

# Woodridge PTO Newsletter

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Still looking for committee

chairpersons:

- **Book Bug - 2 people**  
(WPS & WIS)
- **Holiday Shop**
- **WIS Conference**  
**Dinners**
- **Fall Fundraiser**
- **Santa Breakfast**
- **Butter Braid**  
**Fundraiser**
- **Spring Art**  
**Fundraiser**
- **Staff Appreciation**

Please contact an executive board member if you are interested.

## Upcoming Events

- 24 Aug - First Day of School
- 26 Aug Spirit Day – First home football game – Wear your Bulldog gear!
- 29 Aug – First Day of Kindergarten
- 5 Sept - Labor Day – No School
- 6 Sept - PTO Meet & Greet

## Welcome Back!

PTO would like to welcome all Bulldogs and new Bulldogs to our school! We are looking forward to a great school year and have many events planned!

Additionally, we would like to introduce you to your two new Board members.

Executive Director: Ellen Batu

Secretary: Dana McDermott

PTO has many programs that we participate in to receive either cash or points that can be used to purchase items for our schools.

Box Tops  
Campbell's  
Tyson  
MyCoke Rewards  
Giant Eagle  
Acme  
Target

## Poptastic Membership Drive

August 22 - September 9



1<sup>st</sup> Annual Membership Drive! Become a member by September 9 and help your child's class. All classrooms returning 50% membership will receive a popcorn party! The PTO's mission of providing support for students' educational experience cannot be accomplished without you!

## Did you know ?....

The PTO has awarded over \$108,000 in enrichment grants.

We're on the Web!  
[WoodridgePTO.com](http://WoodridgePTO.com)

facebook



## PTO Meeting



Our first PTO meeting will be a Meet & Greet on Tuesday, September 6. Please join us at WPS to see what great programs we offer to our schools. You will be able to meet your building principals, executive board, and fellow members.

## Teacher Enrichment Grant Program



Beginning in the 2004-05 school year, PTO began a yearly grant program to fund great ideas from our teachers to enrich the education of Woodridge students. All educators are invited to apply for grants when the school year begins with the purpose of enriching their students' academic experience in that school year. This year we will be awarding \$15,000 in grants to our wonderful teachers.

# Meet the PTO Executive Board

## Ellen Batu

### Executive Director

Ellen along with her husband Michael are raising four children - Tyler - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade, Colin - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade, Madeleine - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, and Max - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, all of whom are attending Woodridge. Ellen has volunteered many years in various positions with the PTO and is looking forward to this opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Ellen is also very active with other community organizations including Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and various local charities.

She has been a stay-at-home parent for the past 17 years and holds a degree in Child Development/Family Development from the University of Akron.

Ellen enjoys cooking/baking, photography, event planning and paper crafting.

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## Dana McDermott

### Secretary

Dana and her husband Bob are parents of two children. Molly is a 2nd grader at Woodridge Primary School and Charlie is a 4th grader at Woodridge Intermediate School.

This is Dana's first year serving on the Executive Board as Secretary. For the past several years Dana has been actively involved with PTO, including serving as chairperson for the Walking Club at WPS.

Dana grew up in Tallmadge and graduated from The University of Akron and The Ohio State University. She and her family have lived in Regent Park for 12 years.

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## Lori Samerdak

### Treasurer

Lori and her husband David are raising four children. Ben - grade 7, Noah - grade 5, Jacob - grade 3, and Madelyn - Kindergarten. This is Lori's second year in the position of Treasurer.

In addition to PTO, Lori serves on the board for Cub Scouts and is actively involved in her church.

Lori also works for Northampton Christian Preschool. Lori holds a Masters Degree from Baldwin Wallace.

In her spare time, Lori enjoys hiking, shopping, sewing, and learning new crafting skills.

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## Nancy Buzzelli

### WIS Building Director

Nancy and her husband Ron are parents of two boys. Spencer is a 5th grader and Grant is a 3rd grader at Woodridge Intermediate School.

Nancy has been a PTO member since 2006 and is currently serving her 3rd year as WIS Building Director.

You will see Nancy throughout Woodridge schools working as a monitor and a district courier.

Nancy enjoys volunteering, scrapbooking, and watching sports, especially football.

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## Lori Dever

### WPS Building Director

Lori and her husband John are parents of two daughters. Sophie - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and Samantha - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. This is her second year on the PTO Executive Board serving as WPS Building Director.

Lori can be seen volunteering in different capacities throughout the schools.

In her spare time, Lori enjoys shopping and cheering her girls on during their competitive gymnastic meets.

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