

Rogers-Binford PTO Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

- ◆ **October 8th**
Early Dismissal: 12:40 p.m.
- ◆ **October 8th**
International Walk to School Day
- ◆ **October 13th**
Sally Foster Fundraiser ends
- ◆ **October 16th**
PTO Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Rogers Library
- ◆ **October 24th**
Report Cards issued
- ◆ **October 30th**
Early Dismissal: 11:30 a.m.
Parent-Teacher Conferences
- ◆ **October 31st**
Early Dismissal: 11:30 a.m.
Parent-Teacher Conferences
- ◆ **November 4th**
NO SCHOOL—Election Day
- ◆ **November 12th**
PTO Meeting at 9:15 a.m.
Binford Auditorium

~~ SALLY FOSTER Fundraiser ~~

Sally Foster packets have been distributed and the “wrap-up” is Monday, October 13th. All orders and money should be turned in together.

Many thanks to all the student sales reps and their parents who help to make this happen! All proceeds go directly to fund Educational Opportunity Grants for the teachers and staff and benefit the students.

Remember, you can always place an order online by going to Sallyfoster.com and using our account 241194. These sales can continue throughout the year, and as always, 50% of each sale goes to our school.

Ann Moore & Michelle Sims
Sally Foster Gift Wrap Sale Chairs

~~ ISTEP+ ~~

Indiana Statewide Testing for
Educational Progress-Plus

Fall ISTEP+ is completed at Binford.
Great job students!!

Thanks to last year's RAFFLE proceeds, students were provided with snacks during testing breaks. Snacks included items such as carrots sticks and dip, apple slices and cereal bars.

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ISTEP+ measures what students know and are able to do at each grade level.

ISTEP+ is changing from the fall to the spring this year. This year only (2008-09), students in grades 3-8 will take ISTEP+ twice as part of the move to spring testing. Beginning in 2009-10, students will only take ISTEP+ in the spring (March, late-April/early May).

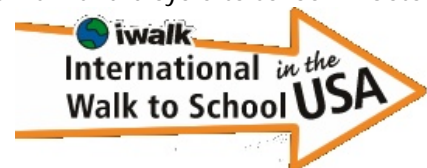
The fall 2008 ISTEP+ includes multiple choice, essay and short answer questions covering English/language arts and mathematics at grades 3-8 as well as science at grades 5 and 7.

Like the fall test, the spring ISTEP+ includes questions on English and math at grades 3-8, science at grades 4 and 6 and social studies at grades 5 and 7.

INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Wednesday, October 8th

Join kids and families around the globe to walk and bicycle to school in October!



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Teachers meet with parents and guardians every October to discuss how to help students do their best in school.

You know the most about your child and can help the teacher by sharing information you feel she/he needs to know. Working together allows your child to have a successful school year.

Questions to ask at the Conference:

- How well does my child get along with others?
- What are my child's best/least favorite subjects?
- Is my child working to his/her ability?
- Does my child participate in class?
- How can we work together more?

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Julie Curry

Welcome Packet: Tammy Berger

~ ~ ~ ~ PTO HAPPENINGS ~ ~ ~ ~

Rogers-Binford Family Picnic

The Rogers-Binford family picnic was a great success this year. The weather was perfect, the cake was delicious, and the directories were FREE. Many thanks to Amanda Shirley and Claire Tafoya for organizing this fun family event.

Complimentary Directories

Parents who were unable to attend the Family Picnic may pick up their complimentary copy of the Rogers-Binford School Directory (one per family please) in the school offices. Thanks to Carey Behne for organizing this great resource.

Fresh IDEAS for Education

PTO has re-enrolled in the O'Malia's and Marsh "Fresh Ideas for Education Program. Register your O'Malia's CouponPlus Card or Marsh Fresh IDEA Card number at www.marsh.net or the Service Desk and earn free educational materials for our schools. The school codes are: Rogers #29119 and Binford #29113.

Thank you

Many thanks to Elaine Kennedy, Maria Schmidt, Tammy Berger, Julie Hunt, Sunny Jun, Min Chong Lee, and Woo Hee Jung for all your help with the directories.

Great Teamwork!

Carey Behne
Directory Chair

E-Labels for Education

For a limited time, *Campbell's Labels for Education™* has partnered with Kroger stores to launch an electronic version of saving Box Tops. For each Box Top, the school receives one point.

Sign up at www.elabelsforeducation.com, enter your KrogerPlus shopping card number and through January 2009, each BoxTop item scanned will automatically be credited to the Rogers or Binford account.

Even grandparents in other cities and states can participate.

As stated in the **OFFICIAL RULES**, "Once purchased, UPC's and caps for which you receive points in your e-Labels for Education account may also be deposited via mail..." so you can continue to clip your BoxTops, place them in the bins at each school, and earn 10¢ for Rogers-Binford.

PTO Parent Spirit Award

The new *PTO Parent Spirit Award* is given to the Rogers or Binford classroom with the most parents in attendance at a monthly PTO meeting. The class will display the *Award* in their classroom for a month.

The September winning classroom was Mrs. Cummings!

Next PTO Meeting

Thursday, October 16th @ 6:30-7:30 in the Rogers Library

~ ~ ~ ~ SCHOOL NEWS ~ ~ ~ ~

New Social Worker at Rogers

Greetings! My name is Jennifer Jaffe, and I am the new school social worker at Rogers Elementary.

I have previously worked at four other elementary schools: Binford, Lakeview, Arlington and Childs. I am looking forward to getting to know the children and families of the Rogers-Binford community.

Please feel free to contact me if there is anything that I can do to be of assistance. Also, if you are in the building and want to pop in to introduce yourselves, please do not hesitate to do so. I am at Rogers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Thanks, and have a great year!

Teacher Gift Cards

Thanks to the success of last year's **CARNIVAL**, PTO was able to distribute \$5500 in gift cards to 52 teachers and staff at Rogers and Binford. This additional \$100 from Learning Treasures, Barnes and Noble, or Target, allows the teachers to continue to meet the needs of our students, without completely depleting their personal budget.

