

# Warren/Apple River PTO

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## What is the PTO?

Many of you may not know what the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) is about. The Warren/Apple River PTO is about men and women working together toward a common goal of developing a better school and a better educational experience for our children. The PTO strives to create an atmosphere where teachers and our children can do their best work.

## What does the PTO do?

In the past few years, we have:

- Updated the playground equipment in the PreK-Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> grade and ARMS playgrounds.
- Updated and purchased new computer equipment at Warren Elementary and ARMS.
- Funded fieldtrips for grade levels PreK-6<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade band.
- Provided \$50 stipends to each classroom at Warren Elementary and ARMS twice a school year to use toward the purchase of classroom equipment and supplies.
- Funded all or a portion of several educational assemblies.
- Helped in the purchase of additional books for the Literacy and AR programs.
- Provided funds for other various teacher requests such as new maps, globes, playground balls, U.S marker boards, die cut supplies and much more!
- Provided funds for other miscellaneous requests such as post prom, educational program sponsorship, etc.
- Held various fun activities such as the games at Pumpkinfest, Learning Fairs, Fun Fairs, Spring Dances and Easter Egg Hunts.

## **Who can be in the PTO and how do I get involved?**

The PTO can include parents, teachers, uncles, aunts, grandparents and friends who care about children and education. Everyone is invited to get involved and either attend a monthly meeting and/or volunteer to help out with any of our events and activities. Our meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month (see schedule below). It is a fun way to get involved with your child's school and make a difference in his or her educational and social growth. You will also have the opportunity to meet other parents and teachers.

At each meeting, we discuss a variety of topics and concerns related to helping our school be the best it can be. We are welcoming and friendly and share many of the same concerns as you. Meetings are held in the Board Room of the Warren School. Free babysitting is also provided in the multi-purpose room during each meeting.

Volunteering doesn't mean a huge time commitment either. **ANY** help you can provide could make a **BIG** difference. We ask that you only volunteer for something that fits into your schedule and interest. There are also many things that can be accomplished without coming to the school or a meeting at all.

If you would like to be more involved or if you have any questions or comments, please contact a PTO board member:

Teri Williams, President (745-2575)  
Kristi Leverton, Vice President (541-0188)  
Barb Harbach, Secretary (745-2481)  
Rachel Brinkmeier, Treasurer (745-2113)

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## 2009/2010 Meeting/Event Schedule:

03/29/10 (Mon) ---Author Presentation by Craig Pierce (approx 1:00 p.m.)

04/06/10 (Tues) ---"Getting Excited About Science" assembly (8:20 a.m.)

04/13/10 (Tues) ---PTO Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

04/30/10 (Fri) ---Spring Fling Dance (time TBA)

05/12/10 (W) ---PTO Meeting/Thank-You Dinner (6:30 p.m.)

## **Current and upcoming events...**

- Author presentation on Monday, March 29, 2010 by Craig Pierce at the Warren School. There will be two presentations (approx 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.). This will be offered to prek through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- "Getting Excited About Science" assembly by Steve Belliveau on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 in the Multipurpose Room. There will be two presentations (8:20 a.m. and 9:20 a.m.). This will offered to prek through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- PTO sponsored trip for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade band members to Rockford Symphony Orchestra performance on April 23, 2010 during school hours.
- PTO Spring Fling dance on Friday, April 30, 2010 in the Multipurpose Room. The time is TBA. DJ music, snacks and a ton of fun provided!

This is your chance to get involved and have fun! We hope to see you at an upcoming event soon!

# PTO NEWS

The last PTO meeting was held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 in the Board Room of the Warren School. The Treasurer's Report showed a checking account balance of \$10,971.03. There were various expenses in February for class fieldtrips, post prom donation and classroom equipment. The only income was from the pizza sales at the Learning Fair which was approximately \$60.00.

The Learning Fair was a success with Mrs. Leverton's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class being the winner of the travelling trophy for highest participation this year. They will also be rewarded with an ice cream party in the near future. The pizza sales in the Commons was a big hit! There were some very good exhibits by the students. Congratulations to all the students who participated. You did an awesome job! Also, thank you to parents and teachers for helping make this year's Learning Fair a success!

The PTO Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at Meridian Park. If the weather is inclement, we will move the location to the school. We will be hiding 1100 candy filled eggs. The age groups will be prek and under (550 eggs), kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade (300 eggs) and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (250 eggs). Kristi Leverton's class will make signs for each age group. Set-up will be at 12:30 p.m. that day. We will also be visited by the Eater Bunny! This should be a fun day for all!

The PTO will be hosting two educational events for the students this Spring. The first will be an author presentation. The date for this will be Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and will be held in the afternoon at the Warren School. There will be two 30-45 minute presentations by author Craig Pierce. This will be given to prek through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

The second event will be a Science Assembly on Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> in the Multipurpose Room of the Warren School. This will be held in the morning with two 45 minute shows for prek through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The name of the show is "Getting Excited about Science" and the presenter will be Steve Belliveau. The PTO is very excited about being able to offer these experiences to the students!

The PTO will again be offering reimbursement to students who complete a student enrichment program this summer. Both the University of Dubuque and the University of Wisconsin-Platteville offer summer programs. The PTO will be providing information to students and parents on these programs soon.

The PTO Spring Fling Dance will be on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> in the Multipurpose Room. There will be music by DJ Travus Albrecht, prizes, a sweet stand and FUN! More information on this event will also be provided very soon!

The next PTO meeting will be on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Warren School. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Teri Williams  
PTO President

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