

# PTO Volunteer Event Sheet

**All Wilkes families are PTO members**

## **What is the Wilkes School Directory?**

The school directory is a very popular item that benefits you and your child/children directly. It includes names and addresses of most of the children who attend Wilkes. It also includes the school calendar, staff phone numbers and useful information for handling a variety of common school issues. The directory cost is \$10 to cover printing. More information and order forms will be in the PTO packet which will be sent home with your students.

**Chairperson—Becky Mikami, [bjace@seanet.com](mailto:bjace@seanet.com) and Lauren Kozlosky, [kozlosky@comcast.net](mailto:kozlosky@comcast.net)**

## **What is the Harvest Fair?**

Harvest Fair is an annual celebration at Wilkes. The students turn fruits and vegetables into unique creations such as animals, boats and houses. Wilkes families are invited to join the children during their lunch period to admire everyone's creativity. Half day kindergarteners may visit before (PM) or after (AM) their class time. All children who participate will receive a ribbon. Volunteers help coordinate the event. **Chairperson—Kimberly Reilly, [kimberlyreilly@yahoo.com](mailto:kimberlyreilly@yahoo.com)**

## **What is the Dinner Auction?**

The auction is an adults-only event that features many silent auction items, children's class art projects, and a very spirited live auction. Volunteers are needed to help produce the catalog, coordinate classroom art projects, procure donations, set up, clean up and work the computers during the event. This is the largest and most important fundraising event for the PTO.

**Chairperson—Needed**

## **What is the Halloween Carnival?**

The Wilkes Halloween Carnival is an island tradition. This year the fourth grade parents are in charge of coordinating the carnival and haunted house. Proceeds will benefit the fourth grade outdoor education program. Students and the community are invited and encouraged to come in costume. Simple games such as Fishing and Cake Walk are set up in the classrooms. The carnival requires many volunteers for set up, decorations, staffing games, ticket sales and clean up.

## **What is the Popcorn cart?**

Just like when you were a kid, Wilkes PTO has a popcorn cart. The cart is open and serving popcorn on most but not all Fridays. The cost is \$.25 per bag. We need volunteers to help sell popcorn on Fridays during the lunch periods and recess.

**Chairperson—Ariel Montgomery, [arielblythe@hotmail.com](mailto:arielblythe@hotmail.com)**

### **What is the Science Fair?**

Every spring, Wilkes has a science fair. Your child is encouraged to do an experiment or demonstration that is displayed in the school gym. Standard format is on a tri-fold demo board. If your child needs ideas, help them search the internet, or talk to friends. This is an optional event. The science fair runs concurrently with the Wilkes School Open House in the evening.

**Chairperson—Marisa Lanning, [marisalanning@hotmail.com](mailto:marisalanning@hotmail.com) and Cindy Ruggiero, [theruggieros@msn.com](mailto:theruggieros@msn.com)**

### **What is the Spring Splash?**

This is the grand finale year end event. It is an opportunity for the kids, to dance, yell and be crazy with their friends, one last time before summer. The PTO provides a DJ in the gym with dancing, games, and ice cream. The entire family is encouraged to attend, but of course this is an optional event. **Chairperson—Needed**

### **What is Grounds Beautification?**

Volunteers are needed to keep the grounds around Wilkes looking great. This involves weeding and planting around the school. **Chairperson—Needed**

### **What is Picture Day?**

This is the day when all Wilkes students have individual and classroom pictures taken. We need volunteers to assist throughout the day. **Chairperson—Nancy Rees, [nancyjbrees@comcast.net](mailto:nancyjbrees@comcast.net)**

### **What is Staff Appreciation Week?**

This is a week during the Spring when we appreciate the Wilkes staff. Various activities are coordinated throughout the week including a staff luncheon, brunch and special treats for the teachers. **Chairperson—Needed**

### **What is Yearbook?**

Do you like to take pictures and use your creative skills? Sign-up to help out with the Wilkes Yearbook this year. **Chairperson—Ruthie Lipschutz, [ruth@thing7.com](mailto:ruth@thing7.com) and Christine Brown, [ceabrown@hotmail.com](mailto:ceabrown@hotmail.com)**

### **What is a Yearbook Class Representative?**

The Yearbook Committee would like one parent from each class to submit photographs from their class for the class page in the yearbook. This is a great way to capture your child's memories in the yearbook...class parties, poetry readings, field trips, etc. You can also coordinate with your child's teacher to get copies of their photographs. In February, we will ask you to submit 8 to 10 photographs for the class page (with at least one photograph of each child in the class). You will have the option of working on a digital layout of the class page due in mid-March if you wish.

**Chairperson—Ruthie Lipschutz, [ruth@thing7.com](mailto:ruth@thing7.com) and Christine Brown, [ceabrown@hotmail.com](mailto:ceabrown@hotmail.com)**

### **What is Spirit Cart?**

Assist in selling Wilkes Whale gear at special events throughout the year.

**Chairperson—Cindy Ruggiero, [theruggieros@msn.com](mailto:theruggieros@msn.com)**

### **What is Health Screening?**

Sign-up to assist with hearing and vision tests at Wilkes.

**Chairperson—Trish Franznick, [trish@franznick.com](mailto:trish@franznick.com)**

### **What is Book Fair?**

Wilkes hosts one to two book fairs per year in the school library. Sign-up for various shifts to assist with book sales and organizing. **Chairperson—Cathy Sanford, [cathysanford@gmail.com](mailto:cathysanford@gmail.com)**

### **What is Alternative Fundraising?**

Assist with educating Wilkes parents and students about the many ways to bring in additional income to Wilkes which includes: eScrip (with Safeway), Boxtops for Education, and Ink Cartridge Recycling.

**Chairperson—Cathy Oden, [dcnmo@yahoo.com](mailto:dcnmo@yahoo.com)**

### **What is Sally Foster Sales?**

A once a year event where Wilkes students sell Sally Foster products which includes wrapping paper and other gift items. Volunteers needed to assist in organizing and distributing the sales items.

**Chairperson—Janet Usellis, [usellis@earthlink.net](mailto:usellis@earthlink.net)**

### **What is a Classroom Art Docent?**

Volunteers needed to work in your child's class to teach an art lesson throughout the year. Involves researching a topic/artist and teaching in front of the class on a monthly basis. **Chairperson—Sheila Meidell, [sheila.meidell@gmail.com](mailto:sheila.meidell@gmail.com)**

### **What is the Triathlon?**

Every K-4 student will participate in the Triathlon on October 8th, which will consist of two academic components in the classroom, reading and math, and a jogathon. The students will have fun sharpening their reading and math skills and getting some exercise, all while raising money for their school. Kids receive t-shirts and parents and local businesses can sponsor the event. **Chairperson— Michelle Allen**