



The Eagles Nest

December 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...

How can we already be in December!?! We are so excited for the Holiday Season at JR Watson!!!

This month the kids will be doing many Christmas activities, and teachers will enjoy lots of fantastic Teacher Appreciation treats!!!

The Kindergarten and First Grade students will perform their Christmas Program on December 11th, 6-7 p.m. This is always such a fantastic program!

With Christmas right around the corner make sure you are checking RaiseRight for your gift card needs. This is an easy way for our school to raise the funds we need for field trips!!!

Remember to sign up for box tops and scan those receipts! We are already so close to our goal for the year!!! I can't wait to see how much we can surpass that goal by!!

November's teacher appreciation was a trail mix bar (YUMMMM!!!!)

We wish you and your family a safe, and Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!!

Lindsay Foster,

JR Watson PTO President

Upcoming PTO

Meeting Date:

January 22, 2024
7p-8p
Eagles Nest

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

Teacher Spotlight

This month's JR Watson teacher spotlight shines on fifth-grade teacher Matt White. When not in the classroom, you might spot Matt metal detecting, bird watching, or traveling across the land.

Matt has been teaching for 18 years, ALL of which have been at the fifth-grade level. He never gets tired of witnessing the excitement on students' faces when they learn something new & loves to see their self-esteem grow!

Matt grew up in Fort Wayne and attended Indian Village Elementary, Kekionga Middle, and Elmhurst High School. He went on to earn his college degree at the University of St. Francis in Fort Wayne. Both of Matt's parents were teachers, so he knew at an early age he wanted to follow in their footsteps.

Mr. White is married with 4 amazing children (3 girls and 1 boy), & currently has 4 dogs, 3 cats, and 20 egg-laying chickens. In their days of yore, they've had rabbits, goats, and turkeys. He loves animals and nature (except for snakes & 100ft clifftops)!

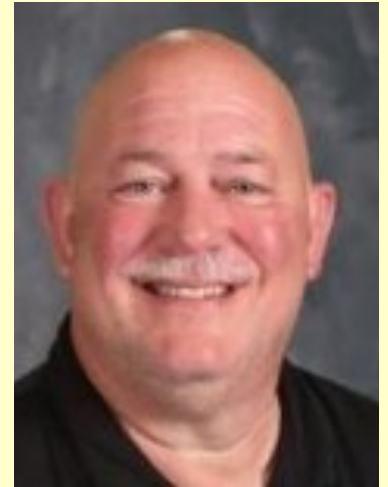
Matt just enjoyed his favorite holiday, Thanksgiving. Spending time with friends and family & expressing gratitude for what we have are among the reasons that make this his favorite, but we can't forget about the food!!

We are so THANKFUL to have Mr. White as part of our JR Watson family!

Favorite Food: Shrimp Cocktail

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Book: any Curious George books



Box Top Update

11/27/2023



Stay Tuned for our Next Box Top Contest!

Fall Leaderboard Updated: 11/27/23

1	Grade 2	164 Box Tops
2	Grade 3	109 Box Tops
3	Kindergarten	86 Box Tops
4	Grade 1	37 Box Tops
5	Grade 5	34 Box Tops
6	Grade 4	7 Box Tops

5th grade won the October contest for a PJ Day in November! They had





Ronald McDonald
House Charities®
Central Indiana

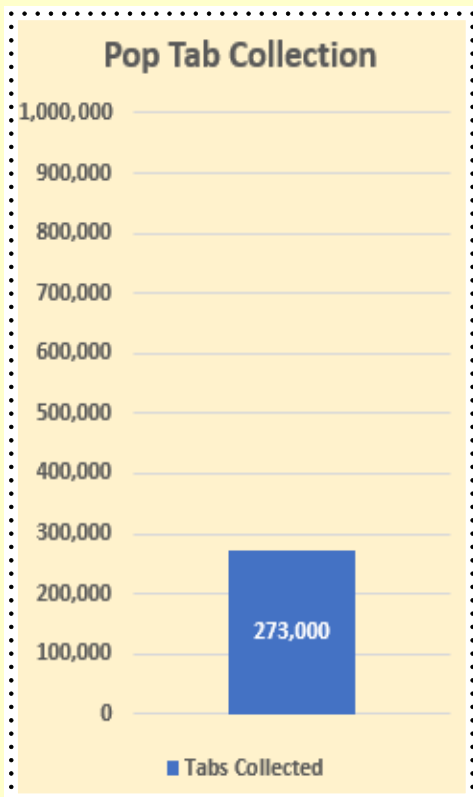
Pop Tab Collection for Ronald McDonald House Charities

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 **273 pounds** of pop tabs—which is approximately **273,000 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!!



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 - the due date is **December 1, 2023**. Please make checks payable to **JRW PTO**.

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 November the PTO provided our teachers and staff with an amazing trail mix bar! A big thanks to Candace Post for putting this together!



December is always an amazing month with our soup bar! If you could like to volunteer to bring in a crockpot of soup please email us at

jrwatsonpto@gmail.com



SCHOOL SKATE PARTY

What an amazing time at the first JRW Skating party of the year!! All donations collected will go into our Field Trip Fund! Thank you!



The word "Spirit" is written in a bubbly, 3D font where each letter is a different color (S: pink, P: yellow, I: green, R: light blue, I: purple, T: orange) and has a black outline with small radiating lines above it. Below it, the word "WEAR" is written in a bold, blocky font with a white fill and a thick black outline. The letters are colored: W (yellow), E (green), A (red), and R (blue).

Spirit
WEAR

**Thank you for all your Spirit Wear orders!! We were able to raise \$546 towards
are field trip fund goal!**

**If you didn't have a chance to order one this fall, don't worry! You will have
another chance in the Spring!!**

The word "EAGLES" is written in a very large, bold, black, blocky font. Below the text are three thick, horizontal black bars. In the center, overlapping the bottom bar, is a black silhouette of an eagle with its wings spread, perched on a small white base.

EAGLES

SWEETHEART

SOCK HOP

SAVE THE DATE

When : April 26, 2024

Time: 6:30p - 8:00p



Upcoming Events

December

- Kindergarten & First grade Christmas Program - 12/11/23 @ 6p
- Holiday Break - 12/25/23 - 1/05/24 -
Happy New Year!

January

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

March

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

**Spring Fundraiser
Fifth Grade Party**

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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						

JANUARY

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