

Description of WUES Fundraising Planned Events

Many dedicated volunteers work hard throughout the summer and fall to prepare for our fundraising events. Fall is traditionally our biggest fundraising season. Therefore, the PTO raises the majority of its budget early in order to meet its obligations throughout the year. More information on these events will be forthcoming from the committee chairs. For the latest information, go to www.westupto.org.

Carnival (Saturday, October 17)

Event Chairs: Laura Mireles: lbmireles@mac.com
Michelle Varma: lopezvarma@sbcglobal.net

Location – WUES Campus

This is a fun filled day for the entire family that includes climbing and bouncing games, teacher dunking booth, karaoke, food, sweets, prizes, and a shopping bazaar. Booth sponsorships will be available for sale beginning at the Red Apple sale and continuing through October 9. Sponsorships are a great way to raise additional money for our school.

Auction (Saturday, November 21)

Event Chairs: Kathy Kehn: kehrn@sbcglobal.net
Suzanne Rose: suzannekrose1@gmail.com

Location – Westin Galleria

Get ready for a James Bond themed Auction. This year the Auction will be “parents only” and will include live, big board and silent auction items. As always, you will find class baskets, class projects and sociables. Once all the bidding is completed the Westin Galleria will turn into a Casino with a ticketed entry High Roller Room and live music. All proceeds from the Auction will fund the “Legacy Project”, the renovation and remodeling of the school library.

Grade Level Sociables

Chair: Room Parents

Location – Locations and dates to be determined.

Room parents plan grade level parties as fun events for the children of each grade. Tickets for each grade level sociable will be available at the Auction. If there are still spots available after auction, they will be sold on a first come first serve basis. In addition to Grade Level Sociables there are other sociables, such as, Mom’s Night Out, Dads and Drafts and Teachers vs. Students Softball.

Book Fair (Week of March 8, 2009 - exact days to be announced)

Event Chair: Gretchen Mazziotti: mazziotti@msn.com

Location – Barnes & Noble on Holcombe

Items purchased during Book Fair will contribute to our total receipts. Book Fair bucks for adult and children’s purchases; teacher donations and library donations will be available. Special sales events will be announced later. All profits from Book Fair will fund improvements and additions to our library.

West U Gear

Chairs: Renelle Cadena: renellec@tmarks.com
Wendy Yu: wendy@awkward.com

Show your school spirit with t-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets and other items that are available for purchase. Fridays are West U Spirit Days and students are encouraged to wear their shirts. Spirit items are available beginning at Red Apple sale. Order forms are available in the school office and on the PTO website.

Innisbrook

Chairs: Lisa Hardee: lisarhardee@yahoo.com
Sharon Perkins: srkperk@swbell.net

In the fall, families and friends of WUES purchase Innisbrook gift wrap and gift items to benefit our school. Innisbrook products are excellent quality and the PTO receives up to 50% of school wide sales. Sales run from August 31 to September 21. Orders are scheduled to arrive at WUES on October 16.

Black and White Photos

Chair: Andy Chan: andychanwues@yahoo.com

These classic black & white 5"x7" photos with a studio matte finish will be taken on the school grounds in the spring. Capture your child's youth while they play on the playground with one of these special portraits, sure to become a cherished family memory. Each one costs \$40.00 and is available through pre-orders. Watch your Pony Express and Monday folders for further details.

Family Dinner Nights

There will be several opportunities during the school year to eat at local area restaurants with your family and the businesses will donate a percentage of sales back to our school. As these nights are scheduled, they will be announced in the Pony Express.

5th Grade Fundraisers

Chairs: Heidi Perrotta: hperr@earthlink.net
Cheryl Bulter: dennisb001@aol.com

Be sure to support our 5th grade class and participate in the following programs that raise funds for special 5th grade activities.

Entertainment Book Sales - Buy an entertainment coupon book and start taking advantage of savings on great items, including groceries, movies, restaurants and other entertainment. Sale dates to be announced.

Snow Cone Friday - Don't forget to stop by the courtyard on Friday afternoon immediately following school to buy some of those yummy snow cones and candy.

Company Matching Programs

Many companies match donations made to tax exempt organizations. Your company might match your donation to our PTO, don't let this opportunity slip by to raise even more money! Also, check out the PTO website for a link to some of the companies that match. Check with your human resources department to see if they offer a matching program.

Rebate and Reward Programs

There are several programs that provide cash back to our school and PTO. You most likely buy these products and shop at these stores and by updating your information; you can support cash donations given back to our school. Please review the following list and participate where you can. Also, be sure to ask friends and family to add WUES to their information at the stores listed below.

Box Tops for Education – www.boxtops4education.com

Chairs: Karen Coveler: kcoveler@yahoo.com
Karen Robinson: karrob29@yahoo.com

Found on General Mills, Ziploc & Kleenex products. Please trim labels to reduce postage when redeeming (amount and expiration date must be visible on all labels). \$0.10 is given back to our school from each box top. If all 1,000 students have a goal of bringing in 20 box tops in the fall and 20 box tops in the spring, then we can raise \$4,000 for our school. The collection box is in the lobby by the front office.

Randall's Good Neighbor Program – Use your Remarkable card and 1% of your purchase goes to WUES. Stop by the Randall's Courtesy Desk to update your information. Our PTO charity number is 1183.

Central Market's Fundraising Foodie Program – Use the Central Market scan card and 5% of the purchase goes to the school. Cards are available in the school office.

Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program – Use your Kroger card and a percentage of your purchase goes to WUES. Our PTO charity number will be announced as soon as it has been approved and set up by Kroger. Once you have this information, please stop by the Kroger Courtesy Desk to update your information.

Target - Use your Target Red card and 1% of your Target purchases go to WUES. Use your Target Visa anywhere you shop and a percentage of purchases go to WUES. Stop by the Target customer service desk to update your information. Our school number is 98800.

Office Depot – Just mention the WUES name and 5% of the purchase will go to the school.

If you would like to volunteer or want more information about any of these areas, please contact the chair(s) of those areas of interest you might have.

If you any questions, please feel free to contact Andy Chan: andychanwues@yahoo.com or Kathy Kehn: kehn@sbcglobal.net