



The Eagles Nest

November 2023

COLOR ME WATSON
Fun Walk/Run 2022

Sweetheart
DANCE

JR Watson Elementary
Skating Party
at the **Skatin' Station**



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President's Corner...

It's hard to believe we are already in November!! We will have our second PTO meeting of the year on Monday, November 27th at 7 p.m. This meeting will take place in the Eagle's Nest! We hope to see YOU there!!!!!!!!!!

We launched RaiseRight at the end of September and have made strides in funding our field trip fund. Especially with Christmas right around the corner, check RaiseRight for gift cards!

Our first skating party of the year will be Tuesday, November 28th . There will be more information coming home soon!

Remember to sign up for box tops and scan those receipts!

September's Teacher Appreciation was fair donuts (yum!!), and October's was Halloween Candy!! We are so grateful to the teachers and staff at JR Watson, and everything they do to make our school the BEST for our kids!! A special thank you to our PTO Treasurer, Andrea Sponhower, for putting together special Halloween treats for each student and teacher!

We hope you and your family have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!!

Lindsay Foster,
JR Watson PTO President

Upcoming PTO

Meeting Date:

November 27, 2023
7p – 8p
Eagles Nest

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

Teacher Spotlight

Our first teacher spotlight of the year goes out to the newest teacher at JR Watson, Kara Woods!

Kara is a first-grade teacher at JR Watson, and we are so happy to have her!

Kara earned her degree in Education from Purdue Fort Wayne, and has worked in an elementary school setting for six years. She spent four years at Lakewood Park Christian School before moving to a kindergarten teaching position at Waterloo Elementary and finally landing in first grade at JR Watson.



Mrs. Woods and her husband live in DeKalb County, and have been married for eleven years. Outside of school, she enjoys spending time with family, cooking, gardening, and traveling. Her “happy place” is exploring the outdoors through fishing, camping, and hiking. She loves being in nature and crafting!

When asked what her favorite thing about teaching is, she said “The best part of being a teacher is building relationships with students and families. It is such a joy learning about my students, seeing what makes them smile, and watching their growth. My passion is to instill a love for learning in each child so they become lifelong learners.”

Favorite Food: Sushi!

Favorite Color: Turquoise!

Favorite Book: The Bible!

Box Top Update 10/31/2023



**Stay Tuned for
our Next Box
Top Contest!**

**Back to School Leaderboard
Updated: 11/01/23**

1	Grade 5	71 Box Tops
2	Grade 1	54 Box Tops
3	Grade 3	37 Box Tops
4	Kindergarten	24 Box Tops
5	Grade 2	11 Box Tops
5	Grade 4	11 Box Tops

**Way to go 5th
Grade!
You won the
Pajama Day!**





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 **264 pounds** of pop tabs—which is approximately **264,000 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 25% of the way there!!



Raise awareness Make new friends Raise money Protect the environment

Provide a "home-away-from-home" for more than 5,000 families each year

POP TABS REMIND US OF AN IMPORTANT LESSON:
Even little things make a big difference.



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. With the new change in legislation schools are now responsible for paying for student field trips, as this is part of students curriculum. This is a great benefit for our families, but as your PTO we know that funds for the school are already stretched tight and would like to assist as much as possible.

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!

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 Appreciaton

During the month of September we gave our school staff Fair Donuts! We love our school and our staff!!



For Halloween we gave our school's staff candy and each student a little treat!

Happy Halloween!!

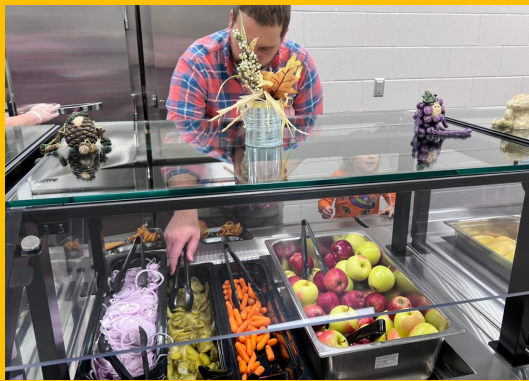


Family Night

We had an amazing Family Night! We are so happy to be able to provide our families with a dinner option during this fun night!

Thank you to all who came out and to our amazing cafeteria staff that provided a much appreciated meal! A big thank you to our PTO volunteers that gave up their night to help!

If you would like to volunteer for any of our events, please send an email to our PTO President, Lindsay Foster, at jrwatsonpto@gmail.com, or come to any of our PTO meetings!



Upcoming Events

November

- PTO Meeting - 11/27/23 @ 7p

January

- PTO Meeting - 1/22/24 @ 7p

March

- Spring Fling Silent Auction - 3/9/24
- PTO Meeting - 3/11/24 @ 7p

April

- Sweetheart Dance - 4/26/24 @ 630-8p

May

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

TBD:

Skating Party

Spring Fundraiser

Fifth Grade Party

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NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Eagle Pride Friday	4
5	6	7	8 Veteran's Day Performance	9	10 Candy Bar Day	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Break	23 Thanksgiving Break	24 Thanksgiving Break	25
26	27 PTO Meeting 7p	28 Skating Party	29	30		

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Eagle Pride Friday	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Christmas Program	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Holiday Break	26 Holiday Break	27 Holiday Break	28 Holiday Break	29 Holiday Break	30 Holiday Break
31 Holiday Break						