



December:
Friday 12/1
 Open Basketball night 6-7:30pm
Tuesday 12/5
 PTSA General Member Meeting
 6:30-7:45pm
Wednesday 12/6
 Popcorn Wed (last recess)
Thursday 12/7
 2nd/3rd Music Performance
12/11-12/15
 Talent Show Sign Ups
12/18-1/1
 No School

January:
Wednesday 1/3
 Popcorn Wed (last recess)
Friday 1/5
 Open Basketball 6-7:30pm
1/8-1/19
 Yearbook Cover Art Contest
1/10-1/11
 Talent Show Auditions
1/12-1/15
 No School
Thursday 1/18
 PTSA Meet & Greet 11:30am
Friday 1/19
 5th Grade Baby Picture Deadline
Wednesday 1/24
 Talent Show Rehearsal
Thursday 1/25
 Talent Show (assembly & 6:30pm)

February:
Thursday 2/1
 Dads & Donuts 8-9am
Friday 2/2
 No School
Wednesday 2/7
 Popcorn Wed (last recess)
Friday 2/9
 Valentine's Bingo 5:30-8pm
2/16 - 2/20
 No School-Mid Winter break
Friday 2/23
 Open Basketball Night
 6-7:30pm

Quick Tip



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Happy Holidays!!

A Message From Your PTSA President

Thank you Stillwater community for a fantastic 2017! We had a wonderful Winter Wonderland Craft night in November organized by our awesome Social team.

We have a general membership meeting coming up on December 5th at 6:30 pm in the Stillwater Library. The superintendent and a few school board representatives will be there to discuss the Levy measures coming up. We will also be voting on some budget amendments and for our nominating committee, the three members tasked with finding qualified candidates to lead the PTSA executive board for 2017-2018.

If you are interested in being on the board or leadership team for 2018-2019 but want to learn more information, we are going to have a Board Meet & Greet lunch on January 18th at 11:30 AM.

We hope everyone has a great holiday break and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Shelly Campbell
 PTSA President

Reflections

Thank you to the student artists and their families that submitted entries for the National PTA Reflections competition. Stillwater PTSA hosted our annual Reflections Gala in November to show off all of the 2017 entries. Stillwater students submitted pieces in literature, photography, 2-D Visual arts, 3-D Visual Arts, and Music Composition. During the Gala, we had students vote for "Student's Choice Award". Congrats to Lucy Linz for creating "New Journeys, Make New Explorers" which was the winner of the student's choice award! Twenty-four art pieces will now move on to the District Level of the competition. A District level Gala will held January 5th at 6:30pm to announce which artist will advance to represent Stillwater and Riverview School District at the State competition.

Box Tops & Tyson Labels

The class that collected the most Box Tops & Tyson Labels in November 2017* is Mrs. Farnworth's class! They collected 817 Labels! Super job!!! * Cutoff for the count is the 25th of each month

Here are the classes in the lead for the end of year root beer float party:

- 1) Farnworth 1,087
- 2) Heinson 385
- 3) Dunn 338

Thank you for collecting Box Tops & Tyson Labels!



Friends of Youth

On November 1st Mr. Madigan and Shelly Campbell attended the fifth annual Youth and Family Services breakfast in Duval. The event was held to benefit students of the Riverview School District with a vision to provide a mental health counselor in every school. This program provides many resources to our community and neighboring communities. To learn more about how to support this awesome program visit www.friendsofyouth.org/

Talent Show

Where: Stillwater Elementary
When: Online Audition Sign Ups 12/11 – 12/15
www.stillwaterptsa.org/talentshow
Auditions: 1/10 & 1/11

Dress Rehearsal: 1/24 (required to participate)
Talent Show: 1/25 at 6:30pm (and assembly during school)

What: Be a Stillwater Star! The Stillwater Talent Show is coming soon! It's time to start thinking of your act and what amazing talent you want to show all your friends and family. The talent show is for current Stillwater students. The maximum time allowed for performances is 90 seconds. Check your kidmail for more details!

Questions: Contact Amy McHenry at amymchenry@hotmail.com or Shannon Franson at Shannon_franson@bio-rad.com

Open Basketball Night

Where: Stillwater Elementary Gym

When: 12/1; 1/5; and 2/23

What: An open gym concept to allow the littles to get their wiggles out during these winter months. Bring your own basketball, a water bottle and plenty of energy. This is a casual event with no planned activities other than a chance to play some basketball together.

Shoot a few hoops, get a few friends together to play HORSE or just practice your dribbling.

This is fun for the whole family and not a drop off event.

November Star Volunteer of the Month:

Krista Petrova

Congratulations to our November PTSA Star Volunteer of the Month, Krista Petrova. Krista was nominated by Karen Wright and Monique Linz and voted on by the Executive Board. Here is what Karen had to say about Krista: "Krista has been a great asset to the PTSA this year. With her help as the photography lead, she has taken a lot of stress off from the details involved with yearbook. She hasn't limited herself to just helping out there. She is always ready to volunteer when needed or asks if there is anything she can do. She always has a smile on her face as she does it all. It has been a pleasure to have gotten to know her and I'm looking forward to working with her in the years ahead."

Read more about our VOM here: <http://stillwaterptsa.org/volunteer-of-the-month/>

Thank you, Krista, for all that you do for Stillwater elementary! We'd also like to congratulate our other November nominee, Rachel DeCarmen. If you would like to nominate a volunteer of the month, please go to our website <http://stillwaterptsa.org/volunteer-month-nomination/>

RGB Success!

Thank you for supporting our new fundraiser, Restaurants Give Back! We have 3 local restaurants we have partnered with, Lazy K's, Zazynia Mediterranean Grill and Flavour Bistro. Each restaurant gives us 1 day a month where 10% of their sales go back to Stillwater. For our trial run in November we made **over \$750.00** and are currently scheduling the future dates with each restaurant. Look for updates on this event on our FB group and kidmail. Thank you for all of your support!!!

PTSA Membership

Have you ever wondered how to get discounts at PTSA led events... Become a Member today! Enroll for \$12 for an individual membership and receive a \$10 student directory, awesome discounts on PTSA led events such as Valentine's Bingo, concession stand at Spring dance, and \$2 off the yearbook... potential savings for the entire year is \$26.

Double what you paid for the membership. Stillwater PTSA is an amazing group of parents always looking to help improve Stillwater programs, find ways to bring fun events to the kids and community, and we are always listening to parental concerns and adapting. The more members, the larger the voice and the stronger the group all working towards a better future for our children!

Sign up today at stillwaterptsa.org. Have a wonderful Holiday season! Carmen Love
Membership Chair

Need Gift Ideas?

STAFF FAVORITES Need holiday gift ideas for Stillwater staff members? The popular "Staff Favorites" Survey has been updated to include all the new staff members this year and a few new questions were added based off of staff and parent feedback. Please visit our website for the Staff Favorites survey: <http://stillwaterptsa.org/staff-favs/>.

Community Outreach

Weekend Valley Power Packs are supplemental food items provided by Duvall area volunteers for children at Cedarcrest HS, Stillwater Elementary and Cherry Valley Elementary Schools. Sign up to provide food items on their website: <http://signup.com/go/LPaUBzd>

Hop-A-Thon

Wow! What a **record breaking Hop-a-Thon**, thank you Stillwater community!! After receiving the staff jump pledges from Alive Electric, The Irwin Group, Homerun Reality, New American Funding and My Fair Lady Skincare, our final total for the Hop-a-Thon is **\$21,611.31**. Please don't forget to submit your corporate matching and keep in mind that all donations to Stillwater PTSA are tax deductible when it's time to fill out your taxes. We had a fun spirit assembly on Nov 15th to celebrate the students hard work where the 12 Top 2 Earners played Tic-Tac-Toe Relay and 3 students and 3 staff members played Egg Head with Mr. Madigan. Ice Cream parties for ALL classes happened last week and Breakfast with the Principal is this week. Stay tuned for updates to the budget that we will be proposing after blowing our goal away. What a great way to start our fundraising season!! THANK YOU!

Legislative Update

On November 15, the Washington State Supreme Court ruled the legislature's efforts to fully fund education fell short. It also rejected the legislature's request for the Court to relinquish jurisdiction and terminate the case. Specifically, the budget fell short in funding salaries. A summary of the Court's opinion can be found here: https://www.wastatepta.org/wspta-original-member-news-effort-keep-informed-forwarding-summation-yesterdays-ruling/?utm_campaign=coschedule&utm_source=facebook_page&utm_medium=Washington+State+PTA

PTSA and the Law

PTA and the Law is a vital training for our entire board. It has so much information about state and federal rules and regulations for running a nonprofit corporation. On December 5th Washington State PTA is offering a free webinar to for this class. To learn more about this class and others visit www.wastatepta.org/

Greater PTA Spotlight

This statewide essay contest explores the important and varied contributions that men make in the lives and education of children – from the children's perspective. All men involved in a child's life – fathers, uncles, grandfathers, brothers, step-fathers, mentors, neighbors, pastors, coaches, and friends – impact the children they care about. The application deadline is March 1st each year.

More info visit: <https://www.wastatepta.org/events-programs/pta-mens-essay-contest/>

2017-2018

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