

Rogers-Binford PTO Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

- ◆ March 2nd - 11th
Spring ISTEP Testing
- ◆ March 5th
PTO Meeting - Rogers Library
6:00 p.m.
- ◆ March 16th - 20th
NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
- ◆ Early April—PTO Meeting
See website for date
- ◆ April 8th
Early Dismissal - 12:40 p.m.
- ◆ April 17th
SCHOOL CARNIVAL
- ◆ April 30th
PTO Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ May 5th
NO SCHOOL - Election Day
- ◆ May 7th
2nd - 3rd Grade Transition
Meeting 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Friday, May 29th
Last Day of School

Spring Funding for Educational Opportunity Grants

The PTO Educational Opportunity Grant Committee awarded \$6,500 in grants for curriculum enhancements for nine different programs.

Requests come directly from Rogers and Binford teachers and staff, and go directly to support our students. Award money comes from the proceeds of PTO fundraising programs.

Program requests funded during the spring 2008 semester include:

- 📖 Purchase *Keep Books for All* Kindergarten students at Rogers, promoting reading activities and supporting writing lessons, and promoting reading at home year-round - \$792
- 📖 Support the annual Creek/Love multiage class Spring Growing Project, where each Creek/Love student works on growing a flat of garden plants, and where they work with Mrs. Trosky's students to hatch hen and duck eggs - \$338
- 📖 Support purchasing a globe and a pull-down (dual) United States/World map for each Rogers classroom. Current maps are out-of-date - \$2,816
- 📖 Support Third Grade annual *Fitness Fun Day* in March, providing activities to learn about the body, keeping the body healthy, and exploring a variety of fitness activities and healthy lifestyle behaviors - \$325
- 📖 Continued support of materials and supplies for the *Third Grade Writing Center* to benefit all third grade students across the curriculum - \$270
- 📖 Purchase *Hands-On Equations Learning Program*, a system of teaching algebraic concepts, for Mrs. Weatherbee's fourth grade class. Other fourth grade teachers will have access to the learning system to try in their classes - \$429
- 📖 Purchase materials for fifth and sixth grade Art students to create three-dimensional conceptual art and bowls with clay; fund supplies for fourth graders to create dream catchers in Art class, building on Native American curriculum - \$350
- 📖 Purchase visual motor items used in therapy in Binford's Sensory Room, for all students in need of sensory, tactile, visual and auditory stimulation - \$175
- 📖 Purchase "Celebrate the States" series by Marshall Cavendish (the forty books published to date) for the Binford Library. These books are needed for fifth grade students to have adequate resources needed to complete their United States unit in Social Studies - \$1,000

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1st--Michele Newquist

2nd--Tammy Berger

3rd--Penny Trilling

4th--Diane Sirota

5th--Jan White

6th--Angie Cantrell

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Michelle Hoffman

Website Coordinator:

Elaine Kennedy

Welcome Coffee: Stephanie Oyler,

Julie Curry

Welcome Packet: Tammy Berger

We're on the Web!
www.mccsc.edu/~binrogpt

~ ~ Carnival ~ ~

Friday, April 17th

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Carnival Volunteers Needed

How can I help with **Carnival**?

- Say "YES" to your room parent when you are contacted to help with your classroom's booth
- Bake a cake for the cake walk
- Send a bake sale item for purchase
- Help with set up
- Assist with ticket sales

For volunteer opportunities, contact your room parent or Lori Brinegar l.brinegar@att.net.

Room Parent Breakfast

All room parents coordinating Carnival volunteers are invited to an appreciation breakfast Tuesday, March 10th at 9 a.m. in the Binford cafeteria. Refreshments will be served during a short informational meeting. Please RSVP to Lori Brinegar l.brinegar@att.net.

Raffle Contributions Needed

Contribute a prize for the raffle. Prizes can be anything and include various shapes and sizes. All donations are tax deductible. Please contact Kari Costello at kpcostello@sbcglobal.net.

Sponsor a Carnival Booth

The support of your business or family in sponsoring a booth at the Carnival will be appreciated by hundreds of Carnival attendees, and your generosity will defer the expenses of our fabulous Carnival!

A \$50 family sponsorship will include your family's name being mentioned on all carnival advertising, as well as a professional sign displayed at your booth.

A \$100 business sponsorship will include your business' name on the committee t-shirts, the opportunity to display coupons or brochures at the ticket sale table, as well as the benefits of the \$50 sponsorship.

E-mail Lori Brinegar at l.brinegar@att.net for your sponsorship application.

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PTO Parent Spirit Award

The *PTO Parent Spirit Award* is given to the Rogers or Binford classroom with the most parents in attendance at a PTO meeting. In addition to displaying the award in their classroom, each child receives a special Rogers-Binford logo cup, only available to the winning classroom(s)!

The February winning classroom was Mrs. Beams!

Spirit Wear Now Available

Get your Rogers Rockets and Binford Badgers spirit wear; sweatshirts, T-shirts, PJ pants and shorts, car decals and backpacks. See the bulletin boards outside the school offices and watch for order forms coming home with your child.

Show your school spirit with some new threads!!

Join PTO

The PTO Board is beginning to plan for the 2008-09 school year and we are seeking volunteers for various positions and committees. If you would like to become involved, or simply want more information, please contact:

Julie Curry (juliec13@comcast.net) or
Stephanie Oyler (slo109@aol.com)

Please consider volunteering today!

Next PTO Meetings

Early April, date to be announced on the web site.

Thursday, April 30th @ 6:00 p.m. location to be announced.

