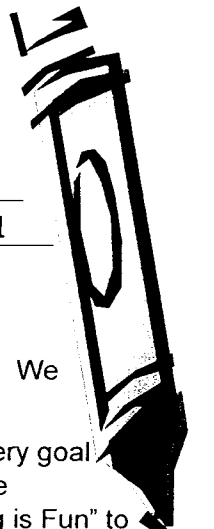




PTA Voice



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Dear Friend of Wesley Matthews Elementary,

Welcome back to a new school year! The PTA board is excited, re-charged, and ready to go! We spent much of the summer relaxing, but also spent some time planning for a great year.

Last year, we succeeded in making Wesley Matthews a FUN place to learn. We achieved every goal that we set and then some! We reached out to all grade levels, and every child in some way. We supported educational programs such as Time for Kids and StoryWorks Magazines and "Reading is Fun" to name a few. We supported social programs such as United Way, Career Day, Peer Mediators and "Do the Right Thing". We also replaced the sound system in the cafeteria so that parents and students can enjoy every production and award presentation. And we did MUCH MORE!! Throughout, our kids had FUN with dances, treats, celebrations and recognitions. We are proud of our accomplishments and have fantastic volunteers, parents, administrators, teachers, and staff to thank. So... THANK YOU!!!!

Every year brings new opportunities and challenges. This year, the atmosphere that surrounds us is all about presidential candidates. Break rooms all over the nation are buzzing about social and political issues that will affect the next four, maybe eight years of our lives! The fact that we may see the first African American President or the first female Vice-President...well, It's exciting! However, we can't lose focus on what's happening immediately around us. This year, we are dealing with huge budget cuts which are directly affecting our school and our kids. Because of this, we need your help more than ever. There's a lot to be accomplished and we must rally!

We need moms and dads, uncles and aunts, grandparents, and friends who care about children and education. Everyone can help in his own way. Whether donating your "2 PowerHours" (or more if you are able), supporting our fundraisers by selling, selling, selling, or any other way, your help is needed. We are working towards a common and we need the POWER of MANY to succeed. Remember EVERY PENNY that the PTA raises goes directly to the school and your kids.

But that's not the only reason to take part. There have been more than 500 independent research studies about parent involvement. The results are startling! When parents get involved in their children's education, grades go up, test scores go up, children become more likely to pass and to attend better schools after high school, they have fewer discipline problems, and they're less likely to use drugs and alcohol.

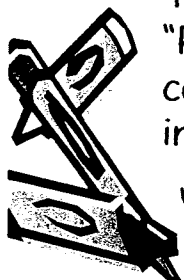
So join us in making a huge contribution to your child's education and future with just a little time. Fill out the accompanying form and return it to the school. Getting involved is easy and there has NEVER been a better time!

Sincerely,
Becky Arguelles
Wesley Matthews PTA President

Have You Heard ??

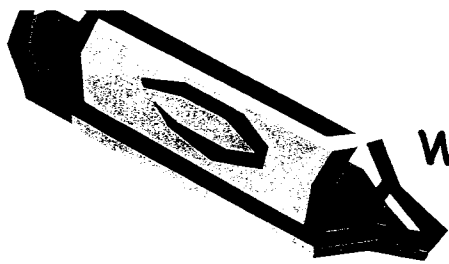
The PTA is looking to start a "Room Mother" program. Please call or email us if you are interested.

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Upcoming Events...

Holiday Fundraiser	Aug 29 - Sept 16
PTA Membership Drive	Sept 10 - Sept 26
Open House	Sept 11
Fundraiser Ends	Sept 16
T-Shirt Sale	Oct 1 (8-9am)
PTA General Meeting	Oct 16 (7pm)



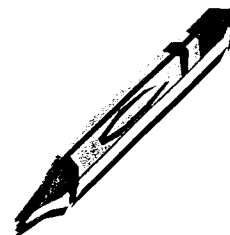
The students and staff of
Wesley Matthews Elementary School.
would like to invite you to

Open House 2008-2009

Thursday, September 11th, 2008

Pre-K through 2nd Grade 6:30p.m.
3rd Grade through 5th Grade 7:30p.m.

*Special Area Teachers will be presenting at
7:30 and 8:30 PM
Spanish and PE Teachers will be in the Cafeteria.
Art and Music Teachers will be in their rooms.



Please join us for our Resource Fair in the Courtyard.
The Fair will begin at 6:00 and end at 8:30 PM.
The Book Fair is in the TLC.

Join the PTA!

We will be in the courtyard accepting memberships, volunteers,
2 HourPower forms and answering all questions. Come by and visit us!

We'll also be selling:

- T-Shirts
- Pizza
- Sodas/Juices/Water
- Snacks