

WA-WM PTA Councilor

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February 1, 2012

President's Letter



February is the time of year when PTA celebrates Founders Day. Here in West Allis we will be celebrating with our annual Founders

Day Carnival. As we carry on the traditions of those members who came before us we will incorporate new ideas for the generations to come. It is a time to reflect and renew the commitment to be a powerful voice for all children and their families. PTA founders, Phoebe Apperson Hearst and Alice McLellan Birney, and the founder of Georgia's Congress of Colored Parents & Teachers—Selena Sloan Butler used imagination and courage to work beyond the accepted barriers of their day to change the world. Their simple idea—to improve the lives and futures for all children remains the foundation of PTA to this very day!

West Allis-West Milwaukee PTA Council provides this fun family event as a celebration but also as our main fundraiser for the year. We need everyone's help to get the word out into the community to make this year's event even bigger than in years past so that we can continue to support local units with leadership training and guidance; provide scholarships to graduating seniors in our district; and find new programs to meet the needs of families in our community. We can also continue supporting the new Special Education PTA (SEPTA) as they establish themselves in the West Allis-West Milwaukee community.

We have a number of new community partners who are supporting this event. We would like to thank the Chip Shoppe who will be donating our four inflatables this year. The Chip Shoppe is a fundraising company that

was referred from Jefferson Elementary. If you would like more information about the Chip Shoppe go to www.thechipshoppe.com.

New this year, we have Kaiser's Six Point Bakery sponsoring our Cake Auction. Anyone interested in baking and decorating a cake should bring their cake to the Founders Day Carnival no later than 1:00 pm and we will auction them off. The cake with the highest bid will receive a cash prize of \$50!

We have many others who are donating items to the silent auction such as: The Milwaukee Wave, The Milwaukee Admirals, The Milwaukee County Zoo, Bartolotta's Restaurants, The Griddlers Café, Utopic Skin Care, CiCi's Pizza, the WA-WM Community Coalition, WA-WM Recreation Department, Rocky Rococo's, West Allis Family Child Care Association, not to mention all of the fabulous baskets that are donated from our local units. There are even more items coming in—we will try to keep the list updated on the website, so check back often!

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WA-WM PTA Council Founders Day Carnival

Sunday, February 12th
12pm—4pm

Free Admission!

West Allis Central Field House
8516 W. Lincoln Avenue

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Important Dates

- ◆ Council Meeting—Feb 1
- ◆ Council Founders Day Carnival—Feb 12
- ◆ PTA Take Your Family To School Week—Feb 12 - 18
- ◆ SEPTA Committee Meeting—Feb 22
- ◆ Membership Awards Due to WI PTA—Mar 1
- ◆ Council Meeting—Mar 7

Deadline for March Issue of the *Councilor* is Friday, **February 20, 2012**. Send items to Gena Kraemer at kraemer-family93@aol.com



Wisconsin PTA News

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All entries for the Reflections program have been sent off to WI PTA for judging. We are hoping to hear by the end of February/early March who this year's winners will be.

A final reminder—applications are currently being accepted for scholarships & awards that will be announced at this year's convention in Lake Geneva. Not only is this a great way to congratulate & acknowledge the hard work put in by your PTA/PTSA team, it also showcases what has worked for you. No one likes to re-invent the wheel so when you have a fantastic program that you can share, it is greatly appreciated by those who could learn from you!

PTA/PTSAs in good standing must have applications in by **March 1st** for the following awards:

- ◆ Local Unit Outstanding Program of the

Year (Traditional)

- ◆ Local Unit Outstanding Program of the Year (Non-Traditional)
- ◆ Council Program of the Year Award
- ◆ Local Unit Elementary Newsletter Award
- ◆ Local Unit Secondary Newsletter Award
- ◆ Council Newsletter Award
- ◆ Council of the Year Award

Applications are available in the members only section of the Wisconsin PTA website at <http://www.wisconsinpta.org/membersonly/MOawardsScholarships.html>

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103rd Annual Wisconsin State PTA Convention & Business Meeting

April 27—28, 2012 at The Abbey Resort on Lake Geneva in Fontana, WI

Check out the WI PTA website for details and hotel information.



National PTA News

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PTA Take Your Family to School Week is celebrated each February to pay tribute to PTA's legacy of building family-school partnerships. PTA Take Your Family to School Week will be held **February 12–18, 2012** with the purpose of expanding and enhancing family engagement in schools across the country.

National PTA® offers grants to PTAs to implement programs that engage families in the school community. These grants can be used to build positive partnerships with teachers and families, connect parents to their children's school experiences, and give children fun ways to share what they are learning and doing in class with their families.

This year our own Jefferson Elementary was awarded one of these scholarships. Congratulations to Jefferson Elementary PTA! We look forward to hearing about your event.

For some ideas to create your own Take Your Family to School event are found on the National PTA website at www.pta.org/4390.htm.

Save the date!

116th National PTA Convention

June 21-24, 2012 in San Jose, CA

Registration opens January 4, 2012!



Local Unit News

Hoover Elementary PTA has been asked over the years about their annual Hoover Hustle fundraiser event. At February's council meeting they will be presenting detailed information and answering questions!

I have no other information for this section because no one sent anything in. 😞

Any PTA that has changes in their contact information or website address, please let me know so that I can update your link on our website.

Send event info, article submission, flyers, etc. for the newsletter or for the website to: Gena Kraemer, 414-545-4005
kraemerfamily93@aol.com
Deadlines for newsletter submission are:
Feb 20 Mar 23 Apr 20 May 21

Committee News

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The **Scholarship** committee will meet after all of the scholarship applications are collected. The deadline for scholarship applications is February 17, 2012.

Reflections entries have been judged at the local level. All entries have been forwarded to WI PTA for state level judging. We are hoping to announce the state level winners in late February or early March.

The **SEPTA** committee will have its next meeting at 6:30pm, February 22, 2012, on the 7th floor of the Administration Building. At the next meeting officers will be elected and SEPTA will no longer be a committee; it will become a local community PTA—the first ever in the state of Wisconsin! Volunteers who are running for office include:

- Kari Krause, President
- Sandra Plotecher, Treasurer
- Jacqueline Wick, Secretary

As you can see they are still in need of a Vice President and nominations can be made from the floor during the next meeting. They have also invited Deb Urdman to discuss the IEP process in the district and answer questions

that have been collected by committee members.

Three to Get Ready will be here in no time and Council is in need of volunteers to sit at the information table to meet and greet future PTA members. We also work at the book fair during this event. Please sign up with Laura if you are able to participate in this important event.

Important Dates

Feb 17—Scholarship Apps Due

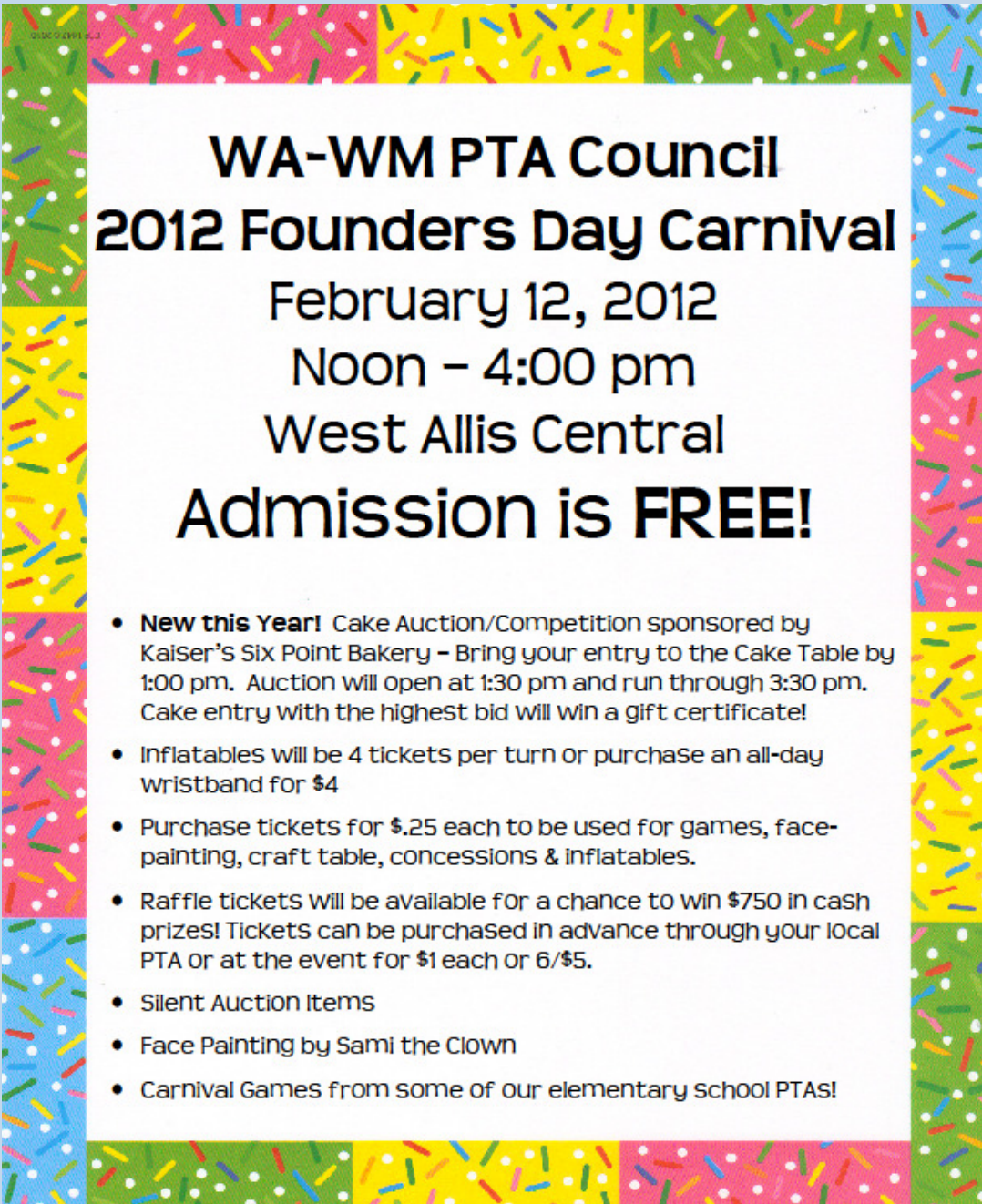
Feb 12—Founder's Day Carnival

Mar 24—Three to Get Ready

April 4—Awards Applications Due

May 18—Council Awards Banquet

2012 Founders Day



WA-WM PTA Council
2012 Founders Day Carnival
February 12, 2012
Noon – 4:00 pm
West Allis Central
Admission is FREE!

- **New this Year!** Cake Auction/Competition sponsored by Kaiser's Six Point Bakery – Bring your entry to the Cake Table by 1:00 pm. Auction will open at 1:30 pm and run through 3:30 pm. Cake entry with the highest bid will win a gift certificate!
- Inflatables will be 4 tickets per turn or purchase an all-day wristband for \$4
- Purchase tickets for \$.25 each to be used for games, face-painting, craft table, concessions & inflatables.
- Raffle tickets will be available for a chance to win \$750 in cash prizes! Tickets can be purchased in advance through your local PTA or at the event for \$1 each or 6/\$5.
- Silent Auction Items
- Face Painting by Sami the Clown
- Carnival Games from some of our elementary school PTAs!

This year's inflatable fun is donated by The Chip Shoppe. For more information about The Chip Shoppe, visit their website at www.thechipshoppe.com.

Celebration & Carnival

Thank you, thank you sponsors! We have so many new sponsors and donations for our silent auction this year! We will keep updating the website as items come in!

- ◆ The Chip Shoppe
- ◆ Kaiser's Six Point Bakery
- ◆ Bartolotta's Restaurants
- ◆ Milwaukee County Zoo
- ◆ Utopic Skin Care
- ◆ Milwaukee Admirals
- ◆ Griddler's Cafe
- ◆ Milwaukee Wave
- ◆ Incredi-Roll
- ◆ Betty Brinn Children's Museum
- ◆ Champs
- ◆ Indian Summer Festival
- ◆ Germanfest
- ◆ Breadsmith
- ◆ Rocky Rococo Pizza
- ◆ Comedy Sportz
- ◆ WA-WM Community Coalition
- ◆ West Allis Family Child Care Association
- ◆ Luv-N-Hugs Family Child Care
- ◆ WA-WM Recreation Department
- ◆ Schaff Funeral Services

Book Drive

Council is also sponsoring a book drive this year. Bring in your gently used books for all ages and we will make sure they get into the hands of those who will enjoy them all over again!

Kaiser's Six Points Baker Cake Auction/Competition

Are you West Allis/West Milwaukee's next great baker? Well bring your best cake to the carnival where we will have a silent auction and the cake with the highest bid will receive **\$50 cash!** In the event that we have a tie for the highest bid, the names of the highest bids will be pulled at random.

WA-WM PTA Council Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2012

Double click on the document below and it will open in Adobe Reader so that you may read the entire document.

WAWM PTA Council Meeting Minutes January 4, 2012

Call to order

6:30 PM by Amy Repati in Laura's absence

Attendance

See attached sign-in sheet

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of December meeting approved and filed with a correction to the date.

Treasurer's Report

- See financial reports
- Call or email Brenda if any questions
- Several schools have not paid council dues (\$100), Scholarship donation (50 cents per student) and Survive Alive Donation (\$50):

FLW
Franklin
Irving
Jefferson
Lincoln
Longfellow
Madison
Pershing
Wilson

- Monies must be paid immediately. These schools may not be eligible for awards—the awards committee will decide

School Reports

FLW

Had no meeting in December
Dance coming up in February

Franklin

Had no meeting in December
Held holiday event in December

Walker

Juggling presentation-kids loved it (see the ad that was distributed)

Mann

Fundraiser-wrapping at Learning Shop was pretty slow

WAC

Not present

Legislative Report (Brian Vissers)

- See Written Report
- 3 incumbents are running for the 3 open school board seats
 - Do we need to have a Candidate forum-to be decided by council at next meeting

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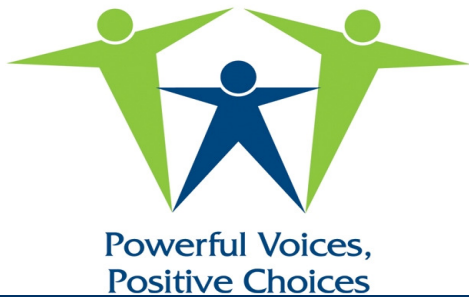
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We have open opportunities for chair positions on several standing committees. Contact Laura Weaver for more information about any open committees.



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Join us in 2012

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| January 18th | March 21st | May 16th |
| July 18th | September 19th | November 21st |