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Wyatt PTA Mission Statement

To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before government bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children.

To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children; and to encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.

Daddy/Daughter Dance

Save The Date! This years Father/Daughter dance is slowly approaching... Saturday, February 25th is the date and we hope to see you all there. Invites will be sent home with your daughters at a later date and tickets will then be able to be purchased on-line at the



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Dear (Contact First Name),

Love the turn in the weather and the upcoming holidays! Lots of activities here at school. This Friday at 9:00 will be our Veterans' Day Program by our kindergartners. Then the following week the second graders are performing for the PTA meeting on Thursday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m. Our December dates include the infamous "caroling" through the neighborhood on Tuesday, December 13th as well as a choir performance on Dec. 8th at 7:00.

You may have noticed that our tutoring looks different this year. In the past we have tutored students who need extra help after school, but we felt like we weren't getting the success we needed to. So this year tutoring is being done either before school, or during the day by many of our specials teachers as well as grade level teachers. After being in school all day, students just weren't as engaged at 3:00, so we are hoping our new plan will solve that problem.

Thank you for your participation on Parent Conference Day. We need you involved to make our school a success. The teachers really enjoy visiting with parents and knowing more about their students. Thanks for all you do for Wyatt!

Mrs. Moilanen

Book Fair is Coming Up

**TO THE
BOOK FAIR
AND BEYOND!**

Reading Is Out of This World!

Get ready for a shopping event that is out of this world!

It's that time of year again - get ready for our Scholastic Book Fair!

Wyatt PTA webpage.

New This Year: Mom/Son Social

Attention all Wyatt Boys and Moms! Save the date: January 28th at 2:00 for a SLAM DUNK afternoon with The Harlem Globetrotters at the American Airlines Center. Ticket information coming soon! For questions, please contact Ilene at bibaumel@tx.rr.com or Carla at ca_graham@tx.rr.com

Roo Review

The Roo Review is a Monthly Newsletter of the Wyatt Elementary School Parent Teacher Association

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This will be our only Book Fair this year so make the most of it!

Family Shopping Day - Sunday, November 13, 3pm-5pm
Book Fair Week - November 14-17

We will have several special events leading up to and during Book Fair! This week was our final week for our guessing game contest - slips were distributed during library lessons. Kindergarten thru fifth graders are guessing how many pages are in a wrapped stack of books. Two students from each grade will win \$5 shopping certificates for Book Fair books.

Sunday afternoon, November 13 - Come and shop on Family Day! All family members are invited to join us from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Help your children make their selections, do some early holiday shopping, or indulge in a book for yourself! We will have books for all ages! The teacher whose class has the highest percentage attendance at Family Day will win a \$20 shopping certificate for their classroom library!

Stop by the teacher wish list board across from the library entrance. Faculty members have chosen books they would like to add to their classroom libraries. Make a purchase for that special teacher and your child benefits by having more books available for reading time. Show our teachers that they are appreciated.

Lunch with Someone Grand! Each child can invite a parent, grandparent or other special someone to have lunch with them in the cafeteria and then shop together during recess. This is a great time to show off our school and emphasize the importance of reading!

Finally, we will once again be conducting the One For Books program. We will be collecting \$1s and loose change to purchase books for Sigler Elementary, our sister school. Scholastic will make a matching contribution in books to literacy-related charities. Share the gift of literacy!

Try a "Green Lunch" For Your Child



Wyatt is working hard to earn the Green Ribbon School award this year, and we are encouraging parents to help us become a more eco-friendly campus by packing zero-waste lunches for your children.

Instead of:

Paper lunch bag
Sandwiches, fruit/vegetables,
and snacks in plastic bags

Single-serving snacks

Juice boxes & pouches, milk
cartons, disposable water
bottles

Paper napkin

Disposable forks and spoons

Choose:

Reusable lunch box

Reusable plastic containers

Buying in bulk and packaging
in reusable

Containers - this works for
chips, pretzels, cheese cubes,
even yogurt!

Beverages served in a reusable
drink bottle

Cloth napkin

Reusable stainless-steel or
plastic forks and spoons

There are recycling bins in the cafeteria for 1) juice pouches, 2) cans and #1 plastic bottles, and 3) chip bags, so please encourage your child to use those containers for their recyclable items. Many items (such as empty yogurt containers and Lunchable packaging) can't be recycled through Wyatt, so please ask your child to bring these home for processing through the City of Plano curbside pickup. Please remind your child NOT to put yogurt and milk containers in the school recycling bins - those items get very stinky after sitting around for a few weeks, and the Girl Scout troops that sort the recycling would really appreciate your assistance with this!

For more information:

Zero-Waste Lunches - www.wastefreelunches.org

Green Ribbon School Award - www.greenribbonschools.org

Wyatt PTA's Environmental Committee - www.wyattpta.org/go-green

If you have any questions, please contact Environmental Committee Chair Martha Chalhoub at pmchalhoub@sbcglobal.net, or Committee Member Lisa Mendiola at VLMendiola@yahoo.com. Thanks for helping Wyatt GO FOR THE GREEN!

The average school lunch brought from home contains items such as juice boxes, plastic zip-top bags, aluminum foil, yogurt cups, paper napkins, and single-serve packages of snacks. These items make up an average of 67 pounds of waste for just one child in a school year, which adds up to almost 40,000 pounds of trash produced at Wyatt. While these products may be convenient, they end up in landfills for thousands of years, and are more expensive as well. But Wyatt can do better!

Here are some zero-waste lunch options. These small changes are more environmentally responsible, and cheaper too!

Be Involved - Join the Wyatt PTA

Join the Wyatt PTA

Do you want your children to perform better in school? The number one reason to join the PTA is to support your student and school. More than 30 years' worth of research has proven that children do better when their parents are involved both at home and at school. Get involved - come to the meetings there is something for everyone.

PTA is America's number one resource for family engagement at school. Participate in the free parent education programs. There are links and articles on the Texas PTA website on timely topics. New to Wyatt come and network with other families.

PTA is your number one way to connect with your school. There are volunteer opportunities for direct participation in the day to day operation of the school. Your membership allows you to be involved through your vote in the decision-making and problem solving of issues that effect your children. You receive communications about what's happening at school.

You receive discounted member benefits, unlock the key to exclusive member discounts at www.txpta.org. You can join online by going to www.wyattpta.org or by contacting Patricia Busch Kennedy, 2nd VP Membership at pbkcn@aol.com. Once you get your membership card access the discounts and benefits page with the user name and password found on the back of you card. You will receive discounts to Enterprise Rent A Car, Nationwide Insurance, T-Mobile, Fiesta Texas, La Quinta Inn, Sea World, Dell Computer and many more. Don't wait, Don't delay, Don't put it off another day. Your children are counting on you.

Volunteer Corner - We Love Our Volunteers!

There's a Place for You!

Sign up at www.wyattpta.org/volunteer-signup to be involved in your student's class, grade level, or school-wide events.

- Daily, weekly, and monthly commitments available. There is something for everyone!
- If you haven't signed up, commit to just ONE HOUR of time this year---that little amount of time will make a BIG difference!

- Do you want to volunteer at Wyatt but work during the day? Come be a Morning Greeter! This is a 15 min (7:30am-7:45am) commitment 1-2 times a month where you simply open car doors in the carpool lines and greet the children and parents! Perfect for Dads---your kids LOVE to see you! Check in at www.wyattpta.org/volunteer -sign up now and our Coordinator Sree Iyer will contact you.

Lianne Boone
V.P. Volunteers

After School Clubs

Kindness & Compassion Club or KC Club: The next KC Club meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2011 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. It's not too late to join, please email Laurie Thompson at laurie_thompson@verizon.net.

Wyatt Investment Club: Meeting dates are Thursday 11/10, Thursday 11/17, Tuesday 11/22 and Thursday 12/1 from 2:45pm to 4:00pm. I am currently taking enrollment for the Spring Session. Please contact Laurie Thompson at laurie_thompson@verizon.net if your 4th or 5th grader would like to participate.

Wyatt Chess Club: We have had an amazing turnout for this club and they had their first successful meeting this past October. Registration for this club is currently closed. Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday the November meeting will be held Monday, November 21st from 2:45 to 4pm.

Wyatt Book Club: The Wyatt Book Club does not meet in November. The next meeting will be held **Tuesday, December 6th** from 2:45 to 3:30.