



**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT, STACY STEAD**

President's Letter

It is official, school has started and, for most of us, that means the end of summer. I would like to say "Welcome" to all our Stillwater Families. We hope you enjoyed your summer and are ready to be back in school! My name is Stacy Stead and I am honored to be your PTSA President again this year. I will be joined this year on the Executive Committee with Laura Tisdale as Vice President, Lisa Labossiere as Secretary, and Kaarin Sharman as Treasurer. This year we have many new board members and I know we are going to have some fun!

I would like to say "Thank You" to some of last year's Board of Directors: Melanie Gray, Pam Deming, Lori Baldwin, Sharon Abraham, Audra Fulton, Dana Sweeney, Laura Smith, Wendy Tumbleson, and Amanda Lantis. Thank you for all your hard work over the years, and your continued support to the PTSA!

**To see what the Board of Directors are working on and for monthly updates, please refer to our bulletin board, located just inside the front doors of the main entrance.**

Although we are only in the first week of school, your PTSA Board has been hard at work. We have hosted a kindergarten playdate, a kindergarten hospitality, a teacher luncheon, been preparing for the upcoming Back to School BBQ and much more. Look inside this newsletter to see what else is going on!

Did you know that PTSA is largest child advocacy organization in the country? Supporting your local PTSA helps provide a loud voice on issues that affect our children and our families. By becoming a member you are helping support and advocate for your child.

**YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** Please see our newsletter, flyers and/or website for more information about how to become a Stillwater PTSA Member.

**Our first PTSA General Meeting will be on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Stillwater Library.** We will have a guest speaker Gene Laughlin from Carnation-Duvall Citizen Corp. Council, Inc. and Medical Resere Corps Coordinator on hand to provide information and answer questions regarding the swine flu and the vaccine. We will also be discussing what PTSA is all about, how you can get involved, and our budget for this year. It is important to our school and to our children that we continue to have the great support of our PTSA members and volunteers. If you are interested in getting involved or becoming a member, please come to the meeting September 24<sup>th</sup>. As always, we offer free child care during the meeting. We hope that you can join us!

Here is to a great year. If you need to contact us or have any questions, please call (425) 844-4701 or email me at [skylinehomes@msn.com](mailto:skylinehomes@msn.com).

Stacy Stead  
PTSA President



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Curriculum Night** — Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>; check the Stillwater website for times based on grade level

**Back to school BBQ** — Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**PTSA General Meeting** — Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**Art Docent Training** — Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**STILLWATER PTSA'S ANNUAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL BBQ AND RAFFLE**

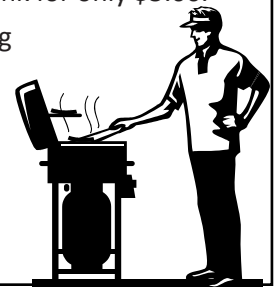
All Stillwater students and their families are invited to attend Stillwater's annual BBQ and Raffle on **Friday, September 18th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

The event will be held on the back field (weather permitting) or in the gym. Bring a chair or blanket, dinner is picnic style.

This year's menu includes a hamburger, chips, cookie, and a drink for only \$5.00.

Try your luck at winning one of our fabulous raffle baskets. Tickets are \$1 each.

See you there!



## 2009-2010 PTSA DATES AT A GLANCE

### SEPTEMBER 2009

- 16<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Night — Check the Stillwater website for times based on grade level
- 18<sup>th</sup> Back to School BBQ — 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- 24<sup>th</sup> PTSA General Meeting — 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Art Docent Training — 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

### OCTOBER 2009

- 1<sup>st</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Rental Night — 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Reflection Entries
- 16<sup>th</sup> Bingo — 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- 15<sup>th</sup>–16<sup>th</sup> Picture Day

### NOVEMBER 2009

- 19<sup>th</sup> Picture Retakes  
Reflections Assembly — 2:30 p.m.  
Reflections Gallery Night — 6:30 p.m.  
PTSA General Meeting — 7:00 p.m.
- 20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Book Fair
- 24<sup>th</sup> Skate Night — 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

### DECEMBER 2009

- 4<sup>th</sup> Elf Workshop — 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- 10<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical — 7:00 p.m.

### JANUARY 2010

- 21<sup>st</sup> PTSA General Meeting — 7:00 p.m.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Family Carnival — 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Talent Show

### FEBRUARY 2010

- 18<sup>th</sup> Dad and Doughnuts — 8:00 a.m.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Missoula Children's Theatre

### MARCH 2010

- 4<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Music Program — 7:00 p.m.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Bingo Night — 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Elementary Choir Festival (held at Stillwater Elementary) — 7:00 p.m.
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Class Pictures
- 31<sup>st</sup> PTSA General Meeting — 7 p.m.

### APRIL 2010

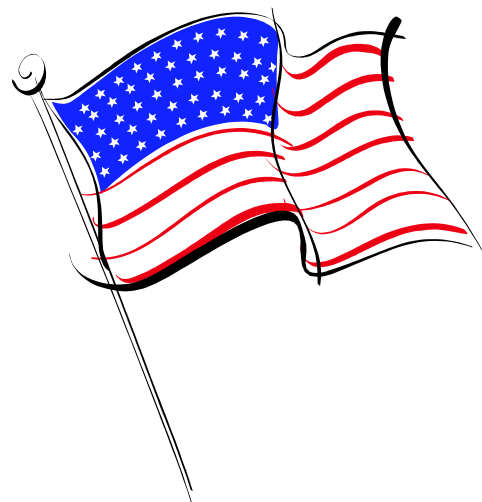
- 1<sup>st</sup> Walk A Thon
- 20<sup>th</sup> Skate Night — 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

### MAY 2010

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Teacher Appreciation Week
- 13<sup>th</sup> Arts Night and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Music Performance — 6:00 p.m.
- 27<sup>th</sup> PTSA General Meeting — 7:00 p.m.

### JUNE 2010

- 15<sup>th</sup> Field Day (or second to last day of school)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Last Day of School



## WASHINGTON STATE PTA PRIORITIES

One-hundred years ago PTA was founded as a child advocacy organization and advocacy is still an important part of our mission. We all joined PTA to make a difference for kids and participating in WSPTA Legislative Assembly is an essential part of making that difference. Because there are so many issues impacting children, and because PTA's resources are limited, it is essential that we identify which are the most critical.

This annual process begins each spring when PTA members submit issues important to them and their community. It carries forward at Legislative Assembly where attendees learn more about proposed issues and let their voice be heard to determine PTA's Legislative Priorities. It culminates with advocacy we do with the issues during the legislative session.

Current proposed issues have been compiled into a survey and members are encouraged to complete the survey to determine the priorities of their PTA. You should have received the Proposed Issues Survey through "kid mail." Please complete the survey and return to the office no later than **Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**. Your responses will be tallied and will help ensure that the "voice" of Stillwater's PTA is heard at the Legislative Assembly, to be held October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in SeaTac. This year, Stillwater will have three voting delegates at the Legislative Assembly, one of whom will be our Legislative/Advocacy Chair, Serene Norris.



## ART DOCENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TRAINING AND INFORMATION NIGHT — 9/28/09

Returning Art Docent volunteers are now being assigned to classrooms and more are still needed. If you are interested in learning about the Art Docent program or volunteering as a docent in your child's classroom, please contact Pam Deming at 788-6950 or [dustcollector@msn.com](mailto:dustcollector@msn.com). No previous experience or knowledge of art is necessary. All lesson plans and materials are provided.

ALL ART DOCENTS, whether experienced or first-timers, are invited (and strongly encouraged) to attend a training and information session on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Portable B at Stillwater. The 2009–2010 Art Docent Manual and curriculum will be distributed and discussed, and a lesson will be demonstrated.

The Art Docent program provides an IMPORTANT enrichment opportunity for Stillwater students and EVERY classroom needs at least two docents. Volunteering as an Art Docent requires only a small time commitment each month. Students and teachers look forward to visits from the Art Docent — everyone has FUN when the Art Docent visits!

SEE YOU SEPTEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>!

## 2009-2010 REFLECTIONS "BEAUTY IS...."

Start those creative juices flowing! Stillwater PTSA is once again sponsoring the Reflections art contest during the month of October. This is a great opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works. Entries will be accepted from October 1<sup>st</sup> through October 30<sup>th</sup>. Entry forms and official rules are available on the Stillwater PTSA website, [www.stillwaterptsa.org](http://www.stillwaterptsa.org) under the Reflections link. Parents should familiarize themselves with the rules in advance so that the child's work is not disqualified. (Remember, the entry must completely be the work of the child.) An awards assembly will take place on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m., followed by an evening reception at 6:30 p.m. All students who enter will be recognized.

We look forward to seeing more great entries this year! If you have any questions, please contact either:

Marcy Candland at [candlands@verizon.net](mailto:candlands@verizon.net) or  
Courtney Peters at [courtneypeters@verizon.net](mailto:courtneypeters@verizon.net)



## WHY JOIN STILLWATER PTSA?

Why join Stillwater PTSA? Because becoming a Stillwater PTSA member helps your child(ren) by enriching our school and community. Our PTSA budget is larger than the school budget that our Principal has to work with. Becoming a Stillwater PTSA member enables you to voice and vote on matters affecting how Stillwater PTSA spends its money. Becoming a member provides you with a school directory for free (\$10 for non-members). Being a member also provides you discounts through National PTA. So why would you NOT become a member? Look for membership forms that were sent home last week with your student, you can find them on our bulletin board, or visit our website at [www.stillwaterptsa.org](http://www.stillwaterptsa.org) for a copy. And remember, becoming a member is not just for parents; it is also for grandparents, aunts, uncles and anyone who wishes to make a difference in the lives of our children.

## PTSA BUDGET 2009–2010

Here is a condensed version of the 2009–2010 Stillwater PTSA Budget. Each year the budget is approved by its members. Did you know that the PTSA budget is almost twice that of the school's? So you know how crucial the support of the PTSA is to the school and our children. Without this support our children would not receive the additional enrichment and educational opportunities that PTSA provides. For more information and a full view of the budget and description, please visit our website at [www.stilwaterptsa.org](http://www.stilwaterptsa.org) or better yet come to our next General Meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>.



BUDGET CATEGORY	BUDGET INCOME	BUDGET EXPENSE
Provide after school activities/classes	4,500.00	4,000.00
5th Grade Camp and Graduation	0.00	140.00
Assemblies, Science Van, Author Visit	0.00	2,300.00
Teacher/Classroom Gifts	0.00	2,500.00
Field Trips for all grade levels	0.00	3,500.00
Library Enrichment	0.00	1,000.00
Nature in the Classroom	0.00	700.00
Teacher Grants	0.00	3,250.00
Art Docent, Music Enrich, Diversity Program, Talent Show, Reflections, and Drama Enrichment	2,250.00	5,300.00
Back to school BBQ, Elf Workshop, Skate Nights, Family Night, Bingo, Take Your Family to School, etc.	7,200.00	5,100.00
BBQ Raffle, Fall Fund raiser, Entertainment and Chinook books, Retail Funds, Taste of Duvall, Walk-a-Thon	44,000.00	17,500.00
PE Enrichment, Recess Activities, Family Education, Playground, Garden, Safety Patrol and Scholarships	0.00	5,400.00
Popcorn, Spirit Wear, Yearbook, Die Cuts, Staff Luncheon, Building Enhancement, and Staff Appreciation	7,100.00	7,350.00
Legislative Assembly and Campaign Support	0.00	600.00
Membership and Hospitality	2,750.00	2,770.00
Emergency Prep and Backpacks	0.00	1,200.00
Field Day, Awards, Recognition, Training	0.00	3,100.00
Photocopies and Supplies	0.00	1,500.00
Insurance and legal registration	0.00	540.00
Phone book	500.00	550.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>68,300.00</b>	<b>68,300.00</b>

### 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RIVERVIEW EDUCATION FOUNDATION GOLF CLASSIC

Come join the fun as the Riverview Education Foundation (REF) hosts the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual "On Par for Education" Golf Classic. The Classic is to be held Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at Trilogy Golf Club in Redmond Ridge. The tournament is one of the principal fund raisers for REF, which provides grants to support educational opportunities for students in the Riverview School District.

Come alone or build a foursome to play while supporting a great cause. Cost is \$125 per player and includes continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, skills contests, awards ceremony, door prizes, and lots of friendly community fun! Check-in starts at 7:00 a.m. and Shotgun starts at 8:00 a.m. Sign up on-line at [www.REFweb.org](http://www.REFweb.org).



**START THE SCHOOL YEAR  
OFF RIGHT  
SPECIAL EDUCATION 101**

Thursday, September 17, 2009 7:00–9:00 p.m.  
Special Care Agency Office  
4121 McKinley Street,  
Carnation

The Riverview Special-Ed Families Network (RSEFN) is sponsoring guest speaker Vanessa Lewis, from PAVE (Partnership for Action. Voices for Empowerment) on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Special Care Agency Office in Carnation from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. Ms. Lewis will provide an overview of the advocacy services available through PAVE and she will give us an overview of the IEP (Individualized Education Program) process. This meeting is open to the public. For more information, please visit <http://riverviewspecialedfamilies.ning.com> or email Sandy Dempsey, your Special Education Advocacy Chair, at [dempsey.sandy@gmail.com](mailto:dempsey.sandy@gmail.com).



**NEW SPECIAL EDUCATION  
ADVOCACY CHAIR**

by Sandy Dempsey

The Special Education Advocacy Chair is a new PTSA position this year. As your Special Education Advocacy Chair, I am available as a resource for families of students with disabilities and for students who receive classroom accommodations or support. I will also be working with the PTSA board to help ensure that our PTSA events are accessible to our entire school community and to increase community awareness related to disabilities and special education. If you would like more information or assistance locating resources, please email me at [dempsey.sandy@gmail.com](mailto:dempsey.sandy@gmail.com).

The Special Education Advocacy Chairs from each school in our district are also members of the Riverview Special-Ed Families Network (RSEFN), which provides monthly speakers on a variety of topics related to special education and disability awareness. RSEFN hosts an online community to help connect families and build community awareness. For more information, visit <http://riverviewspecialedfamilies.ning.com>.

*Note: the Riverview Special-Ed Families Network is a parent initiative to develop a forum for parents of school-aged children with disabilities to support one another and to learn together. The Riverview School District is supportive of parent efforts for connecting families of children with disabilities; however, the Riverview School District is not organizing these activities.*

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Stillwater PTSA has a variety of volunteer opportunities throughout the year. We need you to help make what PTSA provides happen. No matter how big or small, we have an opportunity just waiting for you. Please contact Laura Tisdale for more information at [lauratisdale@hotmail.com](mailto:lauratisdale@hotmail.com). You can also visit our website for detailed information and a volunteer form, or stop by our bulletin board and sign up.  
**Remember, You Make the Difference!**



