

# Pawprints

The Newsletter of the  
Wake Forest Elementary School PTA

September 2007

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## From the PTA President

Dear Wake Forest Elementary Families,

Wow! It's hard to believe that the 2007/08 school year is already underway. On behalf of the PTA, I would like to welcome back our returning families and extend a special welcome to all of our new families. Wake Forest Elementary is a great community.

I am very excited about the PTA's plans for the year. In addition to returning programs such as Accelerated Reader, Spirit Night, two book fairs, Bingo Night, Cultural Arts programs and more, we have started a Character Education program. We will be working with our school's counselor, Mary Engerer, to reinforce the positive character traits recognized in our quarterly Character Parades.

We will also pay special attention to how we communicate with the school community. Our newsletter will now be sent home on a monthly basis. The PTA website will also be a great resource for information on upcoming events, PTA contact information and much more. If you haven't seen it lately, please take a look. It is out of this world! You can access our webpage via [www.wfes.wcpss.net](http://www.wfes.wcpss.net).

As you know, volunteers are the core of any successful PTA. In this newsletter, you will see some opportunities for you to volunteer, or you can contact a committee chair if you have a particular interest.

Please contact any PTA board member or committee chair with any questions you may have.

I hope you all have a fun and successful school year!

Laura Parrott, WFE PTA President  
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## PTA General Meeting and Open House September 20

Please join us on Thursday, September 20 for the annual Back-to-School Open House and PTA meeting. You will be able to visit your child's classroom from 5:30-6:15 for grades K-2 and 7:15-8:00 for grades 3-5.

Our first general PTA meeting will be held in the auditorium at 6:30. During this meeting we will vote on our proposed 2007/08 budget and our new Standing Rules. Both documents are available for viewing on our website. Only current (2007/08) PTA members are permitted to vote, so please make sure you join as soon as possible. We will have a membership table set up during the Open House. We look forward to seeing you there!

## What is the PTA?

PTA is the nation's original parent group in schools, influencing millions of parents to get involved in their children's education. PTA is the world's largest non-profit organization working on behalf of children, youth and families. PTA is a national, nonprofit organization run and led completely by volunteers. PTA is composed of 6 million volunteers in 23,000 local units.

The Mission of the Parent Teacher Association (nationwide):

To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children;

To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children;

To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.

## Your Membership in the PTA is Important!

We are off to a fantastic start for the new year, with many parents and staff already having joined the PTA. For those who have not, we welcome you to become part of this dynamic organization.

Every year the Wake Forest Elementary PTA provides:

Monetary grants to teachers, to help with classroom materials and extra expenses;

Funding for the accelerated reader program;

Social opportunities for families such as the free family bingo night;

and more!

The PTA would like to continue to provide wonderful family- and child-oriented activities for our school, and we need your support!

Simply fill out the attached membership envelope, enclose your \$5.00 membership fee and return it to your child's teacher. Checks can be made out to Wake Forest Elementary PTA. Extended family and friends are also welcomed as members!

For questions about membership, please contact Pauline Harris at 556-3966 or [pharris31@nc.rr.com](mailto:pharris31@nc.rr.com).

## Supporting the PTA as a Volunteer

Placeholder for info from Johnna

# Wake Forest Elementary in the Spotlight

School pride. It's a wonderful thing. WFE has a lot to be proud of: great teachers, great programs, and most of all, great students.

Kim Nugent is thrilled to be the new "face" of Wake Forest Elementary by serving as the Corresponding Secretary/Public Relations Manager for the PTA. Kim has already been in contact with the Wake Weekly, and can help you get your good news into the paper. It is a great way to keep our community up to date with news about our school, and give opportunities for the public to support our school. Stories about student and staff accomplishments are also a great way to instill a sense of personal pride in ourselves.

Please contact Kim if you have news about upcoming events, plays, concerts, open houses, volunteer opportunities, etc. If you have news about student accomplishments, or special programs, she'd like to know about that too. Some teachers like to "brag", while others are a bit more shy. So all you teachers and grade chairs are encouraged to "tell on each other" when you notice another teacher quietly directing a great project in a classroom. Parents, you can let Kim know too if your child's teacher has something really cool going on that you would like to share.

Kim has three children attending WFE this year (4th, 2nd, Kindergarten), so you might spot her around and about the campus. But the easiest way to contact her is through email ([kimberlyanugent@msn.com](mailto:kimberlyanugent@msn.com)). You can also call her at 761-1362, and she will be glad to help you share your good news!

## Pictures Needed

Do you enjoy taking pictures? If so, the yearbook committee needs you!

We need pictures of classes, concerts, field trips, special school events and anything else that involves our WFE kids! If you signed up to be a "picture parent" you will receive an email from us with further details. If you did not sign up, we can still use you and your pictures! Cameras are available if you do not have one of your own to use.

If you would like to help, have pictures to submit, or have any questions, please contact Janet Briley ([jebriley@nc.rr.com](mailto:jebriley@nc.rr.com)) or Carole Tinker ([Tinker5@nc.rr.com](mailto:Tinker5@nc.rr.com)).

## Mark Your Calendars!

### September

20  
Open House  
Grades K-2 5:30-6:15  
PTA Meeting 6:30  
Grades 3-5 7:15-8:00

24  
Teacher Workday  
No School

26  
Fundraiser Orders Due\*

### October

3  
Walk to School Day\*  
Early Release (12:30)

22  
Fall Pictures\*

24 (Tentative)  
Fundraiser Orders  
Distributed\*

29  
Teacher Workday  
No School

### November

2  
Report Cards Home

9  
Early Release (12:30)

12  
Veterans Day -- No School

15  
PTA Meeting, 6:30pm

\*Volunteer Opportunity!

# Principal's Message: Launching into Learning

Our launch took place at 9:15 on Monday, August 27 and we have had an excellent ride. We had many visitors in our building on the first day of school, particularly for the Million Dad March. Many of these visitors commented how quiet the halls were at 9:15 a.m. Students and teachers were in their classrooms engaged in teaching and learning. That momentum has continued throughout each day.

We are proud to announce that NC DPI recently determined Wake Forest Elementary to be a School of Distinction for the 2006-2007 school year. Over 83% of our students were proficient in reading and math as measured on the EOG.

This year our focus will be writing. All teachers are involved in monthly staff development to fine tune our skills in writing instruction. Please be sure to ask your child about writer's workshop. All students should be learning to select events in their life to write about and only write about the "seed" rather than the entire "watermelon". Parents may learn more about Writer's Workshop on Thursday September 20th at our Back to School Night.

Thanks for all you do to make Wake Forest Elementary a wonderful place for everyone.

## Wake Forest Elementary PTA Officers

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