



The Eagles Nest

January 2024

COLOR ME WATSON
Fun Walk/Run 2022

Sweetheart
DANCE

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



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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*

President's Corner...

Welcome back, and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! It's hard to believe we are already at this point in the year. We are so excited about everything happening at JR Watson.

Just a reminder the PTO will be hosting a Gatsby Gala on March 9th. This will be a parents-only event, so get working on those babysitters. More information will come home in February. This fundraising event will be to raise funds for necessary improvements to our playground! We are so excited for 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 such an amazing change for our families at JR Watson, it does not come without cost. If you would like to donate directly to the JR Watson Field Trip Fund, you can scan the QR code below, or reach out to jrwatsonpto@gmail.com for more information.

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!!

Our next PTO meeting is Monday, January 22nd @ 7 p.m. in the Eagle's Nest. We would love to have you there!!

Our PTO as a whole, is so grateful to each and every person that makes JRW the BEST Elementary school for our students.

Lindsay Foster,
JR Watson PTO President



Teacher Spotlight

To start the new year, we'd like to spotlight Camille Furrow.!

Camille is a Third Grade teacher whose favorite thing about teaching is cultivating growth and encouraging goals for her students to reach throughout the school year, in hopes to make a positive impact on their lives.

Camille grew up in the DeKalb Central district, attending Country Meadow>DeKalb Middle>DeKalb High, & knew she wanted to be a teacher by Freshman year of High School. She went on to Huntington University & IPFW to obtain her degree. She is in her second year teaching in her own classroom, having also taught Fifth Grade.



Her students won't be pulling any fast ones on her, as she was a fastpitch softball athlete not too long ago. She played varsity all four years of high school and broke many records at DeKalb. Camille went on to play college & still occasionally plays slow pitch. Other hobbies include bowling, cooking/baking, & chess!

After the bell rings, Ms. Furrow enjoys going home to her faithful furbaby, Lady. She has a niece who is a JRW student, two nephews, and brother, who was also a DeKalb graduate.

Camille's favorite holiday is Halloween. She has so much fun seeing the kids dress up and express themselves, & it's the best weather season of the year. You could say she's fallen for all things Fall (except for spiders one and all)!

We are so THANKFUL to have Ms. Furrow as part of our JR Watson family.

Favorite Food: Sushi

Favorite Color: Teal

Favorite Book: The Wild Robot

Box Top Update 01/08/2024

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

100% \$504.70

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!

Updated: 01/08/24

1	Grade 3	146 Box Tops
2	Kindergarten	58 Box Tops
3	Grade 2	45 Box Tops
4	Grade 5	40 Box Tops
5	Grade 1	38 Box Tops
6	Grade 4	17 Box Tops

Earn 4 Bonus Box Tops on Old El Paso Shells
when you buy any 2 participating Old El Paso Shells products in a single transaction between 01/01/24 - 01/31/24.



BONUS OFFERS*
*SEE APP FOR MORE BONUSES AND DETAILS

Earn 5 Bonus Box Tops on Totino's
when you buy any 2 participating Totino's products in a single transaction between 01/01/24 - 01/31/24.



Earn 2 Bonus Box Tops on Cocoa Puffs & Cookie Crisp
when you buy any 1 participating Cocoa Puffs or Cookie Crisp product between 01/01/24 - 01/31/24.



Earn 5 Bonus Box Tops on Cascadian Farm
when you buy any 2 participating Cascadian Farm products in a single transaction between 01/01/24 - 01/31/24.



Earn 8 Bonus Box Tops on Nature Valley
when you buy any 3 participating Nature Valley products in a single transaction between 01/01/24 - 01/31/24.



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.





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 **283 pounds** of pop tabs—which is approximately **283,000 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—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 Appreciaton

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





**The next skating party is TBD!!
Stay tuned for more updates!!**



SWEETHEART

SOCK HOP

SAVE THE DATE

When : April 26, 2024

Time: 6:30p - 8:00p



Upcoming Events

January

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

March

- Gatsby Gala 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:

Skating Party

Spring Fundraiser

Fifth Grade Party

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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			

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	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		