

Rogers-Binford PTO Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

- ◆ August 18th
Binford Back to School Night
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ August 25th
Rogers Back to School Night
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ August 28th
PTO Meeting @ Rogers
Library 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Mon. September 1st
NO SCHOOL—Labor Day
- ◆ September 9th
Rogers Picture Day
- ◆ September 10th
Binford Picture Day
- ◆ September 18th
Rogers-Binford Family Picnic
@ 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ September 18th
PTO Meeting @ Binford
Auditorium 6:00 p.m.

~ ~ ~ PTO President's Welcome ~ ~ ~

Welcome to the 2008-09 school year! The Rogers-Binford Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) works closely with the teachers, administrators, and staff to support school programs, assist students, and promote the involvement of parents in our school.

All parents at Rogers and Binford Elementary Schools are automatically members of the Parent Teacher Organization and are invited to attend the PTO meetings. Please check the PTO Calendar for the specific time and location of meetings. We encourage you to become involved with the PTO during the school year and the best way to do that is by attending the monthly meetings. It's a great way to meet other parents, make a difference in your child's education, and contribute to the success of our schools.

The PTO hosts a number of fun and important activities throughout the school year. A good way to stay informed about PTO happenings and events is to read the monthly PTO newsletter that is sent home with each Rogers-Binford student. Please be aware that any PTO information sent home with your student will be on goldenrod colored paper. Only PTO uses this color. You may also check the PTO bulletin boards located in the hallways at both Rogers and Binford, or visit our PTO website at <http://www.mccsc.edu/~binrogpt>.

We will see you at school!

Stephanie Oyler
President, Rogers PTO

Julie Curry
President, Binford PTO

**First PTO Meeting of the 2008-2009 School Year
Thursday, August 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the Roger's Library**

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ School News and Notes ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Welcome Mrs. Walsh

Betsy Walsh is returning to Binford as the interim principal. Mrs. Walsh was the principal at Binford for 18 years before she retired in 2002. Mrs. Walsh has also been interm principal at Rogers. Thanks for stepping in to help us out!

Building Renovations and Changes

The classrooms in the long academic hallway at Binford were renovated this summer with new windows, carpet, paint and dry erase boards.

Classrooms at Rogers were reassigned to better accommodate student learning. Look for the new changes!

Welcome to all the new
Teachers at Rogers and
Binford.



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~ ~ ~ ~ PTO Happenings ~ ~ ~ ~

2008-09 PTO Board Members & Volunteers

President, Rogers: Stephanie

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President, Binford: Julie Curry,

juliec13@comcast.net

VP Rogers: Joleen Minton

VP Binford: Lee Bowlen

Secretary: Tammie Poplewko

Treasurer: Beth Theile

Bulletin Boards: Carey Behne &

Michelle Hoffman

Carnival: Lori Brinegar

Directory: Carey Behne

Grade Representatives:

K--Julie Hunt

1st--Michelle Newquist

2nd--Tammy Berger

3rd--Penny Trilling

4th--Diane Sirota

5th--Jan White

6th--Angie Cantrell

Kroger Cares Card Coordinator:

Angie Cantrell

Newsletter: Maria Schmidt

Sally Foster Fundraiser:

Ann Moore & Michelle Sims

Special Projects: Kari Costello

Student Assistance: Jennifer

McBride & Sarah Ramusack

Teacher Appreciation Chair:

Lisa Brafford

Teacher Representatives:

Linda Mongold, Lana Cummings,

& Lisa Beams

Volunteer Coordinator:

Michelle Hoffman

Website Coordinator:

Elaine Kennedy

Welcome Coffee: Stephanie Oyler,

Julie Curry

Welcome Packet: Tammy Berger

Stay Informed!

Sign up to receive current e-mail reminders and updates about school activities by subscribing to the **Rogers-Binford PTO Maillist**.

To subscribe, visit www.mccsc.edu, from the left column, choose "Community," then "Community Mail Lists." Complete the form and stay informed. **Special Note:** For those who have changed e-mail addresses recently, please re-subscribe.

PTO Website

Remember to use the PTO website to stay up-to-date on all the PTO happenings. The website contains upcoming PTO meeting agendas, minutes from PTO meetings, the monthly newsletter, and notice of both PTO and school activities.

www.mccsc.edu/~binroqpt

2008 - 2009 PTO Board

The PTO Board members and volunteers are listed to the left. Many thanks to all who volunteer their time and talents on behalf of our parents, teachers and students.

Coordinators are still needed for the 2008-2009 Raffle and to serve on the Rogers-Binford Family Picnic Committee.

If you are interested in becoming involved in PTO please contact Stephanie Oyler; slo109@aol.com or Julie Curry; juliec13@comcast.net.

Rogers-Binford Family Picnic

Come celebrate the start of the 2008-2009 school year at the annual **Family Picnic**. Bring your blanket, and your own family picnic dinners & drinks to the playground area on Thursday, September 18th from 5:00pm-6:00pm.

The PTO will provide dessert. This is a great time to greet new families to our school community, and to see all those familiar faces you have missed seeing over the summer. Remember to stop by the PTO table to learn more about how you can become actively involved in our fantastic Parent Teacher Organization.

Family Access Service

Parents may view their student's attendance record, grades, schedule, food service account information, student fees, report cards, health/immunization records, and family demographic information by using this service from the MCCSC website.

Parents may only view students who are a part of their family. To secure your User ID and Password, go to your student's school office during regular office hours (8:30a-3:30p).

After showing proper identification, and completing a "Password Authorization Form" you will receive a packet with your User ID, Password and instructions. Once you have secured your User ID and password, go to www.mccsc.edu and click on the "Family Access" link.

~~ Simple Ways to Earn Money for Our Schools ~ ~

Kroger Cares Gift Card Program

Help raise money for our schools by purchasing a \$5.00 Kroger Gift Card available from the PTO. We have raised over \$1500, simply by shopping!



Marsh Cares Program

Register your Marsh Fresh Idea card number at www.marsh.net or the Service Desk and earn free educational materials for our schools.

Box Tops for Education

Look for the 10¢ Box Tops coupon on hundreds of General Mills products. Place *Box Tops* in the specially marked containers located in the front hallways. Our schools earn 10¢ for each Box Top.



Recycling

The school gets money for the recycling we bring to the green bins in the parking lot at Rogers and Binford. Bring your newspaper, magazines and paper (no cardboard).

There are battery recycling bins at each school. Help save the environment.