

Rogers-Binford PTO Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

- ◆ **September 18th**
Rogers-Binford Family Picnic
at 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ **September 18th**
PTO Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Binford Auditorium
- ◆ **Sept. 15th - Sept. 26th**
State ISTEP testing window
- ◆ **September 29th**
Sally Foster Fundraiser
begins
- ◆ **October 8th**
Early Dismissal: 12:40 p.m.
- ◆ **October 8th**
International Walk to School
Day

~ ~ ~ Notes from the Principal's ~ ~ ~

Welcome New Parents, and Welcome Back to those Returning to Rogers

We are off to a great start and it certainly is wonderful to be surrounded by so much excitement and energy. With students and teachers settling into their classrooms and routines, I want to thank you for sending us your best and brightest. Take this moment as parents, to take a deep breath and consider the joys and accomplishments you and your children have made getting to this stage in life. Thanks for all your support and we look forward to a great year of collaboration.

Mark Conrad, Rogers Principal

GO ROGERS ROCKETS!



Hello Binford Parents

I am so excited to have this opportunity to greet you near the beginning of a new school year. With the help of Mrs. Walsh, an incredible faculty and staff, and of course the best students in Bloomington, we're sailing full speed ahead toward outstanding accomplishments. We appreciate the wonderful young people you have sent to us, and we look forward to working with you as we help prepare them to become life-long learners!

Joe Childers, Binford Principal

GO BINFORD BADGERS!



Thank you Betsy Walsh

Thank you to Betsy Walsh for working with the teachers, staff, parents and children at Binford to get us off to a great start.
All the best to you!

~ ~ ~ SALLY FOSTER - Fundraiser ~ ~ ~ Kick Off: September 29

The Rogers-Binford PTO will sponsor the popular Sally Foster Fundraiser beginning September 29th.

Last year the PTO raised \$13,500 selling Sally Foster gift wrap, bath & body products, chocolates, gifts and magazines.

This money is used to fund Educational Opportunity Grants that directly benefit our students, such as special field trips, and the purchase of classroom materials needed by our teachers.

Sally Foster products are priced under \$20 and everything in the catalog is as good as it looks. The giftwrap is thick with vibrant colors and exclusive designs, and the bath & body products are comparable to

your favorites found in specialty stores.

On September 29th be on the look out for your Sally Foster packet. Our school keeps 50% of every item sold, and every dollar raised will be used to support vital programs that benefit our students and tremendous staff!

For those of you unable to sell Sally Foster products, it is also possible to make a donation directly to the PTO.

Let's support our school

Ann Moore & Michelle Sims
Sally Foster Gift Wrap Sale Chairs



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~ ~ ~ ~ PTO Happenings ~ ~ ~ ~

2008-09 PTO Board Members & Volunteers

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Carnival: Lori Brinegar

Directory: Carey Behne

Grade Rep Liaison: Amanda Shirley

Grade Representatives:

K--Julie Hunt

1st--Michele 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:

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

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.

In case of rain, or if rain is imminent, the picnic will take place in the Binford Gym.

Following the picnic,
please join us in the Binford
Auditorium for the PTO meeting
beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Complimentary School Directories

Families will be able to pick up their complimentary copy of the Rogers-Binford Student Directory at the PTO Family Picnic.

Volunteers Make a Difference

What's it worth to go to PTO meetings, help in your child's classroom, assist the librarian or volunteer to help with the spring carnival?

A great deal! According to JUMPIN! magazine, published by School Family Media, Inc and distributed through the PTO, economists recently put a value on the benefits schools get from parent volunteers: \$1,000 per student, per year.

For helpful tips on making the school/home connection work for your family, visit www.schoolfamily.com for ideas.

Carnival Volunteers

Did you know the Rogers-Binford PTO Carnival raised a record \$13,000 last spring?

The money raised by the Carnival and the annual Raffle go to fund special events and programs for the Rogers-Binford students.

The PTO is very proud of its team and they would like **YOU** to be a part of our success!

After several years of hard work, many of our dedicated Carnival committee members will be "graduating" this year. Therefore, we are looking for parents who would like to be part of our team! There are many volunteers, so the per person workload is minimal and we have lots of fun!

Information will be available at the PTO Back to School Picnic on September 18th.

Please look for our table and consider being part of a very successful fundraiser.

PTO Parent Spirit Award

The brand new *PTO Parent Spirit Award* will be given to the Rogers or Binford classroom with the most parents in attendance at a monthly PTO meeting.

The class will display the *PTO Parent Spirit Award* in their classroom for a month.

Be sure to mark all of the PTO meetings on your calendar, so your child's classroom will have the honor of having the most spirited parents!

The August winning classrooms were: Ms. Glenn, Mrs. Cummings, and Mrs. Stockwell's!

Next PTO Meetings

Thursday, September 18th; 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Binford Auditorium

Thursday, October 16th; 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Binford Library

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

