



# WYMAN TIMES

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### HOWDY PARDNERS!

We are back in the saddle for the 2011-2012 school year. As you can tell, we are having a lot of fun with our western theme. Bandanas, cowboy hats and boots are the norm around the Wyman ranch. Wyman is fortunate to have top notch faculty, staff, and parents to help our little greenhorns achieve their potential.

Speaking of potential, Wyman students improved in all areas on the MAP tests. Thanks to super students, teachers, and parents, Wyman achieved AYP (Average Yearly Progress) in all areas including attendance last year. To give our students a boost, we will have tutoring available before and after school this year. Tutoring can be recommended by the teacher or requested by a parent. If you would like for your child to attend tutoring, let us know in the office.

If your child needs after school care, we have a few spots available in our ABC (After Bell Care) program. The program is from 3:10– 6:00 p.m. daily. You may call the office for more information or to sign your child up for ABC. There is a \$30 weekly fee for the program.

This year we will have K-Kids for 3rd and 4th graders. 2nd graders will be added to the club during the second semester. K-Kids will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3:15-4:30. If you would like for your child to participate, please sign and return the form below. K-Kids is a service club for kids sponsored by the Kiwanis organization.

PTO has their first advisory meeting tonight, September 1st at 5:30 in the library. You are welcome to volunteer for activities and make plans for the year. PTO is hosting a Back to School Hoedown on Thursday, September 8th from 6:00– 7:30 p.m. So grab your hat, polish off your boots and come for a rootin' tootin' good time with our Wyman family and friends.

Hope to see you soon at the Wyman ranch. Mosey on by anytime, the barn door is always open.

*Dr. Susan Bowles*

**UNOFFICIAL SHERIFF OF THE WILD, WILD WEST AT WYMAN**

SEPTEMBER 2011

- Sept. 1-4th grade Art Club, 3:15-4:30; PTO Advisory Mtg, 5:30
- Sept. 5-NO SCHOOL, Labor Day
- Sept. 6-ECSE Family Activity Day, 5:30
- Sept. 8-Title I Parent Mtg, 5:00-6:00; PTO Hoedown, 6:00-7:30
- Sept. 14-Early Dismissal @ 1:00
- Sept. 15-4th grade Art Club, 3:15-4:30
- Sept 16-W.E. Book & Cookie Sale
- Sept. 21-K-Kids, 3:15-4:30
- Sept. 23-ECSE Muffins w/ mom/Donuts w/dad
- Sept. 29-4th grade Art Club,

**BE A  
HARD WORKER**

### Wyman K-Kids September Meeting for 3rd and 4th Graders

My child \_\_\_\_\_, in the \_\_\_\_\_ grade, has permission to participate in K-Kids on Sept 21st. Pick-up will be by the office at **4:30**.

My child is in \_\_\_\_\_ (teacher's name) class.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Dear Parents,

My name is Julie Peterman and I am the guidance counselor in your child's school. Many of you may not have had a guidance counselor when you were in school. For those of you who did, there is a good possibility that guidance counselors have different functions than they did 10 or 20 years ago.

First and foremost, it is my responsibility to help your child get the best possible education. A good education includes not only learning to read, write and do math, but learning good social skills. This means, among other things, learning how to get along with other children, making good decisions, controlling anger, accepting responsibility, and being aware of strengths and weaknesses. Many of these skills are taught at home. It is my intent to supplement learning that takes place at home with small group and classroom guidance.

I am also in the building to help students who are facing particular difficulties. Such family disruptions as illness, death, or divorce may affect children at school. If your family is experiencing anything out of the ordinary, please let me know. If I am aware of any special problems your child might be facing, I can observe your child and help both of you with difficulties that might surface.

One of my major functions is to be of help to parents. If you have a particular concern about your child, I welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the matter.

It is important to remember that school personnel and parents working together is a winning combination for children. All children deserve to be winners. Together, we can help your child realize this goal. If I can be of any help to you, please call (573) 458-0190. If I am not available, please leave a message. I will return your call as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

Julie Peterman



### W.E. (Wyman Earthkeepers)

#### Recycling Makes Sense



Every month we will have a "green note" that will be music to your ears! We are already recycling all of our paper and cardboard here at Wyman. In addition if your child brings a cold lunch that has aluminum cans or plastic bottles, we will recycle those items also. Help us encourage your children to be responsible by recycling. Every year we recycle 4 tons of paper, saving many trees. Every effort makes a difference! Look for upcoming invitations to after school W.E. Club (Wyman Earthkeepers Club).

**We will be having our first Used Book and Cookie Sale on Friday, September 16 before school and during lunch.** All books and bags of cookies will be sold for just \$.25! Don't forget to bring your quarters!



We are also looking for some parent and community volunteers to help update our outdoor classroom this year. It is a wonderful "green" space for your child to learn, with a pond, walking trail, amphitheater, butterfly garden, etc., but it needs a facelift!! If you have any interest in helping with this project, please contact Cindy Strain.



# Library News

Welcome back! We are very excited this year about all the new books we have been able to add to our library collection thanks to our PTO and the school budget. The library is always increasing its collection of books that children ask for and are excited about reading. We also buy non-fiction books that are closely related to the science and social studies curriculum. Because of the great support of our Scholastic Book Fair we were also able to purchase many curriculum videos that the teachers use to reinforce key subject areas. The library tries very hard to support the students and the teachers in the whole learning process.

This year our AR theme is...Rounding Up Good Readers! It is our goal to have every child reading at grade level. Statistics show that if a child is not reading at grade level by third grade it will be very difficult for that child to catch up. Therefore we encourage reading well at all grade levels, and we try our best to support reading. One of the best ways we do this is by helping students choose books they are interested in reading. If a child can find books they really enjoy and want to read it makes a big difference. Through the Accelerated Reading Program each child is given an individual reading level based off of the STAR test. This individual reading level helps to insure that each child can achieve success.

This is our third year with an updated version of AR called Renaissance Place. This new version does not change what your child will be doing, but it offers more for parents. Parents are now able to check on their child's AR progress from any computer this is connected to the Internet. The Renaissance Home Portal called Parent Connect, will allow you to see your student's current percent of goal, current average book level as well as a listing of all the books your child has read. This Home Portal will also allow you to receive an email each time your child takes a quiz. This should be a helpful tool to keep you informed on AR progress. Also on the Parent Connect page is another great tool called Book Finder. Through Book Finder, you and your child can select books located in the Wyman Library that are in their AR reading range and ones they are interested in reading. Those book selections can be placed in the book bag. The book bag list can then be printed and taken to the library where we can help your child locate the books. Please look for more detailed information to be sent home in the next week with your child.



One of the best ways possible to foster your child's love of reading is to read to that child from birth on. Set aside 15 minutes each day to read to your child. By doing this, you are showing your child that reading is important and fun. Please continue to read to your child each evening even after they begin to read. This only helps to strengthen their vocabulary. Happy Reading and we look forward to a great year in the library!

## NEW FACES AT WYMAN



Jill Sederburg



Erin Patton



Kim Bleckman

We have several new faces at Wyman this year. Jill Sederburg now joins us full time as our Process coordinator and SPED teacher. Erin Patton joins our team in 1st grade and Kim Bleckman comes to us from St. James to join 4th grade. Please help us welcome them all to Wyman. We are so happy to have them here!

**WELCOME!**

## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

1. Just a reminder that when you are sending in money for your child's cafeteria, milk, or book orders, please put it in an envelope with your child's name and teacher. If you are paying for your child's lunch and milk card with the same check, please indicate that on your envelope. Money for cafeteria is kept separate. If you do not indicate your child needs a milk card, all monies will be placed in their cafeteria account.
2. Car riders: Please DO NOT drop off your student in the morning before 7:40 am as there is no supervision before that time. If your child is a car rider who eats breakfast here at school, please have them here *no later than* 7:55 am. *All car riders should be dropped off at the lower level by the gym.*
3. If your child is late, an adult must sign them in at the office.



## MILK PRICES

The price of milk has stayed the same this year. Daily milk costs \$.40 and a milk card (25 milks) costs \$10.00. We do encourage parents to purchase a milk card as it is a most efficient way to keep track of your student's milk use. Please do not send money in amounts that are not easily divided by \$.40.



## CHANGES IN DISMISSAL ROUTINE

For the safety and security of your child, please remember to send a note in the morning regarding any changes in dismissal procedures. Office personnel have no way of verifying that the person they are talking to on the phone is who they say they are. This policy has met with overwhelming approval from parents. Along with this, please try to remain as consistent as possible with your child's schedule. Constant changes in routine can be very distressing and confusing for the student, teacher and office staff. Messages will not be taken after 2:50 pm due to dismissal times activity.

# NO SCHOOL—MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5- LABOR DAY

# EARLY DISMISSAL - WED., SEPTEMBER 14

# @ 1:00

# ATTENDANCE

One goal of education is to teach children positive lifelong habits. We even devoted the month of August to the Character Education theme "Be Here and Be On Time".

Regular and punctual attendance is expected of each student enrolled at Wyman Elementary. Instructional time begins at 8:10 am and ends at 3:05 pm each day.

Students are counted in attendance until 3:05 pm each day. Frequent absences of your child from the classroom learning experience disrupts the continuity of the educational process. While some or maybe all of the absences will be "excused", your child is missing important concepts in the classroom. Students are required by law to be in attendance.

Each quarter we reward those students who have achieved "Perfect Attendance".

Students must be in attendance for every minute of every day. Tardies and early check-outs will affect perfect attendance.

If your child will be absent for any reason, please call the office at 458-0190 **by** 9:00 am. Homework may be requested at that time and may be picked up at the school office after 3:00 pm. Requests made after 9:00 am may not be honored. As per school policy, the school nurse routinely calls those children listed on the absentee list.

Per District Policy, once a student has five absences (regardless of excuse) a letter will be sent to the parent informing them of the district's attendance policy and concerns for the student's progress. If a child has had ten (10) absences, the matter will be referred to the Department of Family Services or the Phelps County Juvenile Office.

You may find Wyman's attendance policy on page 9 of the Student Handbook.

If your child is "a little under the weather" and you have a question as to whether to send your child to school, please see the Health Policies section in the Student Handbook on page 6. This policy is not established for punitive purposes, but to promote regular class attendance, to maximize each student's opportunity to receive the full benefits of the education offered by the Rolla School District and to encourage students to assume responsibility for their conduct.

## CAR RIDER REMINDER



Due to safety concerns, cars are NOT permitted in the bus circle in front of the building from 7:30-8:10 am and 2:45-3:45 pm. Students will only be dismissed to the car rider lane. If a student is a car rider, they must go to the car rider lane, unless the parent comes in and signs them out prior to 3:05. Students will NOT be dismissed from the classroom to the office to wait for their parents. In the afternoon, ALL car riders will be directed down to the lower level for car pick up. The car rider lane usually clears out by 3:20 making the wait time less.

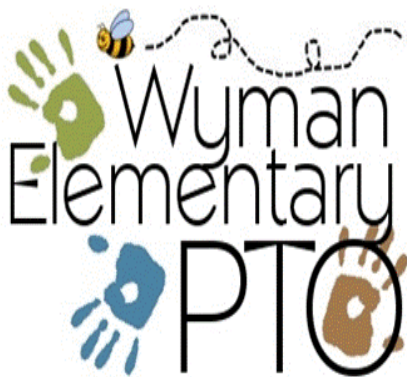
Thank you for your cooperation.

# CHARACTER EDUCATION

Welcome back to Wyman! We've had a great start back to school. We are gearing up for another character filled year here at Wyman! For those of you who are new to Wyman, Character Education has been around for more than 11 years! We have now incorporated character building with our PBS (Positive Behavior Support). We have been teaching good character traits using monthly responsibility skills. We hold an assembly at the beginning of each month, inviting students and faculty to participate in showcasing our responsibility skills with a skit, song or story. Of course, Mr. Buzz the Bee (our resident mascot), is often the highlight of the assembly. Our Universals include: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be your Best! We hope that you have been noticing our posters around town in local businesses. These businesses have been a financial support as well as moral encouragement. Following is a list of our skills taught:

August	Be Here, Be on Time!
September	Be a Hard Worker
October	Be Polite
November	Make A Difference
December	Be Caring and Share
January	Be a Goal Setter
February	Be Healthy
March	Be Prepared
April	Be Confident
May	Be your Best!

During our assemblies, staff and students wear t-shirts donated by Wyman Corporate Sponsors.



## PTO NEWS

### PTO HOEDOWN, SEPTEMBER 8, 6-7:30

Come have a foot stompin' good ole time with the PTO officers and staff at Wyman. We will have a DJ, popcorn and soda. Please make sure to sign in at one of the tables located at the entrances to the playground. We hope to see you there for lots of fun.

### PTO SONIC CARD FUNDRAISER

Once again the Wyman PTO will be selling \$5 Sonic cards from Sept. 2-16 as the first fundraiser of the year. These cards can be used at any Sonic, nationwide. 100% of the profits from this fundraiser will be used to provide library books, supplies and field trip monies for the teachers and children at Wyman.

Each child will be given an envelope with an order form attached to the front. The child will bring the envelope back each day with the order form filled out and the money for the cards ordered inside. They will then be given the cards in the envelope to bring home that night for delivery. Prizes will be awarded for the top seller in each class; the top selling class and the top three sellers school wide. These prizes include lunch with Dr. Bowles for the top seller in each class and the top three sellers school wide. The top 3 sellers will also receive money as follows: \$100 for the top seller, \$75 for the 2nd, and \$50 for the third. The top selling class will receive a pizza party. This was a fantastic fundraiser last year and we hope we can make it an even bigger one this year!