

# Rogers-Binford PTO Newsletter

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### Upcoming Dates to Remember

- ◆ **October 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Read-A-Thon Kick-off!
- ◆ **October 7<sup>th</sup>**  
International Walk to School Day
- ◆ **October 8<sup>th</sup>**  
EOG Meeting at 5:00 p.m.  
Rogers Library  
PTO Meeting at 6:00 p.m.  
Rogers Library
- ◆ **October 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>**  
Bradford Woods (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- ◆ **October 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Read-A-Thon Ends
- ◆ **October 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Read-A-Thon Money due
- ◆ **October 29<sup>th</sup>**  
NO SCHOOL (for students)  
Parent-Teacher Conferences
- ◆ **October 30<sup>th</sup>**  
NO SCHOOL—Fall Vacation
- ◆ **November 12<sup>th</sup>**  
PTO Meeting 9:15 a.m.  
Binford Library



## ~~ READ-A-THON KICKS OFF! ~~

The ♥ 2 Read-A-Thon excitement kicks off on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> with the Character Couture Fashion Shows, which showcases the latest from popular, style-setting book characters!

**Rules:** Students will track and record their reading minutes on their reading tracking sheet. **ALL READING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL DAY COUNTS** whether students are reading to themselves, reading to someone else, or having someone read to them. Reading time ends on October 25<sup>th</sup>, and students must submit their tracking form on **Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**.

**Pledges:** Students will contact sponsors to pledge a certain amount of money for each minute read or for a set amount. For safety reasons students are to contact only friends, family members and people they know.

**Weekly Prizes:** For every 60 minutes read, students will receive a ticket to be entered into a weekly drawing for fun prizes. Teachers will also reward students showing extraordinary reading effort with extra tickets. **Students need to bring their tracking sheets (initialed by a parent) to school each Friday to be eligible to win a prize.** Superstar Prizes for the top two readers in each grade and the top ten money raisers will also be awarded.

**For \$199 businesses and organizations can purchase 500 bookmarks,** which will be distributed to our students to use for their reading, to collect, and to trade with their friends.

**All proceeds from the Read-A-Thon -- 100% -- go directly to our schools** benefiting our student's learning in the classroom and in the library!

## ~ ~Cutting Edge Additions ~ ~

If you haven't been in Binford lately, be prepared for some exciting changes. Additions include a new computer lab and -- coming soon - ceiling projectors and smart boards for every classroom. Rogers has all new windows in the music room, and will soon be getting new landscaping. Mr. Conrad is optimistic that projectors and smart boards are on the horizon following the completion of the windows in the next wing of the building.



*Many thanks to all  
the parents who  
have helped make  
our new traffic  
system such a  
success!*

### International Walk to School Day!

**Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

Join children and adults from around the world to celebrate the benefits of walking. Here at Rogers/Binford, we will kick off an entire month of fun activities focused on encouraging walking, biking, reducing the amount of traffic congestion near the schools and promoting safety for our children.

Join Mr. Childers and Mr. Conrad for **Parade with the Principals!** Meet up for an 8:30 walk to school on Oct 7<sup>th</sup>!

**Look for more information to come!**

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## 2009-10 PTO Board Members & Volunteers

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Secretary: Tammie Poplewko

Treasurer: Beth Theile

### Bulletin Boards:

Carey Behne & Joleen Minton

Carnival: Tammy Berger

Raffle: Carl & Angie Lamb

### Directory:

Carey Behne & Maria Schmidt

Grade Rep Liaison: Laurel Adams

### Grade Representatives:

K—Maurie Baker

1<sup>st</sup>—Nisha Burton & Kelly Scott

2<sup>nd</sup>—Angie Dixon

3<sup>rd</sup>—Tressa Rauh

4<sup>th</sup>—Maria Schmidt

5<sup>th</sup>—Bettina Kehoe

6<sup>th</sup>— Kari Costello

### Kroger Cares Card Coordinator:

Angie Cantrell & Jen Price

Newsletter: Dair Brown

Read-a-Thon Fundraiser: Kelly King

Special Projects: Kari Costello

Alternate Fundraising: Donna Nagy

### Student Assistance:

Jennifer McBride &

Sarah Ramusack

### Teacher Appreciation Chair: OPEN

– WE NEED YOU!

### Teacher Representatives:

Lana Cummings, Lisa Beams,

Carey Behne, & Mike Love

Volunteer Coordinator: Gina Forest

### Website Coordinator:

Shelley Donahue

### Welcome Coffee:

Jan White & Mim Cappy

Welcome Packet: Dair Brown

## ~ ~ ~ ~ PTO HAPPENINGS ~ ~ ~ ~

### Teacher Gift Cards

Thanks to the success of last year's **CARNIVAL**, PTO was able to distribute \$5600 in gift cards to the 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.

### Educational Opportunity Grants

Every year the PTO awards Educational Opportunity Grants (EOGs) to both Rogers and Binford teachers. Using proceeds from PTO fundraisers, these grants help fund projects designed to enhance curriculum. On **Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** representatives from the PTO Board will meet to vote on this year's recipients.

### Bradford Woods Field Trip

The PTO will help fund the Bradford Woods 5<sup>th</sup> grade trip this year.

### 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 monthly PTO meeting. **Congratulations to Mrs. Furman's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class, our September winners!** Every child in Mrs. Furman's class received a Spirit Award cup.

### Complimentary Directories

Many thanks to **Maria Schmidt (and her Merry Men)** for risking Carpal Tunnel Syndrome to put the directories together. Many thanks also to **Carey Behne** for organizing and distributing them!

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

### Stay Informed

- **Join the Rogers-Binford listserve.** Subscribe to "News & Notes" on the MCCSC listserv. <http://maillist.mccsc.edu/mailman/listinfo/binfordrogerspto>
- Visit the Rogers-Binford PTO web site: [www.mccsc.edu/~binrogpt/](http://www.mccsc.edu/~binrogpt/)
- Visit the Rogers web site: [www.rogers.mccsc.edu/](http://www.rogers.mccsc.edu/)
- Visit the Binford web site: [www.binford.mccsc.edu/](http://www.binford.mccsc.edu/)
- Visit the Monroe County Community School Corporation Site: [www.mccsc.edu](http://www.mccsc.edu)

### Teacher Appreciation Volunteer

You know those amazing professionals that dedicate their days to educating our children? The PTO has two events every year to let them know how much we appreciate them. Right now **we need a volunteer (or a team of two or three) to coordinate the Spring and Fall events.** There's no better way to get involved! This is an especially great job for those with lots of imagination and creativity! Contact Mim Cappy, ([the\\_cappys@hotmail.com](mailto:the_cappys@hotmail.com) or 837-9977) for more information.

### Library Volunteer Needed

Tuesday or Wednesday mornings. Email Jean Heidt ([jheidt@mccsc.edu](mailto:jheidt@mccsc.edu)) for more information.

### 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. **Some questions you might 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?
- Is my child respectful of his/her teacher and classroom procedures?
- Does my child participate in class?
- Are there any fun activities we can do at home to build on my child's strengths and/or build confidence in his or her least favorite subjects?
- How can we work together more?