

Robert E. Willett Elementary School Parent/Teacher Association
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Dear Willett families,

On behalf of the **Willett Parent/Teacher Association**, welcome to the 2011-12 school year! We are very fortunate to have a strong Willett community that works hard to reach the educational and social goals we strive to have for our children. We look forward to working together with you to ensure another wonderful year of learning for our children.

We have a lot of work to do, particularly this year while we continue to try to help bridge the gaps created by state budget cuts. There will be opportunities to help in different ways throughout the year, and participating is a great way to have your voice heard. We will again have a broad range of fundraisers as a means to give people a choice for how, where, and when to donate their time and/or other resources. We will need to utilize all help that our community can offer.

The Willett Parent/Teacher Association builds ties between teachers, parents and students by funding educational materials purchases, school projects/activities and community-building gatherings at Willett. Our PTA buys nearly all the books for the school library, makes grants to every classroom and pays for numerous other needs throughout the year – from classroom supplies to updated technology in the school computer lab.

The PTA's ongoing programs include:

- Garden of Learning classes for grades 1-3
- Bravo, Willett's music appreciation program and the Willett Chorus
- The Willett Fun Run, this October 16th
- Kids In Motion PE (KIM)
- The weekly school newsletter (Who's News) and school directory
- Classroom grants for school supplies

We'd also like to remind you about one of our easiest fundraisers, our **eScrip** program. Our goal is that every family participates in this easy and no cost program. For new families, this is a program that donates percentages of your purchases at grocery stores and other merchants to Willett. This is money you're already spending, so have percentages of your purchases automatically come back to Willett PTA programs! Please see the eScrip form in your Back to School packet for more information.

In addition to PTA's ongoing programs, the Willett PTA has made substantial donations to reading and counseling support for our school. Please read the important direct donation letter in the packet to read about our fundraising efforts for this year.

The PTA holds regular monthly meetings that are open to all members of the Willett community (the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.), and we're always looking for more people to participate in our meetings. If you have yet to attend a PTA meeting, please try to attend at least one meeting this year.

Attached to this letter, you will find different documents relating to PTA activities throughout the year, including membership and volunteer sign-up forms. Please return these forms to school as soon as possible. **Our PTA is a non-profit organization run by parents. Your contributions to PTA are tax-deductible.**

We look forward to working with you this year! Please feel free to call or email us if you have any questions.

Best wishes for a great school year,

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