

June 9<sup>th</sup> – June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008



# Who's News

A Weekly Newsletter of the Willett Elementary School PTA - <http://groups.dcn.org/wilpta> - 757-5460

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

Early Bird Volunteer Form due, school office  
Willett Field Day, Grades 1-3, 8:40 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.

### Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

Willett Field Day, Grades 4-6, 9:40 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

### Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, 12:30 p.m. dismissal

### Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>

Willett office re-opens for fall

### Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

Back to School Picnic, 6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

First day of school, 08-09 school year, 1:30 pm dismissal

## GOODBYE TO MS. MEDBERY

We wish our outgoing principal Nancy Medbery all the best in her future endeavors, and we thank her for her kindness, compassion and graciousness during her two years at Willett.

## FIELD DAY VOLUNTEER THANKS

Thank you to the field day volunteers. Without their help, the kids would not have had such a great day.

Volunteers were: Frank Averett, Karen Cannata, Lara Downes, Melissa Franke, Jeanine Hill, Cyndi Hughes, Mirtha Kaufman, Joy Klineberg, Stewart McConnell, Ulla Olson, Shelly Riggle, Rich Rusakowicz, Janet Skinner, Aaron Smith, Scott Smith. Steve Strickland and Laura Tomasello.

## SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR LAST WEEK OF YEAR

This week "Wacky Wednesday (dismissal at 1:30 pm)" is still in effect.

On **Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**, the last day of school, dismissal is at 12:30 p.m.



## WILLETT CASINO NIGHT STARTS OFF FALL FUN

*Willett PTA's Big Fund raiser Set for September 20<sup>th</sup>*

Please save the date **Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**, for Willett's Casino Night. There will be games of chance, dancing, fine food and grownup socializing! The event will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Center from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Willett hasn't had a big fundraising event in a few years, and the PTA thought it was time to have an adult evening full of fun for Willett parents, staff and their friends.

If you're interested in helping with the event, please contact Events Committee Coordinator Joy Klineberg at [jvk2222@gmail.com](mailto:jvk2222@gmail.com) or call 753-4995. Parents familiar with casino games are especially needed.



## BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

Willett's Back to School Picnic for the 2008-09 year school, sponsored by the PTA, will be **Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**, starting at 6:30 p.m. Class lists will be posted in the quad at this time. Plan to bring a picnic dinner to enjoy in Sycamore Park and a dessert to share. This is a great time to catch up with your friends about your summer and get ready for the new school year. School starts **Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**.

## END OF YEAR ESCRIP TOTALS

### *2007-08 Scrip Totals*

What a great year for our paperless scrip programs! A big THANK YOU to over 300 Willett families and friends that participated in the FREE, NO-HASSLE donation programs by Save Mart, Nugget, Safeway and other eScrip merchants. This school year, we brought in close to **\$12,000** through these programs — almost a third of the PTA budget! Wow! Don't you just love FREE MONEY?

Are you participating in the **eScrip** donation program when you shop at Safeway? Just check the bottom of your Safeway receipt for a message saying your donations are going to eScrip. If you don't see this message and would like to sign up, contact Kyria Mills at 756-8435 for information. Safeway will donate 1% of your purchase each time you use your Safeway card. Safeway donated **over \$7,500** to Willett PTA this year!

Hundreds of other stores and online merchants also participate in the eScrip program. Check out the eScrip online mall at [escrip.com](http://escrip.com). Father's Day is coming up!

Nugget will donate 3% of your purchases when you use the Nugget Scrip card. Nugget donated **over \$3,400** to Willett PTA this year! Thank you to all the Willett families who take an extra moment at checkout to use the Nugget scrip card — it really makes a difference! If you would like to participate, you can pick up a Nugget scrip card at the Ice Cream Social or the Willett office.

Save Mart donates 3% of all purchases made on the Save Mart SHARES card. Donations are rolling in through this new program. If you would like to participate, contact Kyria Mills at 756-8435 or [KLBMILLS@ucdavis.edu](mailto:KLBMILLS@ucdavis.edu) to order a card.

Friends, neighbors and extended family can also donate to Willett PTA through any of these programs. Contact Kyria Mills for details.

### *Target Donations*

**Target** donated **\$427.72** to Willett this spring through their Take Charge of Education program! Target donates 1% of purchases made at their store with the Target charge card or Target Visa. It's simple to participate: Just stop by the service desk next time you're at Target and ask that they donate to Robert E. Willett Elementary each time you use your Target card.

## WHAT'S UP IN THE LIBRARY?

Thank you to the many who have returned all their library materials. There are still a few students who need to return books or videos. We will be starting inventory very soon and need to have all materials back. Unfortunately, report cards will be held until the materials have been returned or paid for. Please check with the library if you think the item has been returned or if you need to work out a payment plan.

Summer is a great time for reading, and studies have shown that students who read during the summer months do better when school begins again in the fall. To help you find great books, the Davis school librarians have once again collaborated on creating a summer reading list. This will appear soon in the *Davis Enterprise* in Julie Rooney's column. There are also many websites that give booklists. Try logging on to the California State Department of Education's website for literature links at:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/lb/litlinks.asp>.

Also, log on to the Yolo County Library website at

<http://www.yolocounty.org/index.aspx?page=189>

Click on one of the lists under "Recommended Reading." Both adults and children will find this a useful resource for locating "good reads," and you can access it at home and reserve books using your Yolo County library card. Children under 18 may get library cards for free by stopping by the library with an adult who brings verification of current address. Check out their summer reading programs while you are there!

Finally, thank you to the PTA for their generous support of the library. They have made it possible for me to do a major update of the biography section, buy a new reference set *Wildlife and Plants*, and purchase many books and materials requested by staff and students. I am currently awaiting the arrival of a book order of over \$1,700, which I am *delighted* to be able to share with students next fall. Happy reading and have a wonderful summer!

*See you in late August!  
Have a great summer!*