

Rogers-Binford PTO Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

- ◆ **November 12th**
PTO Meeting at 9:15 a.m.
Binford Auditorium
- ◆ **November 12th**
Sally Foster Delivery
- ◆ **November 27th & 28th**
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Recess
- ◆ **Friday, December 19th**
Last Day of School before
Winter Break
- ◆ **Dec. 22nd - Jan. 2nd**
NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
- ◆ **Monday, January 5th**
NO SCHOOL - Professional
Development Day
- ◆ **Tuesday, January 6th**
Classes Resume
- ◆ **January 15th**
PTO Meeting at 2:00 p.m.
Binford Auditorium
- ◆ **January 19th**
No SCHOOL - Martin Luther
King Observation

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANTS AWARDED

The PTO Educational Opportunity Grant Committee awarded \$5,827.87 in grants for curriculum enhancements for 17 different programs. The grant applications come directly from the Rogers and Binford faculty. Award money is generated from proceeds of our Sally Foster Fundraiser.

Program requests funded this semester include:

- 📖 Purchase of 25 Two Eyes, a Nose and a Mouth books to support Rogers Human Understanding Diversity Program to benefit all Rogers students - \$150
- 📖 Purchase of two "DRA2" kits which assist in determining student's reading levels and instructional strategies for all Rogers Kindergarten classrooms - \$684
- 📖 Purchase of "Four Block Reading Program" books benefiting first grade students at Rogers - \$500
- 📖 Support for the Monroe County Historical Society presentations for all third grade students - \$60
- 📖 Purchase of the "Cross Grade Handwriting Program" to support curriculum for all Binford inclusion and general students - \$551
- 📖 Purchase of Wood Conga Drums benefiting all Binford students - \$295
- 📖 Purchase of materials to support the sixth grade curriculum "Ancient Greek Day" and the "Festival of Western Cultures" - \$519
- 📖 Purchase of language processing and comprehension materials supporting Binford's Speech Language Pathology department - \$128
- 📖 Purchase of books for the "Poetry Anthology Project" for all third grade students - \$500
- 📖 Purchase of non-fiction and graphic Social Studies novels for fifth grade students - \$307
- 📖 Re-supply of materials for the Binford Stone Carvers, promoting creativity and life skill development - \$150
- 📖 Support for Author Roland Smith's visit for all fifth and sixth grade students - \$625
- 📖 Purchase of the "Second Step" curriculum supporting Rogers' social skills mission - \$309
- 📖 Support of the "Harvest Festival," part of the community-based social studies curriculum for third grade students - \$250
- 📖 Support of the annual "Wagon Wheel Days" Second Grade Unit on Early Pioneer life - \$275
- 📖 Purchase of Lewis & Clark: A Simulation of the Corps of Discovery and Branches of Government Interact units for fifth grade students - \$286
- 📖 Support for presentations from Monroe County Parks and Recreation Environmental Education Services including: "Hats off to Bats", "Animal Adaptations", "Hoosier Home Remedies," and "Maps & Orienteering", benefiting all fourth grade students - \$240

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~ ~ ~ ~ PTO HAPPENINGS ~ ~ ~ ~

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K--Julie Hunt

1st--Michele Newquist

2nd--Tammy Berger

3rd--Penny Trilling

4th--Diane Sirota

5th--Jan White

6th--Angie Cantrell

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Ann Moore & Michelle Sims

Special Projects: Kari Costello

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Student Assistance: Jennifer

McBride & Sarah Ramusack

Teacher Appreciation Chair:

Lisa Brafford

Teacher Representatives:

Lana Cummings, Lisa Beams,

Carey Behne and Mike Love

Volunteer Coordinator:

Michelle Hoffman

Website Coordinator:

Elaine Kennedy

Welcome Coffee: Stephanie Oyler,

Julie Curry

Welcome Packet: Tammy Berger

Sally Foster Fundraiser "Wraps" Up

Many thanks to the students and families of Rogers & Binford for making the 2008 Sally Foster Sales drive a HUGE success. Profits from sales, combined with personal donations, totaled over \$11,000!

Additional on-line sales can be made by going to the seller's section at www.sallyfoster.com. After registering your e-mail, our school's account number is 241194. Remember, you can continue selling throughout the year, and, as always, 50% of all online sales go directly to our school.

Sally Foster Delivery Wednesday, November 12th

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 October winning classrooms were Ms. Glenn and Mrs. Stockwell!

Box Tops for Education

The 2008 Rogers total for Box Tops for Education was \$496. Thanks to all the Rogers' families who clip, and bring in their Box Tops. Way to go!

Many thanks to Lori Henderson for her coordination of the Rogers' Box Tops.

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Scholastic Book Fair

The Binford Book Fair will be November 17th through 21st.

The Rogers Book Fair will be November 10th through 14th.

Come shop and support the libraries!

Kiss-A-Pig

The children at Rogers and Binford supported the Boys and Girls Club by participating in the "Kiss-A-Pig" fundraiser. Congratulations to Mr. Bass and Mr. Conrad for receiving the "kissing" honors. Together the schools raised over \$800. **Way to Go!**

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 which was sent home, and return it immediately. You may also make a monetary donation for the PTO to sponsor a child or children.

Questions: contact Sarah Ramusack; 339-6202 or Jennifer McBride; 331-7944.

School Carnival

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, April 17th

Did you know? With your support, our **CARNIVAL** raises more money for our school and our children every year?

2005: \$6788

2007: \$10,010

2006: \$7743

2008: \$13,140

All **CARNIVAL** proceeds go directly to fund projects for your child's classroom!

Next PTO Meeting

Thursday, November 12th @ 9:15 a.m. in the Binford Auditorium.

New Binford Secretary

Welcome Laura Wright to the Binford front office as one of our school secretaries. Laura has done a great job for the past few years as a special education para-educator, and we are very excited to have her put her many talents and pleasant personality to work in a new capacity.

We also want to wish Virginia "happy trails" as she heads off on her adventures with her husband in their fifth wheeler.

Joe Childers, Binford Principal

Getting to Know ISTEP+

MCCSC Parent Academy is presenting a workshop "Getting to Know ISTEP+" for parents of children in grades 3-8, on Thursday, November 20th at 6:00 p.m. in the Binford Auditorium.

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