



# The Eagles Nest

February 2024

**COLOR ME WATSON**  
Fun Walk/Run 2022

**Sweetheart**  
DANCE

**GATSBY**  
GALA

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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, again!

The month of January was a CRAZY one with the weather! Thank you for your continued patience, and partnership with our amazing educators to keep learning moving for our kiddos.

Just a reminder the PTO will be hosting a Gatsby Gala on March 9th. This will be an adult only event, so get working on those babysitters! Tickets are on sale NOW, and are limited, so get your tickets TODAY!! This fundraising event will be to raise funds for necessary improvements to our playground! We are so excited about this inaugural event and hope it continues for years to come.

As many of you know, new legislation passed over the summer that makes book fees and field trips free to students. While this is an amazing change for our families at JR Watson, it does not come without cost. If you want to donate directly to the JR Watson Field Trip Fund, you can scan the QR code below or reach out to [jrwatsonpto@gmail.com](mailto:jrwatsonpto@gmail.com) for more information.

Remember to sign up for box tops and scan those receipts! We have reached our goal for the year (GREAT JOB EAGLES)! I can't wait to see how much we can surpass that goal by!!

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

Lindsay Foster,

JR Watson PTO President



# Teacher Spotlight

JRW's Teacher Spotlight will feature Elizabeth Calloway for February!

Elizabeth is in her 4th year of teaching. She has taught first grade & third grade in the past but has now settled in the middle teaching Second Grade at JRW, and we are so happy to have her on our team!



Mrs. Calloway earned her degree in Education from Ball State (chirp chirp) but officially decided to become an educator in high school when she joined the cadet teaching program. Her favorite part of teaching is watching students grow academically and socially. "It is such a treat to see personalities develop and see students come out of their shells."

In 2021, Elizabeth married Mr. Calloway (Nathan) and together they achieved the American Dream of home ownership last spring! The spirit of giving to others, festive decorations, and spending quality time with loved ones are all what makes Christmas her favorite holiday.

When she's not in the classroom (or on a Google Meet), you can find Elizabeth doing her favorite thing: cozied up getting lost in a good book with her two sweet furbabies (cats), Daphne & Oliver.

**Favorite Food:** any pasta dish

**Favorite Color:** blue

**Favorite Book:** Harry Potter

# Box Top Update 01/31/2024

**100%** \$571.60

**90%**

**80%**

**70%**

**60%**

**50%**

**40%**

**30%**

**20%**

**10%**

**WE DID IT!**

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**  
YES I SCAN!

**WE CURRENTLY HOPE TO EARN:**  
\$500

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

**February's contest is Stuffy Day!**

**Winter Leaderboard Updated: 01/31/24**

Grade 3	<b>1</b>	461 Box Tops
Grade 2		174 Box Tops
Kindergarten		89 Box Tops
Grade 5		73 Box Tops
Grade 4		61 Box Tops
Grade 1		41 Box Tops

**Earn 4 Bonus Box Tops on Cheerios**

when you buy any 2 participating Cheerios products in a single transaction between 02/01/24 - 02/29/24.

**BONUS OFFERS\***

**\*SEE APP FOR MORE BONUSES AND DETAILS**

**13 Days Left**

**Earn 20 Bonus Box Tops at Walmart**

when you buy any 2 participating products in a single transaction between 01/01/24 - 02/14/24.

**Earn 3 Bonus Box Tops on Betty Crocker Brownie Mix**

when you buy any 2 participating Betty Crocker Brownie Mix products in a single transaction between 02/01/24 - 02/29/24.

**Earn 6 Bonus Box Tops on Fruit by the Foot, Gushers & Fruit Roll-Ups**

when you buy any 3 participating Fruit by the Foot, Gushers and/or Fruit Roll-Ups products in a single transaction between 02/01/24 - 02/29/24.

**Earn 3 Bonus Box Tops on Pillsbury Cinnamon Rolls**

when you buy any 2 participating Pillsbury Cinnamon Rolls products in a single transaction between 02/01/24 - 02/29/24.

**13 Days Left**

**Earn 20 Bonus Box Tops at Sam's Club**

when you buy any 2 participating products in a single transaction between 01/01/24 - 02/14/24.



Ronald McDonald  
House Charities®  
Central Indiana

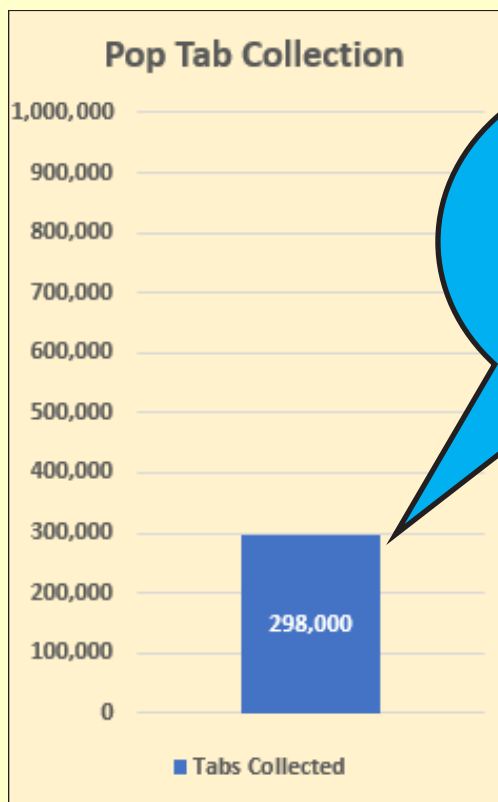
# Pop Tab Collection for Ronald McDonald House Charities

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 **298 pounds** of pop tabs—which is approximately **298,000 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!!



15 pounds  
collected in  
January!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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>





JR WATSON PTO PRESENTS

# GATSBY GALA

**SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER  
SATURDAY MARCH 9TH, 6-10 P.M.  
TINCAPS STADIUM- SUITE LEVEL LOUNGE  
PARKING WILL BE IN THE DIAMOND PARKING LOT**

**\*THIS FUNDRAISER IS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR  
NECESSARY PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS\***

**COME DRESSED IN YOUR BEST  
ROARING 20'S OUTFIT**

**HEAVY HORS D'OEUVERS & APPITIZER SPREAD WILL  
BE INCLUDED**

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE USING THIS QR CODE.  
\$40/INDIVIDUAL, \$75/COUPLE, \$450/TABLE OF 8  
TICKETS ARE LIMITED, THE DEADLINE TO PURCHASE IS 2/16.  
PROCESSING FEES WILL REFLECT DURING ONLINE PURCHASE.**



**HOTEL IDEAS DOWNTOWN:  
THE BRADLEY (260) 428-4018  
HILTON-FORT WAYNE (260) 420-1100  
HAMPTON INN (260) 247-6915**

**THIS IS AN ADULT ONLY EVENT!**



**The next skating party is February 20th!!!**

**Come join us for some amazing fun!**

**Donations accepted at the door or you can donate at any time scanning this QR code. All proceeds go towards our field trip fund!**



**Please fill out the provided form if you plan on dropping your students off.**





# **FAMILY NIGHT DINNER**

**FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

**5:30 - 6:45PM**

The JRW PTO will once again be offering  
Dinner at the Café during the Family  
Night Book Fair!

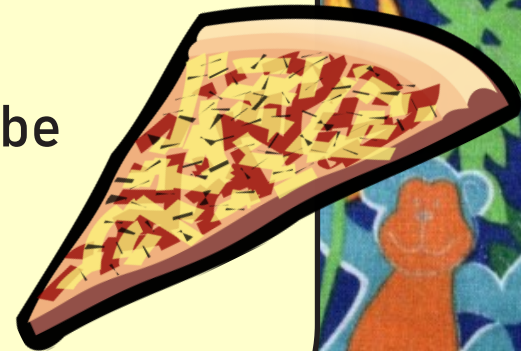
Cost: \$5/person - up to \$20 max/family  
Cash/Check/Credit Card\* accepted

\*Credit card processing fees will apply

Dinner will be a  
**PIZZA BAR**

Cheese or Pepperoni  
Fruit, veggies and a cookie

Lemonade or water will be  
provided by the PTO.





**HELPING FUND YOUTH PROGRAMS**  
*Yesterday. Today. Tomorrow.*

The journey to win a magic show begins again!

Help reach our goal of \$9,000 as a school to qualify for the magic show again this year! Last year we exceeded our goal!

All students who raise \$100 or more get VIP seating!



Three amazing catalogs to order from - PLUS even more online options!

**SWEETHEART**

# **SOCK HOP**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**When : April 26, 2024**

**Time: 6:30p - 8:00p**



# Upcoming Events

## February

- Spring Catalog Fundraiser - 2/15/24 - 2/29/24
- Skating Party - 2/20/24
- Family Night and Dinner in Café - 2/29/24 5:30-6:45p

## March

- Gatsby Gala Silent Auction - 3/9/24
- 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**

# PTO Board Member Contacts

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Please feel free to contact us!



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# FEBURARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Eagle Pride Friday	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 No School Teacher In- Service Day	10
11	12	13	14	15 Spring Fundraiser Kick-off	16	17
18	19	20 Skating Party	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Dinner in Café 5:30-6:45p		

# MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Eagle Pride Friday	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Gatsby Gala 6-10p
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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