

Willow Glen Elementary PTA

9/8/09 Meeting Highlights

70+ people gathered Tuesday night for the first PTA meeting of the 2009/2010 school year! If you missed the meeting, here's what was covered. . .

NEW PTA president, Suzanne Carrig, introduced PTA board members, greeted Al Rosell, and thanked many PTA members for their hard work and support during the summer and the past few weeks of school.

Principal Al Rosell's Message: WGE, like many other SJUSD schools, has entered **Program Improvement (P.I.) status**. Parents should receive a letter within the next few days describing students' options and how the 2002 No Child Left Behind act mandates that our school now spend 2 hours/day on a set curriculum, focusing more intensely on core academics. Mr. Rosell praised WGE teachers and students, and reported that WGE boasts one of the highest number of perfect CST Scores in the district.

The PTA has a **suggestion box** located in the school office where you can ask a question or make a suggestion. The board will do their best to address your concerns.

Wrapping paper will not be a fundraiser this year at WGE. This fall, WGE will participate in the **Artwork for Education fundraiser**, lead by Art Docent Coordinator, Cheryl Routon. Every WGE student will have the opportunity to create a work of art that will be made into greeting cards. Family and friends can then order these cards with a portion of each sale going to the PTA. Watch for information and permission slip in your child's Tiger folder.

BUDGET Linda Garbarino, PTA Treasurer, discussed the PTA budget including **expenses** and **spending authorization**.

JOIN PTA Membership—100 have joined so far, but we'd like to have 400 members this year. You can join the PTA by envelope (cash, check, credit card) or on line. Membership questions? Contact Lisa Morgan, PTA Membership Chair: lisa.morgan@me.com.

HELP Rita Heine, PTA Volunteer Coordinator, announced the **volunteer training** scheduled for 9/22 at 7:00 PM and tour on 9/23 at 8:35 AM. If you are a new WGE volunteer, please come to get training. If you're a veteran, please come to help! Docent Leads, Felecia Mulvaney (**ABC**), Cheryl Routon (**Art Docent**) and Uma Subramanian (**Science Docent**) were all on hand to describe their programs and ask for volunteers. If you're interested in volunteering for any or all of these programs, please contact Rita at Ritalouheine@aol.com. Note: an Art or Science background is not required to help with these programs—anyone can help!

Barb Sackles, our library coordinator, needs your assistance in the library! Contact her at sacklesb@comcast.net to hear about the **library re-shelving project**.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the **WGE PTA Spring Fundraiser Event**. Please contact Erika Friedman at internet@superfriedman.com if you'd like to help make our event a success! This is our largest single source of fundraising income, so please help if you can!

GIVE Heather Giddens explained that our sponsorship is needed for the **School Directory**. Submit a business card and \$25 to help cover costs and gain exposure for your business. Contact Heather at mailbox@giddens-family.com with inquiries.

Kim Kernan talked about our new **Annual Giving Campaign**. The PTA is asking families to give \$300 per student and \$100 per additional student. Watch Tiger folders for official letter. Contact Kim with questions: kkernan007@comcast.net.

Andrea Bartlinski talked about **eScrip** and **Boxtops** which bring our school about \$4,600/year. Did you know that eScrip must be renewed annually? There will be **prizes** for students bringing in the most Boxtops. Contact Andrea with questions: andreabartlinski@hotmail.com.

SPIRIT Do you have any **pictures of your student** showing WGE spirit at a PTA event? Submit your photos to Erika Friedman (internet@superfriedman.com) along with the correct spelling of all the pictured students' names. Your submission is your permission to print in our local papers!

WGE has a new **concert band** for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. We still need instruments—if your student does not have access to an instrument or if you have any questions about the program, please email internet@superfriedman.com.

The WG Founder's Day Parade is Saturday, 9/26! Parade leader, Bob Shelby hopes to top last year's WGE 400+ turn-out. Our theme this year is music and musical instruments. Watch for Bob at the Flag Salute!

Harvest Festival, WGE's Halloween party, is scheduled for Tuesday 10/27 6:30 PM. Watch for details.

Check Tiger folders next week for a complete WGE PTA 2009/2010 **calendar!**

ATTEND School Site Council (**SSC**) on 9/22 and both **SSC** and **SELAC** meetings in October. Our next PTA meeting will be held Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30 PM.