



# WIZARDS PTA NEWS



The newsletter of the Woodlin Elementary School Parent Teacher Association

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## President's Chat

WORDS FROM LINDA GINNARELLI, PTA PRESIDENT



**Open House**  
Friday,  
August 24



**First Day of School**  
Monday,  
August 27



**New Parent Meeting**  
Tuesday,  
August 28  
9:30 A.M.  
(New to the school in grades 1-5)



**Back-to-School Nights**  
7:00 to 8:30  
Tuesday,  
September 4  
Grades 3,4,5  
Wednesday  
September 5  
Grades K, 1, 2



**Tuesday, September 11**  
**PTA Meeting**  
6:30 to 8:00  
Pizza served  
6:00 to 6:30  
Woodlin All-Purpose Room

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*everychild, onevoice.*

On behalf of all the "old" Woodlin families, I'd like to welcome all of our new families—those of you with a child starting kindergarten for the first time, and those of you who have moved or changed schools.

For both new and returning families, I look forward to another exciting year at Woodlin Elementary.

We also welcome our new Woodlin Wizard staff—our new Assistant Principal Troy Clarke and all the new teachers and staff listed in Principal Sirgo's summer letter. We look forward to getting to know you all.



PTA president Linda Gianarelli juggling her duties

This promises to be another great year at Woodlin Elementary, with collaboration between staff and families to create wonderful opportunities for our students. Here's what we accomplished during the

2006-2007 year:

**Countless hours** spent by Woodlin parents working at the school, supporting the children and the staff.

An amazing **Earth Day celebration** that included every Woodlin student in hands-on outdoor activities.

The start of the **Junior Great Books** at Woodlin involving about half of all the 3rd through 5th graders as well as some 2nd graders.

Numerous **Black History Month** events, culminating in an assembly with involvement from Sligo Middle School and Woodlin students.

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## SALLY FOSTER

It's a new school year and that means it is time for our annual Sally Foster gift wrap and chocolate drive. Catalogs will go home with students in back-



packs shortly. You don't want to miss the opportunity



to help Woodlin and our students! The Sally Foster drive helps the PTA plan various (continued on page 2)

JOIN US FOR  
THE FIRST  
PTA MEETING

TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 11,  
2007  
6:30-8 PM

WOODLIN ALL-PURPOSE ROOM  
Pizza served from  
6-6:30

Enter the school from door near the parking lot



# President's Chat

*"I give a huge thanks to last year's hardworking PTA Board and Lead Volunteers, and every single person who volunteered in school or gave an hour of their time at a PTA event."*

Visit our PTA website at <http://woodlinpta.org> for calendars, past newsletters, links to the county, state, and national PTA websites, to join the ListServ and much more!

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Another year of **extensive after-school club offerings**—academic clubs, science, language, and just-for-fun clubs.

**Funding** that ensured all children could participate in clubs, field trips, and instrumental music, regardless of family income.

The first-ever **Destination Imagination** teams at Woodlin.

**Wonderful school-day events:** The Geography Bee, Book Fair, and Truck Day organized by parents, and the Arts Bowl organized by staff.

**Student artwork featured** on a new Woodlin T-shirt and calendar.

**Student involvement** in service projects.

**Cultural arts assemblies**—magic, gymnastics, and more.

The **super-popular stump circle**, and more outdoor classroom areas to come.

**Enrichment projects** in many grade levels, with PTA funding.

Another year of **great family events:** The Open House, Winter Festival, Disco Dance, and Spring Fair.

Some **new traditions:** Fun Fridays, a family soccer game, and community gardening days.

A **fabulous mural** in the all-purpose room.

The **activities that raise money** to pay for many things in this list.

The **activities that keep our community in touch**—monthly meetings, Parent Network meetings, the listserv, the directory, the website, and this newsletter.

Again, I give a huge thank you to last year's hardworking **PTA Board and Lead Volunteers, and every single person who volunteered in school or who gave an hour of their time at a PTA event.** It took every single one of us to create that impressive list of accomplishments.

**I look forward to another great year at Woodlin with your support!**

## Working Wizards



### Woodlin Parent Teacher Association Officers 2007-2008

**President** Linda Giannarelli  
**Vice President** Karen Sharp  
**Secretary** Michelle Radecki  
**Treasurer** Ramesh Kurup

### SALLY FOSTER

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activities throughout the school year. Get an early jump on holidays, birthdays, and other special occasions. Ask neighbors, friends, relatives, and others to purchase fabulous gift wrap and scrumptious chocolate!