



The Eagles Nest

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Fun Walk/Run 2022



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Upcoming PTO

Meeting Date:

March 11, 2024
7p – 8p
Eagles Nest

This is a monthly publication of the James R. Watson PTO Newsletter *The Eagles Nest*

President's Corner...

Welcome back!

Another month has flown by, and we just can't believe it.

Last month, our kiddos participated in the fun kindness week activities and received some LEAP day goodies from the PTO. We were excited to do something special for the kiddos on this day that comes once every four years. The teachers also played a HOPPY LEAP DAY game. Congratulations to Mrs. Snider on her victory in that!

Thank you to each family who took time out of their day to fill out a shamrock to make our teachers and staff feel appreciated. The shamrocks look amazing hanging all over the hallways, and it's a fun way to show our appreciation for all the teachers and staff do for the school.

Remember to sign up for box tops and scan those receipts! We have reached and exceeded our goal for the year (GREAT JOB EAGLES)!

Lastly, I wanted to say thank you to all who participated in the Spring Fundraiser. We exceeded our goal, and those funds will be placed in our field trip account to fund field trips for our students.

Thank you for all that you do to make JRW such an AMAZING school!!

Lindsay Foster,

JR Watson PTO President



Teacher Spotlight

Double-Feature

We are so LUCKY to have such great teachers here at JRW, so we decided to do a Double Teacher Feature!



First we wanted to shine the spotlight on Judy Wakefield!

Mrs. Wakefield grew up in Coloma, MI, then moved south to attend college at the sunny University of Central Florida in her late twenties. She was inspired to become a teacher by her love of teaching kids how to read. Judy has taught for 20 years, all in Kindergarten except 1, when she was a Title I Reading Teacher. When asked what surprised her most about teaching, she responded "There's a LOT of paperwork! They don't tell you that part in college" and teachers across the land agree!

Judy married her high school sweetheart Matt, but not until much later in life. They have 4 adult children & 5 grandchildren (4 of the 5 pictured). Together they enjoy all things Michigan: vacations & hiking in the UP, & MI Football games *Go Blue!*



No stranger to the spotlight, Judy had the opportunity to play an extra in a show called The Chosen a few summers ago (see photo). Although no one could see her in her scene, it was an exciting experience. We are happy to be able to spotlight her today!

Favorite Food: Mexican

Favorite Animal: Beagles-Especially Minnie the rescue beagle (adopted in April 2020 & pictured)

Favorite Show: The Chosen



As we celebrate our Double Feature Teacher spotlight this March, we'd also like to illuminate Courtney Adams, who is in her 22nd year teaching!

Courtney grew up in Angola, & from first grade knew she wanted to become an Educator. She seized opportunities to visit several schools, preschools, & daycares through cadet teaching in high school which confirmed her calling.



After attending Goshen College, Courtney wrapped up her education at PFW & began teaching a variety of grades, including first, second, third, fourth, K-8 Special Education, & ELL before landing in her current (& most favorite) grade, Kindergarten.

Witnessing & influencing the progress (socially & academically) each child makes from the beginning to the end of the year is her greatest reward. Also, there is never a dull moment with Kindergartners!

Mrs. Adams is married to her best friend, Justin & together they have three beautiful kids. Natalie is an ER nurse at Parkview, Logan is going to IUPUI for graphic design, & Greyson is a sixth grader at DMS. They also have a mini Aussie named Harley and a cat named Riggins.

When not in the classroom, Courtney fills her bucket by cooking, traveling, & crafting with friends. You can also find her with the wind in her hair on the back of her husband's motorcycle.

Favorite Food: Mexican & Chinese

Favorite Animal: Hippo

Favorite Book: Wonder (a story of kindness)



"Enjoy the little things in life, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things"

~Robert Brault

Box Top Update 02/29/2024

100%
90% \$649.00
80%
70%
60%
50%
40%
30%
20%
10%

WE DID IT!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION
YES I CAN!

WE CURRENTLY HOPE TO EARN:
\$500

DON'T HAVE THE BOX TOPS APP YET? DOWNLOAD IT NOW!

**February's
contest winner!
Kindergarten**

**February Leaderboard
Updated: 02/29/24**

1	Kindergarten	197 Box Tops
2	Grade 3	184 Box Tops
3	Grade 1	168 Box Tops
4	Grade 2	56 Box Tops
5	Grade 4	17 Box Tops
6	Grade 5	5 Box Tops

**March's
contest is
Ice Cream!**

Earn 2 Bonus Box Tops on Old El Paso
when you buy any 2 participating Old El Paso products in a single transaction between 03/01/24 - 03/31/24. Offer excludes seasoning packets.

Earn 2 Bonus Box Tops on Dunkaroos
when you buy any 3 participating Dunkaroos products in a single transaction between 03/01/24 - 03/31/24.

Earn 5 Bonus Box Tops on Lucky Charms
when you buy any 3 participating Lucky Charms products in a single transaction between 03/01/24 - 03/31/24.

Earn 6 Bonus Box Tops on Pillsbury Toaster Strudel
when you buy any 4 participating Pillsbury Toaster Strudel products in a single transaction between 03/01/24 - 03/31/24.

Earn 4 Bonus Box Tops on Totino's Pizza Rolls
when you buy any 3 participating Totino's Pizza Rolls products in a single transaction between 03/01/24 - 03/31/24.

BONUS OFFERS*
*SEE APP FOR MORE BONUSES AND DETAILS



Ronald McDonald
House Charities®
Central Indiana

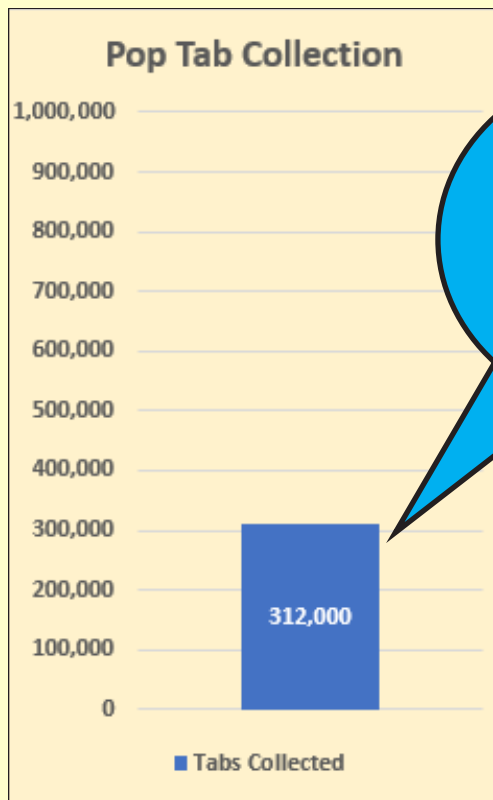
Pop Tab Collection for Ronald McDonald House Charities

Keep saving those pop tabs!!

We love seeing the school come together to collect pop tabs for such an amazing charity! We are already at **312 pounds** of pop tabs—which is approximately **312,000 pop tabs!!!**

Eagles—you are amazing!!

Keep collecting and lets see how many we can raise!! Our high goal is 1M tabs!! We are already 30% of the way there!!



14 pounds
collected in
February!

Pop "Tab-ulations"

1,000 tabs = 1 lb.

1 million tabs = 1,000 lb.



Common Containers

Sandwich Size Ziploc:	0.5 lb.
2L Bottle:	1.75 lb.
Large Oatmeal Container:	2 lb.
Gallon Sized Ziploc:	2.5 lb.
Gallon Milk Jug:	3 lb.
1 Copy Paper Box:	24 lb.
32 Gallon Trash Bag:	80 lb.



RaiseRight™

Simply the right way to fundraise

Thank you to all who have helped raise field trip funds through RaiseRight!! With the holidays right around the corner, look for the gift giving information on their Facebook page or via email if you have registered with them!

Don't want to buy gift cards but still want to help? No problem!! You can still Donate - ask us how via our email at jrwatsonpto@gmail.com

All of the funds raised throughout this program will go to our new field trip fund!

This new program is known as RaiseRight – the gift card fundraising program. It is convenient - you can download the app on your phone and buy E-gift cards immediately to use when purchasing groceries. There are many reloadable gift cards – such as Speedway when you purchase gasoline. You can purchase physical cards as gifts and earn money for the school field trips at the same time!

Before our Thanksgiving break students were sent home with an order form to order physical gift cards—we want to thank all of our families who helped raise funds by purchasing gift cards!

If you have any questions on this new program you can reach out to your RaiseRight school coordinator, Andrea Sponhower via email asmbooks12@gmail.com or text at 260.615.2710

You can join the program at:

<https://www.raiseright.com/enroll?enrollCode=5PW78TYHA2SQ>



Watch the overview video at:

<https://youtu.be/LfmbKK4A9qo>



Teacher Appreciation

In February we provided an amazing charcuterie board!

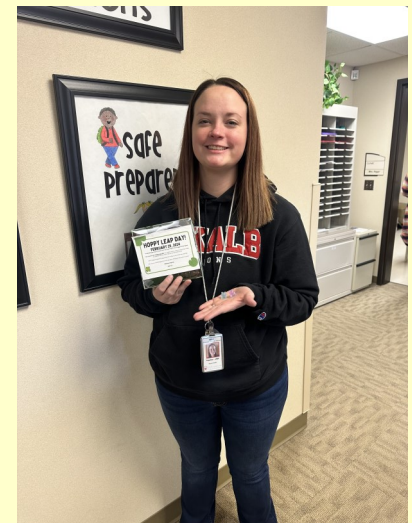


We also played a fun game with the teachers on Leap Day called

"HOPPY LEAP DAY"

The prize for collecting the most frogs was a box of
chocolate frogs!

Congratulations Mrs. Snider!



FAMILY NIGHT DINNER FEBRUARY 29, 2024

**We wanted to thank all who came out
and had dinner in the cafeteria!!**

**We were able to raise \$200 to go to-
wards all of our fun activities throughout
the year—including field trips!!**





HELPING FUND YOUTH PROGRAMS
Yesterday. Today. Tomorrow.

The journey to win a magic show was **ACHIEVED!!!**

Our goal of \$9,000 as a school to qualify for the magic show again this year was met and surpassed!!

The top 5 sellers will get VIP seating and get to meet the magician after the show!!



SWEETHEART

SOCK HOP

SAVE THE DATE

When : April 26, 2024

Time: 6:30p - 8:00p



Upcoming Events

March

- PTO Meeting - 3/11/24 @ 7p
- Spring Catalog Pickup - 3/19/24 - 3:30 - 5:30p
- Spring Break - 3/25/24 - 3/29/24

April

- Sweetheart Dance - 4/26/24 @ 6:30-8p

May

- Son + 1 - 5/5/24
- PTO Meeting - 5/13/24 @ 7p

TBD:

Fifth Grade Party

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MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Eagle Pride Friday	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 PTO Meeting 7p	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Fundraiser Pickup	20	21	22	23
24	25 Spring Break	26 Spring Break	27 Spring Break	28 Spring Break	29 Spring Break	30
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APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Sweetheart Dance - 6:30p	27
28	29	30				