# ROADRUNNER

The Official Newsletter of the Governor Wolf PTA

#### **Dates to Remember**

- Jan 3 Back to School after
- Winter Break!
- Jan 4 PTA Meeting 7 pm
- Jan 8 GW Night at the LV Phantoms 5:05 pm Game
- Jan 16 School Closed
- Jan 27 Report Card Distribution
- Jan 27 5th Grade Winter Formal 7-9 pm

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## **Message from the President**

Dear GW Parents, Guardians and Staff,

Happy New Year and Happy January! I hope everyone enjoyed the long winter break! A new year means new beginnings and a fresh start. It's exciting to think about what 2017 has in store for us!

It's my hope that you find this monthly newsletter informative and a great resource tool for what is happening at Governor Wolf.

Here are a few things to look forward to in the coming months: GW Night at the Lehigh Valley Phantoms, Book Swap, Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser, Mommy Market Indoor Yard Sale, Ca\$h Bingo, Science Fair and the Art & Soul Talent Show (just to name a few)!

Please join us on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for our next General Membership Meeting. It is a great forum to find out what is happening at GW!

Please feel free to contact me at dfrantz@rcn.com with any questions or concerns.

Thanks so much! Donna Frantz, GW PTA President



January 2017



PTA General Membership Meeting

#### Wednesday, January 4, 2017

7pm: Library

All are welcome! Babysitting is available in the gym during the meeting. Light refreshments will be served.

Come find out what's happening at GW!

Any questions, please contact Donna Frantz, PTA President at dfrantz@rcn.com.



Governor Wolf PTA, Inc. is on Facebook! Stay connected to current events, reminders and PTA news by liking the page.

Thanks! 😳

## **Attitude of Gratitude**

My heart is full this holiday season. It is my privilege to facilitate the Governor Wolf Angel Tree Project each year. In my role I witness the joy and gratitude of the GW Angel Tree families. I promise each family to convey their gratitude to you. Our families and school staff make all of this possible and for that I am ever grateful. - Mrs. Vrabel

## **School Store**

The school store will be open on the following dates in January:

January 6 (11:15-1:15) & January 20 (11:15-1:15)

Gift certificates for the school store are available in denominations of \$.50 and \$1.00 and make great gifts for any occasion!

We are still in need of volunteers! If interested, please email Liz at ebjz10@yahoo.com or Marie at mmtb1@aol.com

Liz Orth & Marie Fresoli - School Store Chairpersons

## **Clothing Drive**

The Clothing Drive was a huge success. We were able to help several families including one of our own GW Families in a tough situation. No words can express my sincere gratitude to my team of volunteers for their hard work and dedication to make this huge project a success.

A large portion of the clothing was donated to Manor Care in Allentown for the residents and the remaining went to the Purple Heart Association of the Lehigh Valley.

I'm especially very grateful for our PTA President, all her guidance and support. To my volunteers, Melissa Sherer, Jennifer Strawn, Julie Nichols, Tasha Brahm, Carmen Saemmer, Elizabeth Bender, Mandy Hasonich, and our FHS Students, Thank you ever so much! This wouldn't have been a success without your help.

To Mr. Matt and Donaters, Thanks so much for your support and kindness. Boxes of leftover hot chocolate was left in the Teachers Lounge for all to enjoy.

Happy Holidays 🖑 Jill M. Pitman

## PTA Open Positions for the 2017-2018 School Year

- Concession
- Gertrude Hawk
- Cash Bingo (October & March)
- Poinsettia Fundraiser
- Matey's Pizza
- + 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee Chairs (2)
- PTA Directory (October 2017 only)
- KidStuff Books (someone to shadow Shelly Sarkozy)



The PTA is in need of your help! We are looking for individuals who would be interested in chairing a committee for next school year. We would love to have someone "shadow" the current committee chairs this year so that you are familiar with what the position entails. To learn more, please email Donna Frantz at dfrantz@rcn.com. Thanks!

## **Poinsettias**

#### Governor Wolf's latest Holiday Flower sale was the best one yet!



Bringing the spirit of the season into our GW families' homes, our partners at Lehigh Valley Home and Garden provided over 60 poinsettias and 40 holiday wreathes this past December. As a PTA, 2016's Holiday Flower sale was the largest yet, filling more orders than any of the 3 previous years and earning \$963.50 for the students and teachers of Governor Wolf. Remember, it's never too early to start spreading the word about next year!

This is my last season as point person for the Holiday Flower sale, so if anyone is interested in taking over this enjoyable fundraiser for next year, please feel free to email or call me directly!

Thanks and Holidays!

Marc

## **Box Tops for Education**

It's hard to believe that we're starting another calendar year! Hopefully this one brings much joy and happiness to all of the families and staff of Governor Wolf! While you're checking labels to help keep up with your New Year's Resolutions, also check for BoxTops!

BoxTops are on many of the items you're already buying for your home- all you have to do is cut them out, check the expiration date, and send them to school with your student(s) (please make sure they have your student's name and teacher on them so they get credit for prizes).

Keep saving those Box Tops and supporting Governor Wolf Elementary School!

#### November winners were:

Andie C. 3R-iPod Shuffle and gift card Damien S. KL- DaVinci passes David B. 5L- Menchie's gift card

#### January prizes are:

Beats Solo headphones- Matte White (one winner) Sky Zone Trampoline Park- 1 hour jump passes (two winners)

Stephanie Chamberlin (610) 762-7307 Daina Spruill (484) 560-5873 And Michelle Coomer (610) 704-4477



It's time to gather up your gently used books!

## **GW PTA Book Swap**

#### Wednesday, February 8th

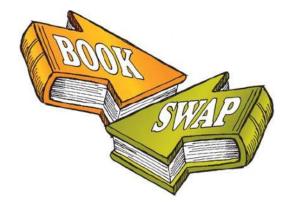
All students can bring in up to **three** books and swap them for new or lightly used books!

So start collecting your three books and get ready for a fun day of book swapping!

If you don't have a book to swap....no worries! Please join us and select a book of your choice.

<u>Please note</u>: Students are more than welcome to bring in more than three books but can only swap out for three. Anything above and beyond that will be considered a donation.

If you have any questions, please contact Heather Baum at heather.baum84@gmail.com or Jill Pitman at jmpitman0713@gmail.com.



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## Scholastic Book Fair is back!

Wednesday, February 15th 12:30-3:30 and Thursday, February 16th 5:30-8:30 Any questions please contact Shelly slsarkozy@ptd.net As always FREE POPCORN!

## Holiday Breakfast: Thank You!

The Holiday Breakfast on December 10, 2016 was a huge success.

Thank you to our teachers, Mrs. Bobyak, Mr. Meila, Ms. Eilers, Mrs. Ziegler, Mrs. Leon, Mrs. Tsihlis, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Walters, Kris Yessen, Mr. Viglianti, Ms. Bartolacci, Ms. Kelley, Mrs. Christiansen, Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. Kluska, Mrs. Donovan, Miss Rhyner and the parents that came out to volunteer. Thank you Dr. Frankelli and her husband, Mr. Frankelli, for playing the role of Santa. Mrs. Vrabel for putting the baskets together. Big thanks to Mr. Matt, Lois and Eric Scherer for cooking the pancakes and sausages. Also, thank you to Jill Pittman for contacting Crayola, Christmas Tree Shop and the parents and students, from kindergarten to fifth grade, that donated items for our basket raffle.

Until next year. Have a safe holiday and Happy New Year.

Melissa Scherer

## Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy Fundraiser

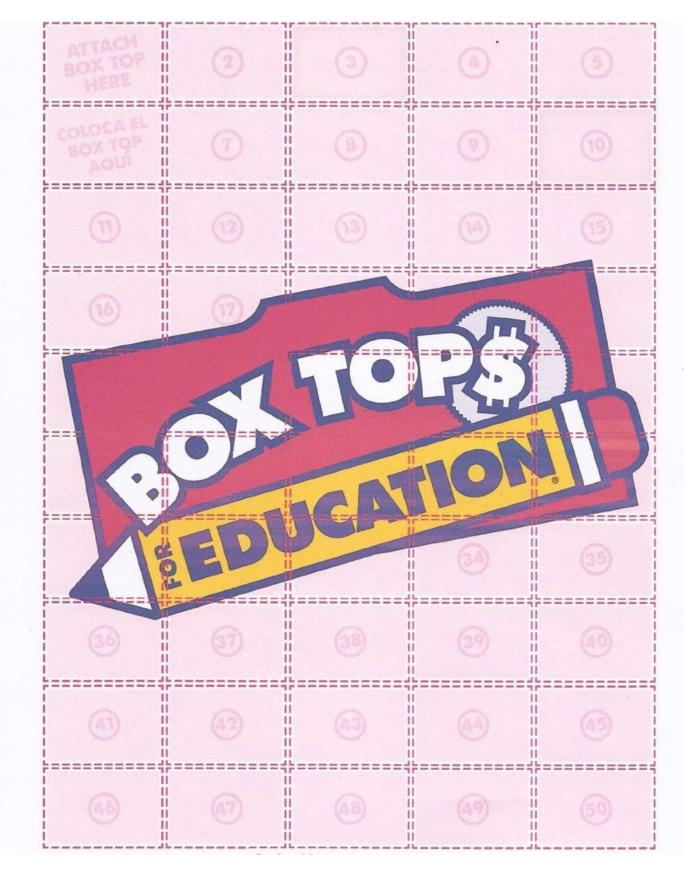
Save the date!

Fundraiser will run February 13 – 24.

Catalogs and order forms will be sent home

In the coming weeks.





Student Name:\_\_\_\_\_ Grade:\_\_\_\_ Teacher:\_\_

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## Mommy Market Indoor Yard Sale

Saturday, Feb 25, 2017 8am – 12pm (Snow date: Saturday, Apr 22, 2017) Governor Wolf 1920 Butztown Rd. Bethlehem, PA 18017

Here's how it works: Rent a table or "space" at school. Bring in your yard sale items for display and set them up at your table or "space." You keep all proceeds - just like a yard sale!

Please attach cash, check or money



order (made payable to **GW PTA**) for the amount due. Return to school in an envelope marked: Attn: Mommy Market / GW PTA. Admission to the public is FREE!

\*CALLING ALL INDEPENDENT CONSULTANTS OR CRAFTERS! Do you sell 31, Premier Jewelry, Tastefully Simple, etc? You can rent a space for \$15 in the GW hallways to promote your business/sell your items (MUST bring your own table). Only one consultant per company will be accepted.

Set up will be Friday, February 24th from 6-10pm (or Apr. 21st if the snow date applies). During that time, your items are brought from home and set up at your reserved table or "space." Please arrive around 7:30am on Saturday morning. Don't forget your petty cash!

More information & helpful hints will be distributed with your confirmed reservation. Still have questions? Email Kelly Burkhart at kellyburkhart\_2003@yahoo.com or Donna Frantz at dfrantz@rcn.com.

#### SPOTS SELL OUT QUICK! DON'T DELAY....RESERVE TODAY! TO SIGN UP: FILL IN THE FORM BELOW. RETURN IT WITH PYMT BY <u>Feb. 17th</u>.

## Yearbook

5th Grade parents,

We are collecting baby photos! If you would like to have your child's baby photo included in the yearbooks 5th grade baby page submit a photo no larger then 4x6 and no smaller than a wallet size. Put it in an envelope marked "attn: Yearbook - Baby Photo." Please remember to put your child's name on the back and teacher name so that all photos may be returned to you. Alternatively, Baby Photos can be uploaded to Image Share (instructions below). Baby Photos must be submitted by April 7, 2017.

Also, if you take photos at any of the School Events and would like to share them for us to possibly use in the Yearbook. Our photographers can't be everywhere: help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific Yearbook that everyone will want to have.

Here is how you can submit photos online:

-Go to: https://images.schoolannualonline.com/login

- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username: 406683605
- Browse to select he photo(s) you wish to upload.

- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.

- Click "Save Details."

It's that easy! Submit your photos today!

Thank you! Sincerely, Yearbook Adviser Susan Weaver



5<sup>th</sup> Grade Formal The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Formal will be held on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> in the gym. The snow date will be February 3<sup>rd</sup>. More information will be sent home with your 5<sup>th</sup> grader.

Lori Kurtz and Beth Hall - 5th Grade Committee Chair

Gift Certificate	Page 9
to:date:	
From:	
Good For:	
Parents & Guardians,	
Are you ever looking for the one special something for your child/grandchil	.d?
The GW PTA has just the thing! Our School Store offers gift certificates ranging from \$0.25-\$5.00. We have a wide variety of items for them to purchase starting at just \$0.10!	
The gift certificates are just the thing to help celebrate a good report card, a birthday, holiday idea or just because!	
<u>Here's how to order</u> : Please fill out the order form below, enclose cash or check (payable to GW PTA, Inc.), place in an envelope addressed to Marie Fresoli or Liz Orth - School Store, and have your child/grandchild turn it in to their teacherwe'll do the rest!	
Thank you for your continued support of the GW PTA!	
Questions? Please contact Marie at mmtb1@aol.com or Liz Orth at ebjz10@yaho	o.com.
School Store Gift Certificate Order Form: (Please detach and return)	
Name:	
Child's Name & Teacher:	
Address:	
Email / Phone:	
Amount / Denomination: \$0.25 \$0.50 \$1.00 (Circle One)	
Please Circle One: Mail Gift Certificate or Send Home with Student	
Thank You!	

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## **Art & Soul Information**

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We are requesting the honor or having your child participate in a celebration of the arts night, "Governor Wolf's ART & SOUL," March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Take advantage of being able to show the public his/her great talent! If your child chooses to participate, preparation of the activity will occur outside of the regular school day. Your child can choose to work with a partner, be part of a small group, or do something by him/herself.

This year we are also allowing a chance for students to be seen whose talents require being outdoors to participate. These participants would need to meet the following requirements: 1. Have a talent that MUST be done outside. Examples include but are not limited to ice skating, skateboarding, motocross bike riding, equestrian/horse riding, etc. 2. Be able to provide a 30 second to one and a half minute digitally recorded video clip of them performing the talent. 3. Receive approval.

The following are some suggested ideas for activities, and we look forward to any creative ideas of your own. Students can develop their own original presentations of the following: poetry, short stories, original dramatic readings, original music composition, dance presentations and displays. Children may use mediums of creativity including pictures, motocross or tricks done while skateboarding. We will consider other activities as well as long as they CAN NOT be preformed indoors.

If interested, please assist your child in completing the form being sent home. The form ALONG WITH THE CD containing any necessary music (no longer than two and a half minutes). Please form MUST be handed in by Friday Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> so I can start burning the music and making the pamphlet. Calling all 5<sup>th</sup> graders: We are looking for a few students to emcee this event.

There will be four MANDATORY rehearsals for the show on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 22nd, and 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 pm. Students must attend these rehearsals in order to participate. **Also children may not be dropped off. Parents must stay while the child is in rehearsals.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Heather Baum at the following email, Heather.Baum84@gmail.com. We are very excited and look forward to your response.

Sincerely, Heather Baum PTA Art & Soul Chairperson

and

## Art & Soul

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Teacher:	Activity Title:		
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<u> </u>	Art & Soul 2017 ( 5 <sup>th</sup> grade o form as well.)	nly- please fill in your nam	e at the top
*** Students can only partici *** Parents must sign form *** All participants must b	for student to participate***	÷	

\*\*\* We have the right to edit any proposal before its approved for presentation at Art & Soul Night. If editing is necessary, you will be contacted.\*\*\*

**Parents,** in order to make this event a success, **we will need your help** in the following : Please select any area you are able to assist and indicate the number of people in your family attending the even. Your help is greatly appreciated.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to help set up for the show with decorations and seating.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would be happy to help any area where needed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to help with the pamphlet for the show.

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of people attending "Art & Soul" event ( for planning purposes )

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**2015-2016 PTA Committee Listings** If you are interested in volunteering for any committee please contact the appropriate committee chair OR fill out the volunteer form found on our GW PTA Website and send it into school - someone will contact you.

Committee	Chair	Phone	Email Address	
President	Donna Frantz	610-462-9528	dfrantz@rcn.com	
Art & Soul	Heather Baum	908-347-7077	heather.baum84@gmail.com	
Science Fair	Liz Orth	610-866-5235	ebjz10@yahoo.com	
Book Swap	Heather Baum	908-347-7077	heather.baum84@gmail.com	
Book Swap	Jill Pitman	484-626-2236	Jmpitman0713@gmail.com	
Past President	Donna Frantz	610-462-9528	dfrantz@rcn.com	
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Vice President	OPEN			
Fathers' Committee	Joshua Buck	207-951-5728	Joshua.buck2487@gmail.com	
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Landscaping	Vincent Quéré		Veens73@hotmail.FR	
Dance Night	Jill Pitman	484-626-2236	Jmpitman0713@gmail.com	
Grandparents Day	Kelly Burkhart	610-762-5608	kellyburkhart_2003@yahoo.com	
Kindergarten Reg.	Daina Quéré	484-560-5873	dainaspruill@aol.com	
Kindergarten Playdate	Michelle Fenstermacher	610-442-7827	Mfen73@yahoo.com	
Treasurer	Shelly Sarkozy	484-241-8422	slsarkozy@ptd.net	
Bingo (OPEN 2017)	Carissa Cavanaugh	610-751-5904	car2frog@rcn.com	
Book Fair	Shelly Sarkozy	610-691-1286	slsarkozy@ptd.net	
Book Fair	Lorraine Monteiro	484-868-0669	lorraine@magicaladventurestravel.com	
Box Tops	Stephanie Chamberlin	610-762-7307	Stephanie.chamberlin7307@gmail.com	
Box Tops	Daina Quéré	484-560-5873	dainaspruill@aol.com	
Box Tops	Michelle Coomer	610-704-4477	coomerchel@aol.com	
Concession (OPEN 2017)	Sara Faisetty	610-419-3498	sarafaisetty@live.com	
KidStuff Books (OPEN 2017)	Shelly Sarkozy	610-691-1286	slsarkozy@ptd.net	
Gertrude Hawk (OPEN 2017)	Donna Frantz	610-462-9528	dfrantz@rcn.com	
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Holiday Shoppe	Lorraine Monteiro	484-868-0669	lorraine@magicaladventurestravel.com	
Mommy Market		610-762-5608	kellyburkhart_2003@yahoo.com	
School Store	Kelly Burkhart Marie Fresoli	610-393-7198	Mmtb1@aol.com	
School Store	Liz Orth	610-866-5235	Ebjz10@yahoo.com	
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5th Gr Comm (OPEN 2017)	Beth Hall	610-703-4923	95bhall@gmail.com	
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Teacher Representative	Mrs. Vrabel	610-867-8191	jvrabel@basdschools.org	

January 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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A Look Ahead into February....

Book Swap, Gertrude Hawk Easter Fundraiser, Group Photo Day, Parent/Teacher Conferences, Scholastic Book Fair, President's Day Weekend, and Mommy Market Indoor Yard Sale.