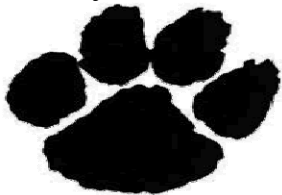


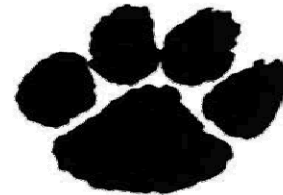
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Ways to Help Your PTA

Become a Member for \$5

Participate in PTA Programs

Provide the PTA with a current email address for improved communication

Change your search engine to "GoodSearch" to donate money to your school

Record your Volunteer Hours

Upcoming Events

**Book Swap
&**

**Annual State of
the School
Address by
Dr. Buys**

**January 26th at
6:30pm**

**See "Programs" on next
page for more
information**

Yearbooks!

Just a reminder...the final date to order a Yearbook is February 15th, so make sure to get your orders in quickly!

President's Message

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday. I am excited for the second half of the school year. Lots of great things are happening at Wiles.

We have reached that time of year when we start putting together the New PTA Board for the 2012-2013 school year. Wow, time sure does pass quickly! We have a fantastic group of parents and are always looking for new people to help with our active organization. If you would like to learn more about how the PTA works, we invite you to attend our February Board meeting. It will be held on Wednesday, February 1st in the Cafeteria. We will be sharing information on Board Positions and answering any questions you have. We know that time and schedules can be a challenge, but if you are

interested, we can use your help. We are open to everyone and helping connect with and serve all parents, students and teachers is a key goal of our group.

The State of the School address by Dr. Buys will be held on Thursday, January 26 and I encourage you to attend. You will learn many great facts about our school and have an opportunity to ask questions. Also we will have a book swap and fun activities to keep the children entertained. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

I appreciate your support of the Wiles PTA and if I can be of assistance, please let me know!

Sincerely,
Susan Farris
Kimball Wiles PTA President
Phone: 352-335-6333
Email: susanfarrispta@gmail.com

Mini-Grants Awarded!

Your PTA recently awarded grants to the teachers listed below totaling nearly \$4500. The grants included items such as reading and math learning centers, novels, learning games, fitness equipment, and small technology items!

Roxanne Anderson
Kim Baysinger
Arzella Blackburn
Lauren Brochu
Jay Collins
Lonna Dickinson
Jessica Elder
Melony Goldsmith
Kelly Hage
Yvonne Hughes
Clay Kear

Carmen Krause
Connie Linscott
Teri Patrick
Susan Pawlaczyk
Ashley Purdy
Lauren Schroeffer
Julie Stillwell
Karli Turner
Elyssa Varner
Keyla Spakovich
Nick Zebroski



If you have BoxTops, please submit them no later than January 27th. The top collection class will receive a popcorn party!!

Executive Board 2011-2012

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Sharon Quigley & Christi Wallat

1st Grade:

Kristen Mau & Becky Lancer

2nd Grade:

Stephanie Kolb

3rd Grade:

Helen Pelkey

4th Grade:

Rachel Hawig & Judy Bowman

5th Grade:

Carolyn Hanner

Membership

Have you joined the Wiles PTA?? Last year we had 340 members and our goal for this year is 350. It is a small increase considering our much larger enrollment; however we still need 67 members shy of our goal. If you haven't yet joined the PTA, please join now and join the largest parent advocacy group in the nation.

Membership must be renewed every year for \$5. What is stopping you from joining this year? Please feel free to contact Christi Wallat, Membership Chair at gwallat@cox.net to discuss questions or concerns.

PTA membership offers many EXCELLENT benefits from great sponsors like Target, Hertz, Sharp, OfficeMax, MetLife & LEGOLAND!!! To review or access any of these or other offers, please visit the Florida PTA website at www.pta.org/benefits and login.

Volunteers

Happy New Year to all of our dedicated Wiles volunteers! If you haven't taken time to log those hours baking, shopping and planning for the holiday events at Wiles...please take a minute and turn them in. Welcome to the new parents who joined our wonderful Wiles community over the winter break. If you plan to volunteer at the school (and we hope you do) please fill out a volunteer application and turn it in at the front office. It is Florida State Law that all volunteers in the school system must have an approved application on file. We have many field trips and activities coming up as the year draws to a close, and it's never too early to get one filled out.

February is Alachua County's Volunteer Appreciation month. The PTA will be hosting a dessert social for the volunteers next month. An invitation will be sent home soon. We hope to see you there. Thank you for all your time and dedication to Wiles...they are greatly appreciated.
Judy Bowman, Volunteer Chairperson

Programs

We will be hosting our first PTA Program of 2012 on Thursday, January 26 at 6:30pm. This program will be our annual State of the School program with Dr. Buys (there will also be a brief "Q & A" afterwards). With that portion being largely for the adults attending, we will have some crafting items in the back of the cafeteria to keep the children in attendance occupied. We will also be hosting our first ever BOOK SWAP. Each child attending can bring up to 5 children's books of any grade level that are in gently used or new condition (we will not accept books that have no covers, or pages written on or torn). You will receive a voucher for as many books as you bring so you may choose new books to take home with you! See you then!

Stephanie Kolb & Jennifer Lopez

The Kimball Wiles Elementary School PTA publishes The Wildcat Paw Print Press for all Wiles families and is scheduled for distribution each month.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Sunny D Labels

The Sunny D Label contest ended on November 30th. Congratulations to all of our Wiles teachers who will be receiving their books next month! The winning teachers are:

- Ms. Moore (K)
- Mrs. Anderson (K)
- Mrs. Korn (1st)
- Mrs. Mozingo (2nd)
- Ms. Brochu (3rd & Resource)
- Mrs. Vodre (5th)
- Mrs. Gillespie (5th)

Thank you to our Wiles families who participated and made this happen! All of the above teachers will receive 20 NEW SCHOLASTIC books each for their classroom. Next year let's make it all of them! Please continue to collect those labels and save them for next year's contest! Great job!