



Waters Elementary

Welcome to Waters

We're glad you're here!



School Administration

Principal Rutkowski and Assistant Principal Martin

- “This Week at Waters” emails every Friday
- waterselementary.org
- @waterswildcats on Insta
- Parent and Principal coffee meetups throughout the year



New Curriculum in K-5th Grade

Illustrative Math

- Learn through Discovery and Collaboration
- “Read the Map”, not just follow a set of linear directions
- Students Justify Their Thinking

Amplify CKLA Reading

- Based on the Science of Reading and Structured Literacy
- More rigorous texts vs. previous curriculum



New This Year in Middle School

Elective Essentials in Grades 7th & 8th

- Students take one essentials class (*Enviro, Music, Theatre or Visual Art*) for the entire semester

Spanish Language Instruction through Instituto Cervantes in Grades 6-8th

- Throughout the School Year



Local School Council - LSC

The LSC is an elected body of parent, school, and community members designed to provide advice, oversight, and transparency.

Three main functions of the LSC:

- Principal evaluation and selection
- Continuous Work Improvement Plan (CIWP) oversight and approval
- School budget oversight and approval



LSC *continued*

- Regular monthly meetings - typically the 3rd Monday of the month.
- All meetings are open to the public and provide insight as well as opportunity for public comment.
- **Next meeting - Monday, September 16th, 5:30pm at the school.**



Friends of Waters

Friends of Waters is a fundraising and community events group run by parent volunteers.


Funds raised by Friends of Waters go toward the amazing programs that make our school unique.

- Professional Development to implement new reading curriculum
- Teacher's Aide Position
- Spanish Instruction



Friends of Waters *continued*

More programs supported by Friends of Waters

- Right at School lunch and recess supervision
- Teacher Appreciation
- Circle of Help The logo for Circle of Help is a black circle containing a white graphic of two hands shaking, with the words "CIRCLE OF HELP" written in white around the perimeter.
- Community Events



Why is fundraising necessary?

- CPS and State funding formulas allocate more taxpayer funds to schools in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods.
- Our school receives less funding from the district and state than other CPS schools, causing a budget gap.
- **Our goal is to close this gap through fundraising and donations.**



Bringing it all Together

The school administration, LSC, and Friends of Waters work collaboratively to support our students and community.

- Friends of Waters raises funds.
- Friends of Waters transfers funds to the school account.
- The LSC and school administration determine how funds are spent.



Friends of Waters

Primary Fundraisers

Pledge Drive and Walk-a-thon

September 30th - October 11th



**WATERS WILDCAT
WALK-A-THON**

Big Night Gala & Silent Auction

April 25th



Friends of Waters

Fundraising *continued*

We have plenty of opportunities to get involved throughout the year!

- Dine Out and Shopping Givebacks
- Parent Hosted Parties
- Business Sponsorships - help us support our school!



Friends of Waters

Volunteers Needed!

Friends of Waters runs completely on volunteer support, and we could really use your help!

There are a variety of ways to get involved, and many opportunities to pitch in at school and from home.

Next meeting - Tuesday, October 8th, 6pm at the school.



Looking for more information?

- Friends of Waters Wire - biweekly informational email
- friendsofwaters.org
- email - friendsofwaters@gmail.com
- @friendsofwaters on instagram





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Thank you for coming!





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