

# Wildcat Chat

Waite Park Elementary School PTA Newsletter



September 2024

**Hello Waite Park families!**

Let me tell you about ways you and your kids can get involved and meet new friends in September! Thanks for reading this month's Wildcat Chat!

## September happenings

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### Save the date for the Annual M&M Playdate!

**Monday, Sep. 9, at the Waite Park playground, 5-7pm, snacks and drinks provided.**

This all-grade "Move & Mingle" playdate is a chance for adults to meet new Waite Park families and chat with seasoned ones, while kids run around with their classmates at the playground. Come and go as you please. **See you there!**

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### Come to our first PTA meeting of the year!

**Thursday, Sep. 12 at the Waite Park Rec Plus room, 6:30-7:30pm**

We get an update from Principal McGinness, talk about upcoming PTA events, we eat dinner and chat with other adults\* (kids are in another room), we get updates from Community Ed and Mpls Parks, and you share any thoughts, ideas or questions you have, if you'd like.

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### Be in the Waite Park School Directory!

Every year the PTA creates a Waite Park Family Directory to facilitate connections between everyone in our school community. Scan the QR code!

Or go to: <https://tinyurl.com/nh3tznxt>.



## Get involved through the Waite Park PTA

- **Attend PTA meetings:** Every second Thursday of the month at 6:30-7:30pm in the Waite Park Rec Plus room (dinner, snacks and childcare provided\*).
- **Be on a PTA committee:** Help organize events, plan field trips, coordinate with teachers, order donuts for staff, all the good stuff. Email us at [waiteparkpta1@gmail.com](mailto:waiteparkpta1@gmail.com).
- **Volunteer at PTA events:** We host a handful of events that are run by the help of parents and caregivers – sign up links are sent around close to the date of the event.

\* We repeat, dinner, snacks & childcare will be provided.

**Buy some Waite Park swag and show off your pride:** <https://tinyurl.com/3x8w7j5s>



## Get involved and be a part of the PTA

Hey current and future Wildcat parents and caregivers, the PTA is looking for new members to bring some fresh ideas to help support the students, teachers and community.

We meet once a month as a crew to plan events, talk about volunteer needs and just socialize. Joining the PTA is a great way to meet new friends in the area, learn about fun events in advance, and help shape the experience at Waite Park Elementary school for everyone.

It's a laid-back group of parents who are fans of Waite Park School and community and are focused on ensuring our Waite Park students are learning how to give back to the community that's raising them.

Send us an email at [waiteparkpta1@gmail.com](mailto:waiteparkpta1@gmail.com).

## Your 2024-2025 PTA Board Members

Presidents: Anika Swanson, Katy Keesey | Vice-Presidents: Bridget Becker, Princess Cramer | Treasurer: Tyler Sahnaw | Secretaries: Laura Chaffee, CasiAnna Olson | Grants Committee: David Harris

Contact us with questions / ideas / concerns at [waiteparkpta1@gmail.com](mailto:waiteparkpta1@gmail.com).

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## How the PTA supports our school, community and kids

### School-Wide Events

Waite Park Carnival  
Say Boo to the Flu  
Winter Get Together / Winter Luminary  
Winter Gear Swap  
Family Service Nights  
Playground Play Dates  
Book Fairs  
Spirit Week/Kindness in Chalk  
Track and Field Day  
Yearbooks  
Field Trip Busses  
5th Grade Recognition  
Assemblies

### School Enhancements

Wall Mural  
Classroom Grants  
Staff appreciation gifts and treats  
Wish List purchases  
Maud Hart Lovelace Books  
Gym Equipment (rock wall!)  
Gaga Ball Pit

### Fundraisers

Direct Donations  
Give to the Max Day  
Boosterthon "Glow Run" Fun Run  
Dine Out for Schools  
Box Tops for Education