

# Capital Campaign Update

by Christen Ring, Capital Campaign Manager

Wow, summer flew by. I can hardly believe that the leaves are starting to change!

This past summer was one of connections. For me, connecting with family and friends but also connecting with alumni and former Wingra families.

During the last week in July a group of dedicated volunteers, including teachers, board members, current parents, and staff spent a week making calls and connecting with our extended community and encouraging participation in Wingra's capital campaign.

It was wonderful to be in contact with so many people and hear about why Wingra is important to them and why they want to participate in this amazing matching opportunity.

Here are just a few of the inspiring messages we heard that week:

"Our years at Wingra were the best years of our life!" ~ *Former Parent*

"Wingra is the best school I have ever been to." ~ *Alum*

"I am now a teacher, in great part, because of my experience at Wingra." ~ *Alum*

"Yes, we want to be a part of this effort to support Wingra." ~ *Former Parent*

"Our son's 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade experience was wonderful! We are so thankful to Wingra and would be happy to make a gift." ~ *Former Parent*

"The hardest thing was moving and leaving Wingra. We were concerned about our daughter's transition to a traditional high school, but she did wonderfully. The way they do it at Wingra really works!" ~ *Former Parent*

Thanks you so much to everyone who has participated in the capital campaign. We have a unique and unprecedented opportunity to raise matching funds, and it is community participation that will allow us to meet our goals.

To date, the Wingra community has contributed more than \$1.2 million toward our goal of \$2 million by December 31, 2011.

For more information or to participate in this campaign, please contact me at [christen@wingraschool.org](mailto:christen@wingraschool.org) or visit [www.wingraschool.org/give/capitalcampaign.html](http://www.wingraschool.org/give/capitalcampaign.html).

Many thanks,

Christen Ring

## Calendar

Check out this calendar for some of the important things that will be happening this year.

For more school events and event details, see our online calendar at [www.wingraschool.org/calendar](http://www.wingraschool.org/calendar)

**September 30: Friday Night Fever**  
We kicked off our 40th anniversary celebration with Friday Night Fever, our 2nd Annual Fall Benefit for the Joyce Perkins Scholarship Fund.

Learn more at [www.wingraschool.org/fallbenefit](http://www.wingraschool.org/fallbenefit)

**October 13: State of the School**  
We hosted a State of the School event about where we are, where we're going, and how we are going to get there.

We heard from key administrative staff and board members about our

strengths, challenges, and opportunities. Small group discussions followed.

**October 15: Wings for Wingra Annual Fund Fall Fund Drive Begins**

Letters mailed for the beginning of the fund drive.

**November 19 and January 21: Open Houses**

Do you know someone who might be interested in sending their kids to Wingra? Tell them about our Open Houses, hosted by current parents.

**December 5-8: Capital Campaign Community Outreach Phone-a-thon**

Calls will be made to the Wingra community for the second half of the outreach phone-a-thon.

**December 31: Capital Campaign Deadline**  
Phase I ends for the capital campaign. Let's celebrate the end of 2011 with a successful end to the first phase of the campaign!

**February 2: Alumni Night**

Recently graduated alumni return to talk about their transitions to high school.

**May 5: Community Celebration**

It's our big 40th anniversary bash! We hope to see you there!

## Stay in the Loop

Are you getting our quarterly *Friends of Wingra* e-newsletters?

Sign up at [www.wingraschool.org/friendsofwingra/](http://www.wingraschool.org/friendsofwingra/)

See the latest news and catch up with old friends.