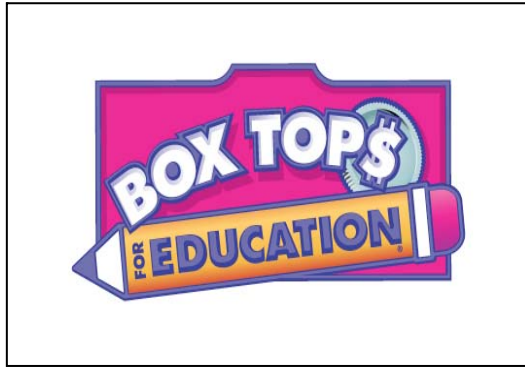
Bring all your mail, office papers, catalogs, shredded paper, phone books,  
flattened cardboard boxes, newspapers & advertising inserts to the  
Wilchester Elementary recycle bins.

Please encourage any new neighbors to recycle at our school - we would love all their  
moving boxes if they are flattened!

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE  
RECYCLING AT WILCHESTER ELEMENTARY!**

**Wilchester will have additional recycling bins on campus when construction is complete.**

**Permanent location of the bins will be announced.**

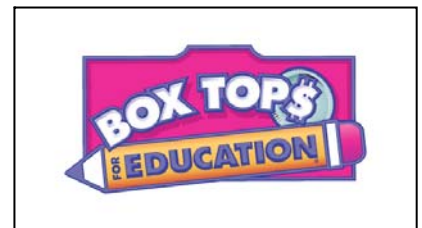
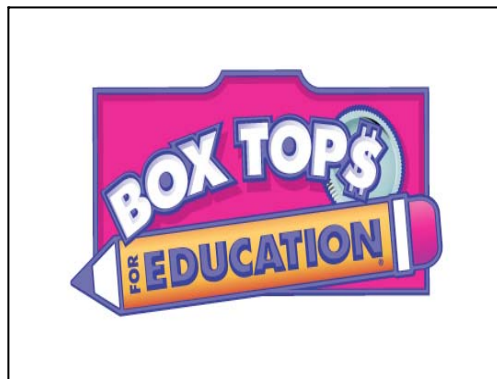
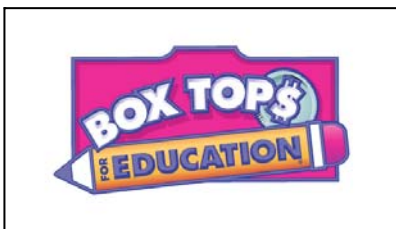


**Did you know that we raised over \$1000 for our library last year just by clipping the Box Top\$ from products you already use and love?**

If each child at our school turned in just **three Box Top\$** a month, we could raise over \$1200 for library supplies, including books, computers, and reference materials.

**If your family buys General Mills products and food, chances are there are BOX TOP\$ on the package!**

*It's easy!* **Look** for the symbol, **clip** them off before you recycle the box and **send them to school** in an envelope with your child or drop them off yourself in the library.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

“Color Your World”



Making our Mark on Wilchester!

Fall Family Fun Night!

October 21, 2011

6:00 – 8:00 PM

\*Chick – fil – A \* Creative Drawing \* Bingo \* Silent Auction

\*Look for more colorful details in the upcoming newsletter  
and Tuesday folders!

Announcing the National PTA  
Reflections Program 2011 - 2012 Theme:



**What is Reflections?**

The National PTA Reflections Program is a creative arts program designed to enhance quality arts education by providing students an opportunity to express themselves and to receive positive recognition for their artistic efforts.

Students create and submit works of art in 6 areas:

- |                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| ↳ DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY  | ↳ FILM PRODUCTION |
| ↳ MUSICAL COMPOSITION | ↳ PHOTOGRAPHY     |
| ↳ VISUAL ARTS         | ↳ LITERATURE      |

Top participants advance to the Council, State and National Level, but overall participation is the goal. Wilchester traditionally has been one of the schools with the most entries in SBISD, with several finalists making it to the State Level. Let's carry on that tradition this year!

Students may submit as many pieces as they would like. Stories, essays, poems, paintings, etchings, collages, drawings, photographs, videos/DVDs, songs and other musical compositions are among the many possibilities. All entries must creatively express the theme, "**DIVERSITY MEANS...**"

**How do I get started?**

Entry forms, rules and guidelines are now available on the Wilchester PTA website at [www.wilchesterpta.com](http://www.wilchesterpta.com) and will be included in upcoming Tuesday Folder information.

**When is the deadline?**

Reflections entries will be due on ***Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>*** and should be dropped off before school in the Library. As with last year, early drop-off locations will be available earlier in the week. More details will be available as the date approaches.

**Please encourage your children to participate in this fun opportunity to explore their creativity!**

Any questions or comments...please contact:

Jenni Emery  
Trish Padilla

[iljemery@msn.com](mailto:iljemery@msn.com)  
[trishia.padilla@earthlink.net](mailto:trishia.padilla@earthlink.net)

# SHOW YOUR WILDCAT PRIDE!

# SPIRIT WEAR

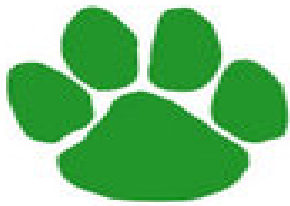
## Wildcat Spirit Sales Order Form 2011-2012

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Item Description	Price	#of items	Youth			Adult			
			Sm	Md	Lg	Sm	Md	Lg	XL
Wilchester T-shirt	\$12								
Boys Basketball short	\$14								
Girls paw print short*	\$17								n/a
Bumper Sticker	\$2								
'Wildcat Rocks' wrist band	\$3								
Water bottle	\$5								
Green Carabiner clip	\$3								
Wilchester Duffle bag	\$15								
Drawstring bag	\$7								
Sparkle pencil	\$1								
Green bow	\$13								
White bow	\$13								
OR 2 bows for	\$25								
<b>TOTAL of my order:</b>	<b>\$</b>								

Make checks payable to Wilchester PTA (return to child's teacher or to the front office)  
 Call Deborah Weitzel if you have any questions (713)647-8636  
 To see pictures of items go to [www.wilchesterpta.com](http://www.wilchesterpta.com)

Note: \*Girls paw print shorts will be delivered in Sept.



# Wildcat Updates



**“Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.”  
William James**

Volunteering is an important part of the Wilchester Community. Please take time to register to be a volunteer at Wilchester Elementary at: [http://springbranchisd.com/partners/part\\_dev/volunteers/volunteers.htm](http://springbranchisd.com/partners/part_dev/volunteers/volunteers.htm). You may select multiple Spring Branch campuses at the time that you register.

Remember that you must be registered to volunteer in the classroom, work in the library, attend field trips, etc. Some volunteer opportunities happen quickly, so make sure you register, as the process can take up to 2 weeks.



Also, don't forget to log your Volunteer Hours. Click on the following link to the PTA website to submit your hours completed outside of the school:

<http://wilchesterpta.com/volunteering/logvolunteerhours.html>

Many people worked over the summer to help prepare for the new school year; so don't forget to log these hours, as well. Thanks for your continued support of this great school!

**Tracy Ashmore** [tlashmore@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tlashmore@sbcglobal.net)

# Wilchester in the News

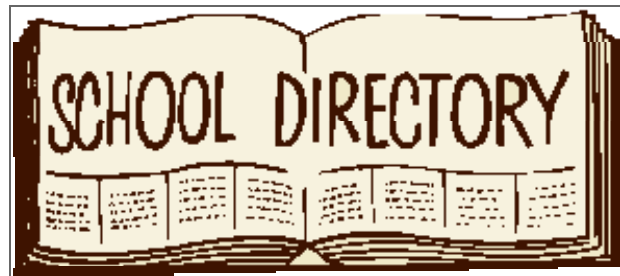


If you have information about Wilchester Elementary that you feel is newsworthy and would like to submit it to the newspapers, please email me at [lrbashley@gmail.com](mailto:lrbashley@gmail.com). Photographs with children must have the students identified by name as well as verification of parental permission for students to appear in the media.

**Laura Ashley**

PTA Public Relations

# Directory Reminder



Don't forget to order your 2011-2012

Wilchester Directory! Order forms are included in the PTA 3 Part Form. Don't miss your chance to be included in this year's directory. The enrollment period will end very soon.

**To enroll go to:**

**[www.wilchesterpta.com](http://www.wilchesterpta.com)**

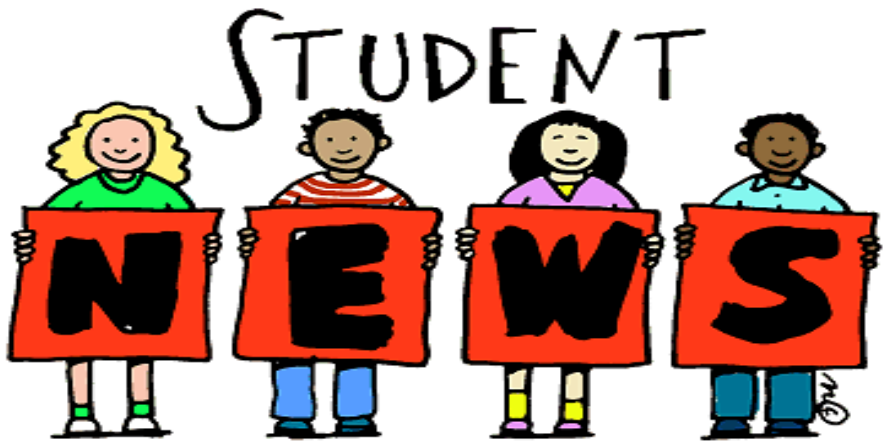
Thanks!

**Karen Madaras, Robin Parker, Diana Bates**

PTA Directory Committee



**Wanted:**  
**Future Reporters for**  
**WILDCAT**  
**TRACKS**



Wildcat Tracks, *a Wilchester student newspaper*, is a great way for your child to participate in an educational project while highlighting their creative abilities. Each reporter will be assigned to write an age-appropriate article (or artwork) for one (or all) of the Wildcat Tracks issues.

Some examples of past article assignments: classroom news, teacher interviews, surveys, sport events, poems, artwork, and jokes....start thinking of your contribution! (...your ideas are always welcome!)

If your child would like to become part of the Wildcat Tracks team, please look for the Wildcat Reporter Permission Slips arriving in Tuesday Folders soon!

Questions: [Natalie Mandery](mailto:nmandery@sbcglobal.net) 281-759-1840 or [nmandery@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nmandery@sbcglobal.net).

## Save the Date!

**DADS AND DONUTS**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2011**  
**7:30 AM**



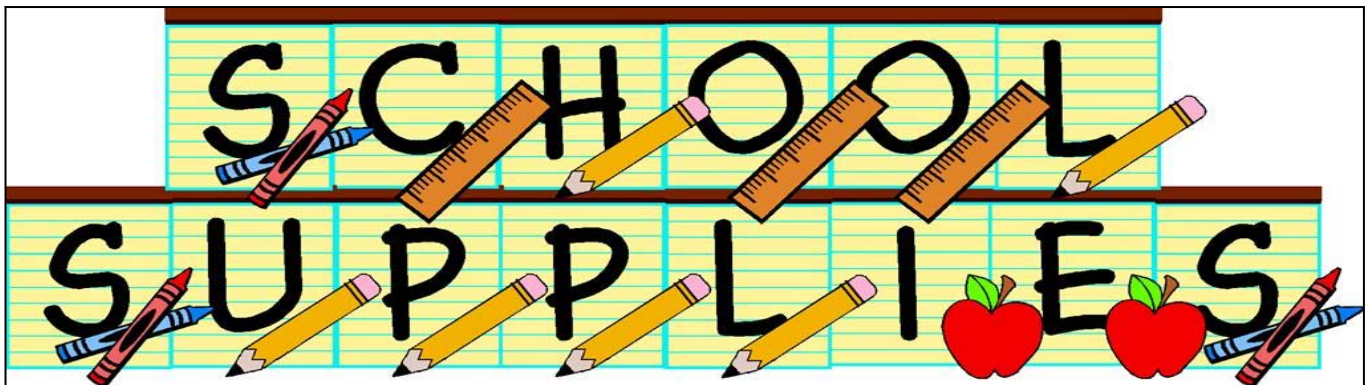
# School Supply Drive for Spring Shadows

Thank you to our PTA and Student Council for making it possible to supply Spring Shadows Elementary, our Sister School, with \$791 of school supplies this year!!!

The PTA raised \$119 through a designated booth at our carnival. Student Council raised \$350 through their Spring Car Wash and matched this with a portion of their Candy Gram sales.

A special thank you to Katherine Khoury for all her hard work coordinating these fundraisers!

Patrice Jegi



## Damaged Brick Update



We wanted to update you on the bricks by the old library. Unfortunately they were damaged during the demolition process with the heavy equipment rolling over them repeatedly. The construction company has graciously agreed to reprint them for us. The bricks will be placed at the new school in the two areas to the left of the school entry. It was an unfortunate accident but we are doing our best to rectify the situation. Leann Newton, who coordinated the brick campaign for the library, will be involved in the placement of the new bricks, especially all the teacher bricks.

If you purchased a brick in last year's campaign, they are already installed, so be sure and locate your brick just to the right of the school entrance.

Should you have any additional questions, feel free to contact **Laura Benes** at [lcbenes@gmail.com](mailto:lcbenes@gmail.com).

Thank you!

# Meet Your PTA Board

## 2011-12 Wilchester PTA Executive Board

President	Sharon Muschalik
1st VP Programs	Melinda Hickey
VP Budget	Tamma Howell
VP Ways and Means	Christine Gentil
Treasurer	Renee Ash
Secretary	Leigh Fowler
Parliamentarian	Holly Mosby
Correspondence	Tandy Wannarka
Principal	Rian Evans

A complete list of [2011-12 PTA Board Members](#) and contact information may be found on our website.



**ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES**

Live the Adventure.....Join PTA!

# Looking Ahead...

## Upcoming Wilchester Events



### October

Day	Topic	Comments
10	School Holiday	
14	7:30 Dads & Donuts	Cafeteria
17-21	Book Fair Week	Library
18	9:30 PTA Meeting	Flex Room
20	Individual Picture Retakes	
20	12:00 Early Dismissal / Teacher Conferences	
21	12:00 Early Dismissal / Teacher Conferences	
21	6:00-8:00 Fall Family Fun Night	
25	Noon November Newsletter SUBMISSION	
28	November Newsletter PUBLICATION	

### November

Day	Topic	Comments
15	9:30 PTA Meeting	Flex Room
23-25	Thanksgiving Break	
29	Noon December Newsletter SUBMISSION	

## Wilchester Elementary School

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Houston, TX 77079

713-251-7700

713-365-4912 Fax

