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Is it really FREE?

YES!! There is NO time commitment on your part. YES, there will be meetings, but it is not required that you attend and NO you do not have to pay anything to join Parent Corps. Have you misplaced your form sent home. Email me or call me and I'll send one to you by mail, fax or online. Of course if you want to be more involved we LOVE that, but it is not a requirement. The only requirement is a desire to raise a happy and healthy child. I will be looking for assistant Parent Leaders for grades K, 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th. The goal of the assistant is to help me reach parents and to get information to them. In addition he/she will help me to understand the problems that face each of these grades and to focus on the top issues that parents would like to see addressed in those grades. If you are interested in helping in this capacity please contact me. Time commitment will only be what you can give. If not, I hope you will still join as a member.

Waxhaw Elementary School Parent Corps

"Parents Supporting Parents"

Membership Drive starts off the new year right!

Parent Corps is kicking off the new year with a bang! We are holding a membership challenge! We are trying to increase our membership both of parents and of the kids at Waxhaw Elementary School. I have challenged each teacher in each grade to get parents to join the Parent Corps and the students in their classes to join the kid Corps. As an incentive for the kids, I am offering the leading Kindergarten, third grade and fifth grade classes with a pizza party, and the leading first grade, second grade and fourth grade classes will receive a popcorn and movie party. In appreciation to the teacher in charge of each winning classroom, I will take their class to lunch for them, while they enjoy

a private lunch. Any parent may join Parent Corps. That is not limited to biological parents, but includes adoptive, grandparents, aunts, uncles, foster parents and teachers. Credit will be given to a classroom for the child's form, and any parent forms (this includes as many forms as the child turns in). For example, if Sam turn in his form, and one for both parents then he gets credit for 3 people for his count for his classroom. What is the parents obligation? Just the desire to keep their children off drugs, alcohol and tobacco. Parent Corps will be offering parenting tips and will disseminate information to the parents on a monthly basis or more often as the need arises. In addition, we hope to provide

support for parents for various issues such as bullying, dress codes, internet safety and curfews. I hope that each of you will choose to make the commitment to the child that you parent by signing the Parent Corps pledge. If you have already done so there is no need to fill out another form, as your form has already been counted toward your child's classroom. You can download a form off the Waxhaw School's website at <http://wxes.ucps.k12.nc.us> or you can call me. I look forward to working with each of you and helping in any way I can.



Want to know what your kids are talking about?

If you are like me, it has been a while since you were in college, much less high school or middle school. Even if you work in these settings, it is amazing how technology and language changes daily. If you are confused by things that are said by your child, on the television or on radio, check out www.urbandictionary.com and plug in any word or phrase to find out what it means. You can also type in abbreviations so you know what your child might be "im"ing on their computer or phone. "IM" means instant message. We no longer have to be technologically illiterate. In addition, you can also log onto the Microsoft site at

www.microsoft.com/athome/security/children/kidtalk.msp to learn more information on computer slang and how to protect your child online.



"Why did you do all this for me?" Wilbur asked. "I don't deserve it. I've never done anything for you."

"You have been a friend," replied Charlotte. ... "By helping you perhaps, I was trying to lift my life a trifle. Heavens knows, anyone's life can stand a little of that."

-E.B. White, *Charlotte's Web*

**National
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Be a Mentor. Find Out How.

Check out the website www.mentoring.org to find out how you can be a mentor to a young person. The website answers any questions you may have about mentoring, as well as the capability of plugging in your zip code to find out where you can mentor. You can even start your own mentoring program in a school, community, work, faith-based facility, or online.