



Hawk Talk

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A Message From Your PTSA Presidents

Hello Stillwater Families!

Hard to believe the school year is almost over. It has been a GREAT year full of fun social activities, very successful fundraising events and big budget accomplishments – new playground equipment and a kiln just to name a few! We really had a wonderful time helping lead the PTSA and are looking forward to doing it again next year. Thank you to everyone who volunteered your time for the PTSA this year. The year would not have been a success without our volunteers. Many hands make light work!

Staff Appreciation week was amazing this year as Camp Stillwater was turned into Camp Star Wars. Thank you to all of the wonderful parents that donated food and supplies for this event. A HUGE thank you to Bae Bae Cakes for supplying the Star Wars themed cake pops and Red Pepper Pizza for feeding our staff the yummy pizza lunch.

The Hawk Walk this year raised \$14,299. Great Job everyone! Thank you to Coffey Tile and Marble for sponsoring the Teacher Laps. We made \$308 from their generous contributions.

We would like to thank our “hawktastic” board this year. Their leadership in each of the chair positions was what made this year a success, not to mention their countless hours volunteering at almost every event and activity the PTSA powered. Thank you: Cari Orme, Jessica Bie, Kristy Cloutier, Jessica Coon, Rebecca Manjarrez, Michelle Berens, Sarah McKenzie, Stacy Reddy, Gayle Saunders, Dani Graham, Lisa Cardenas and Vicky Garcia. A special thanks for Ann Marie Gill for working in the background as our website lead. You all worked so hard to make every event a success and it really paid off.

Hope you all have a fun, safe summer and we will see you in the fall.

Jen Anderson and Lindsey Tolson

Stillwater PTSA Co-Presidents



June:
Wednesday 6/15
Field Day
1pm
Thursday 6/16
Awards Assembly
10am
Thursday 6/16
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

School's Out for Summer, June 16th!!

Quick Tip



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Have something to say about an event?
We will send out surveys after every major event to hear your feedback!

Staff Appreciation Week (SAW) was a success!!

Volunteer Appreciation Night

We wanted to give a huge "Thank You" to all of you who took the time to volunteer with the Stillwater PTSA during the 2015/16 school year. Our records show that 116 of you helped out the PTSA in one way or another this year, and your efforts truly have contributed towards making it one of the best years ever here at Stillwater!

We had a blast at our end-of-the-year PTSA Volunteer Appreciation Event. Thank you!

~Cari & Michelle

Thank you Stillwater families for helping the PTSA make SAW this year a huge success. We were able to bring the force to Stillwater with some great Star Wars decorations. The PTSA SAW committee had been meeting since January planning this week long event and we want to extend our many thanks for their hard work: Monique Linz & Cari Orme-decorations, Andrea Beard-food, Gayle Saunders-communications/volunteers, Stacy Reddy & Lisa Cardenas-giftables, Dani Graham-Italian Sodas, Shelly Campbell-car wash, Felicia Berg & Jessica Coon & Lindsey Tolson-help wherever. This year we transformed the school with many Star Wars decorations, including coloring sheets with special messages from parents and students (that we saved for them when taking down the decorations), we served the staff two lunches, delivered Italian sodas on two days, had a made to order Italian soda station on another two days, washed staff vehicles, gave them a small giftable everyday, had snacks and treats set out in the staff lounge every day, and delivered the bus drivers goodies at the end of every day. All of that could not have been possible without your volunteer time and supply donations. Thank you to the following volunteers for showing up the week of SAW to help make it happen along side the SAW planning committee mentioned above: Robin Lawson, Elisha Galvez, Liz Vernon, Jessica Bie, Janah Pierce, Jen Anderson, Rachel DelCarmen Mireille Bellemare, Tiphonie Eichholz, Gale Britton, Jessica Hart, Amy Peterson, Michael Beard, Alison Hawkins, Mindy Smith, Amy McHenry, Jennifer Tai, Araceli Montoya, Jenn Anderson, Sharla Hall and Stephanie Herberg. In addition, thank you to Red Pepper for donating pizza and salad for one of the lunches. And last but not least, there are too many to list, but thank you to all the generous parents who brought in the many supplies needed to make SAW happen. The staff at Stillwater was very appreciative for all our efforts and we look forward to doing it again next year!

Membership Update

It's been a great year to be a PTSA member at Stillwater! We ended the school year with:
234 total PTSA members (8% increase over the 2014/15 school year)
39% of Stillwater families that had at least 1 adult PTSA member in their household, and
100% of teachers that were members of the PTSA.

We hope that all of you wonderful families have found value in your PTSA membership and that you will join us again next school year and sign up in the fall to become PTSA members for the 2016/17 school year. As a heads up, we will be decreasing the PTSA membership fee for next school year to:

\$12 per individual (\$3 decrease), and
\$20 per household (\$5 decrease).

Our goal is to make PTSA membership affordable for every family at Stillwater. If you haven't joined in past years, make 2016/17 the year to give it a try! Finally, as we head into summer, just a reminder to keep your PTSA membership card handy as there will be several great member discounts in effect for Wild Waves, Silverwood Theme Park, Great Wolf Lodge, Orlando vacations and more! Please feel free to contact us at membership@stillwaterptsa.org throughout the summer and we will happily email the current discount codes to you.

Thanks so much for your support this year,
Cari Orme & Michelle Berens,
2015/16 Membership Co-chairs

Who collected the most Box Tops???

2015-2016
Stillwater Elementary
PTSA Board of
Directors



The class that collected the most Box Tops & Labels for Education in May 2016 is Mrs. Craig's class they collected 334 Box Tops & 323 Labels for Education. Super job!!

The top classes who collected the most Box Tops & LFE for the 2015-2016 school year are

- 1) Arnold 3,043
- 2) Epps 1,915
- 3) Farnworth 1,847

The top class that wins the cotton candy party is Mrs. Arnold's class!!!
Congratulations!

Thank you for collecting Box Tops & Labels for Education!

Hawk Walk Success

Great job Stillwater Hawks, we surpassed our goal of \$10,000 for the Hawk Walk with a grand total of \$14,299.28 in donations. WOW!

In addition, we had one local business pledge \$1 per staff lap completed at the Hawk Walk, the staff did 308 laps! Thank you Coffey Tile & Marble for your \$308 donation!

Not only was the fundraising piece of the Hawk Walk a huge success, but the event itself was such fun. Sarah McKenzie and Stacy Reddy, our fundraising co-chairs did an awesome job. Thank you to all the volunteers that came out to support the students as they walked around the track. Thank you to Mrs. Christensen and Miss Casey for MC'ing the event and The Hawk for making an appearance. How about that ice cream truck driven in by Mr. Madigan and the Hawk?

The spirit assembly on May 25th was an amazing way to wrap up a great year of fundraising at Stillwater! Thank you Mr. Madigan for your willingness to get messy give the kids a good show!

Due to the amazing results of the Hawk Walk, not only is our budget next year set-up for success, but during June's gener membership meeting we presented the following updates to THIS YEAR's budget:

Replacing broken and/or worn pieces on the Kindergarten playground structure
Replacing worn metal netting on the red horseshoe climber on the larger playground
Robotics kits to start a Junior Robotics enrichment class next year (enrichment class would be ran under the YMCA enrichment umbrella by a Stillwater parent volunteer)
A "Gaga ball pit" for the playground *also pending district approval*
<http://www.gagaballpits.com>

If you visit our website you can see an article that lists all of the contributions the PTSA made to Stillwater this year, most of those are annual contributions that we will be able to provide next year as well because of our successful fundraisers:
<http://stillwaterptsa.org/ptsa-contributions-stillwater-2015-2016/>

Thank you for a great year!

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2016-2017 Stillwater PTSA Board

The PTSA is excited to announce that we have a full board next year and have even been able to fill two board positions that sat empty for two years: Community Outreach and Special Projects. We have 3 returning executive board members who will be able to serve a second term in their current titles but then have to move to a different position in 2017-2018: Jen Anderson and Lindsey Tolson as Co-Presidents, Jessica Bie as Co-treasurer. You can only hold executive board positions for 2 consecutive years.

The 2016-2017 PTSA Board met in May for their planning retreat and they are excited for the changes in store for next year. We hope to continue our fundraising success through the two donation based fundraisers: hop-a-thon and hawk walk. The success of these events makes it possible to not only fund our budget but provide extra support to Stillwater, like the kiln, playground equipment and school/staff grants we did this year.

We have also planned to add several new social and community events (all pending budget approvals at general membership meeting): a monster mash dance, a second bingo night, ice cream social & book exchange, the reptile man (evening show), an egg drop event, zumba nights, and open basketball nights (plus all the events from this year). The largest challenge the board faces is volunteers for events. We encourage EVERY parent at Stillwater to volunteer for at least 1 event a year. Parents and students have great ideas for new events, but we cannot put on more events without the volunteers. Please look for our volunteer form at the start of the school year. We are going to try something new next school year, if we do not give enough volunteers to show interest in helping at the event through turning in the form by mid-October then we will cancel the event.

Thank you and we look forward to another great year supporting Stillwater Elementary! Go Hawks!

2016-2017 Stillwater PTSA Board

Co-Presidents: Jen Anderson and Lindsey Tolson

Vice President: Jenn Anderson

Secretary: Michelle Berens

Co-Treasurers: Jessica Bie and Mireille Bellemare

Co-Communications: Felicia Berg and Rebecca Manjarrez

Fundraising: Monique Linz

Co-Membership: Cari Orme and Jessica Coon

Co-Special Projects: Dani Graham and Jen Coffey

Co-Social: Stacy Reddy and Shelly Campbell

Art Education: Lisa Cardenas

Community Outreach: Mindy Smith

Advocacy: Vicky Garcia

WA State 103rd Annual PTA Convention

Four of our current board members recently made a trip to the Washington state annual PTA convention in Yakima. They spent a weekend and many hours in training sessions; networking groups and working on ideas with vendors for fun and exciting ways to improve our PTSA. They came back with plenty of ideas and are excited to implement them in the next school year. One VERY exciting thing that happened at convention was the honor of receiving the BRONZE award for our monthly newsletter. It's very exciting to be known in the state as an award winning PTSA!

