

August, 2011

Dear Wilson Parent(s):

The beginning of the school year is always an exciting time for students, their families, and our staff. As the Wilson PTSA Board looks to the new school year we are very optimistic and excited, ready to meet the challenges of organizing and carrying out the many activities we sponsor each year. The Grant and Wilson PTAs have decided to meet together monthly and sponsor many joint activities. Many of our families have children in both schools and we can lessen the conflicts by working together.

We are also excited about continuing to build the “W” Club, the booster club organization that was created two years ago to support our students, families, teaching staff and PTSA activities. The “W” Club has been very helpful in identifying students, parents, staff, alumni and community members willing to serve in leadership positions, as well as volunteer for many activities at Wilson. As we work together the work load is lessened and each activity is more enjoyable and productive.

There are **two options for becoming involved** to a greater degree with your student(s) at Wilson School. It is important that we all become involved in helping our students prepare for each step of their education and a successful and happy life. Parental involvement is especially important in demonstrating to our children the value we place in education.

- **Join the Wilson PTSA “W” Club with no fee.** This organization is a part of the Wilson PTSA, but there is no fee and no expectation to attend the regular PTSA meetings. The “W” Club is the **service arm of the PTSA** and asks for help in the areas of academics, fine arts, athletics, student leadership, learning clubs, technology and communication, outdoor and indoor school pride, and many PTSA projects and initiatives. We are looking for parents, students, staff, alumni, guardians, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and community members who want to actively work to improve opportunities for Wilson students, staff, and families. **And we ask for as little as one involvement for the school year.** If each of us gave just a bit of extra time, think what we could do to improve the lives of our children at Wilson School.
- **Join PTSA for a fee of \$5.00.** We need to maintain a paid membership to stay affiliated with the local, state and national chapters of PTA and to be under their insurance umbrella for the many activities we conduct throughout the year. The National PTA also offers a wide variety of opportunities for local chapters. The Wilson PTSA meetings are where we plan and develop activities for the year, discuss policies and events with school administration, and organize fundraising events to support staff, students and families. However, please don’t join unless you intend to come to at least some of the meetings throughout the year and work with the board in sharing ideas and planning for events. We will meet with the Grant PTA this school year and alternate meeting locations. There will be no meeting in December

Yes	No
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I would be willing to join the Wilson PTSA and pay the \$5.00 annual fee. I understand that this would involve attending some meetings during the school year and helping with decision-making. **Joining the PTSA automatically enrolls me in the “W” Club. Please include \$5.00 payable to Wilson PTSA and return to the main office or to your students’ homeroom teacher.**

As a PTSA member I would:

_____	_____	only like to attend selected meetings and join in the discussion.
_____	_____	be willing to serve on an activity committee.
_____	_____	be willing to chair an activity committee.

Yes	No
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I would only like to become a member of the Wilson “W” Club. I understand there is no annual fee and no regular meetings to attend, but I will be required to show an interest in one or more of the activities listed on the reverse of this page. I understand that I will be called to help out if needed, **but won’t be obligated to help just because I checked the area.**

If you checked “yes” in either section above, please fill out the survey on the reverse side of this letter. If you have questions, please contact Jerry Davenport by phone at his home (624-6002) or by cell at 360-7155. He can also be reached by email at jdavenport@cr.k12.ia.us. Thanks for your support of Wilson School as we strive for pride and excellence!!!

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