

Rogers-Binford PTO Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

- ◆ **November 16th - 20th**
Binford Book Fair (Library)
- ◆ **November 26th & 27th**
NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving
- ◆ **Friday, December 18th**
Last Day of School before
Winter Break
- ◆ **Dec. 21nd - Jan. 4th**
NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
- ◆ **Tuesday, January 5th**
Classes Resume; EOG
applications sent out
- ◆ **January 14th**
PTO Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Rogers Library
- ◆ **January 18th**
No SCHOOL - MLK Day
- ◆ **January 29th**
EOG applications due



READ-A-THON A HUGE SUCCESS!

The first annual "I ♥2 Read-A-Thon" managed not only to nearly TRIPLE the funds available for the 2010-2011 Educational Opportunity Grants, it created a palpable buzz for reading among Rogers/Binford Students! Following are some exciting statistics:

- 📖 **Students read** a combined **6,700 hours**, averaging **45 minutes per child per day** (among those who submitted a tracking form).
- 📖 **Thanks to all the students' hard work and the generosity of family, friends, and community sponsors (who provided bookmarks)**, the Read-a-Thon raised **\$30,151!** This is ~\$19,000 more than Sally Foster in 2008!
- 📖 **45% of students participated** in the Read-a-Thon. The committee hopes to improve student participation next year and build on its experience from this year. Many thanks to Kelly King and the Read-A-Thon team for all of their hard work!

For more information on the Read-A-Thon (including pictures from the kick-off/celebration events, kids' reviews of books, and the list of this year's 34 "Super Star" winners), check out the excellent website:

www.Love2ReadAThon.org

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANTS AWARDED

The PTO Educational Opportunity Grant Committee awarded **\$5,620** in grants for curriculum enhancements for **14** different programs. The grant applications come directly from the Rogers and Binford faculty. Award money was generated from proceeds from our Fall 2008 Fundraiser (Sally Foster). Program requests funded this semester include:

- 📖 Support for Parks and Recreation Environmental Service Presentations on Bats, Bugs, and Trees for all Kindergarteners- \$225
- 📖 Support of WonderLab Museum admission for Kindergarten field trip - \$350
- 📖 Support of WonderLab Museum admission for 1st grade field trip - \$464
- 📖 Support of the annual Pioneer Days for 2nd grade unit on early pioneer life - \$325
- 📖 Support of the "Harvest Festival" as part of the community-based social studies curriculum for 3rd grade students - \$175
- 📖 Support for the Monroe County Historical Society presentations for all 3rd grade students - \$60
- 📖 Purchase of grammar activity books to be used as a pilot for 5th grade students - \$67
- 📖 Purchase of supplemental science materials for 5th grade - \$502
- 📖 Support of Binford Spelling Bee - \$400
- 📖 Purchase of BrainPOP computer-based learning system to support all Binford students in science, math, English, social studies, weather, arts, music, and technology (1-year subscription) - \$995
- 📖 Purchase of an adaptor for the new digital projectors at Binford, making it touch screen controlled (for use as a pilot project) - \$120
- 📖 Purchase of Versatile Trays of self-checking instructional centers - \$537
- 📖 Purchase of cork-based book ends and shelf label holders for Binford Library - \$900
- 📖 Purchase of 4-wheel truck/cart for use by Binford staff - \$500

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4th—Maria Schmidt

5th—Bettina Kehoe

6th— Kari Costello

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Website Coordinator: Julie Hunt

Welcome Coffee:

Jan White & Mim Cappy

Welcome Packet: Dair Brown

~ ~ ~ ~ PTO HAPPENINGS ~ ~ ~ ~

A Party Afoot - Walk To School Day

Many thanks to Laurel Adams and others who organized the Rogers/Binford Walk to School Day events. It's not clear who had more fun - the principals or the kids! Approximately 150 parents and children enjoyed the good weather and great company on their trek to school. Let's do this again in the Spring!

New Landscaping at Rogers

Thanks to Laurel Adams for coordinating the installation of the beautiful new plantings in the front of Rogers. **Mother Nature Landscaping** provided free design and a 30% discount on plants, many of which are low-maintenance native species. **Woodland Family Nursery** kindly donated three shrubs. **Bloomington Valley Nursery** also provided help. It is with gratitude that we also give a nod to the parents and students who provided the back-labor!

Holiday Assistance Program

The Rogers & Binford Social workers, together with the PTO Student Assistance Committee, are coordinating a holiday sponsor program for MCCSC students and their siblings.

Anyone wishing to sponsor a child, or children, should complete the form recently sent home, and return it immediately. You may also make a monetary donation for the PTO to sponsor a child or children. For more information contact:

Sarah Ramusack - 339-6202
Jennifer McBride - 331-7944



~ ~ ~ ~ WAYS TO GET INVOLVED ~ ~ ~ ~

Scholastic Book Fairs Benefit Libraries

The Rogers Book Fair

One day left! (No credit cards)
Fri, Nov 13 8:45-3:30

The Binford Book Fair

Mon, Nov 16 8:45-3:45
Tues, Nov 17 8:45-3:45
Wed, Nov 18 8:45-3:45
Thurs, Nov 19 8:45-3:45
Fri, Nov 20 8:45-3:30

Volunteers are needed:

Binford: Ms. Hamilton - mhamilto@mccsc.edu

Cash, check, and credit cards accepted.

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/binford>

Kroger Cares Cards

Just a reminder - if you purchased a Kroger Cares Card, make sure you top it up! Cards lying dormant expire. Reload it to use when you're stocking up on Thanksgiving supplies and raise "easy money" for your schools! If you're interested in purchasing a Kroger Cares Card, contact:

Angie Cantrell: dal-alc94@comcast.net
Jen Price: prices4@comcast.net

Remember - proceeds from this fundraiser have already allowed us to replace the auditorium curtains at Binford (saving the school approximately \$4000)!

Flu Precautions

As this year progresses we will continue to see more cases of flu (both seasonal and H1N1) in Bloomington as well as in our school district. Please be confident that MCCSC will continue to monitor this and take the necessary steps to keep our students and faculty healthy.

You can help us in our fight against the flu by following these simple steps.

- Cover your cough.
- Wash your hands often.
- When you have flu like symptoms and fever over 100.0 stay home until you are symptom free for 24 hours without using ibuprofen or acetaminophen.
- Stay active, eat well, quit smoking, and get your seasonal flu shot.

For more information regarding and preparing for H1N1 please visit the following sites:

- www.flu.gov
- <http://www.doe.in.gov/sservices/H1N1/>

Thank you,
Daniel W. Rademacher,
Director of Health Services
Monroe County Community School Corporation