

A Message From Your PTSA President

Hello Stillwater Families!

We hope you had a fun October! The PTSA hosted a free family Dodgeball event and Pottery Paint night that were a huge success!

Thank you to everyone that attended our first general membership meeting of the 2017-2018 school year, you can find the meeting minutes at: <http://stillwaterptsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/September-2017-General-Mtg-Minutes-DRAFT-002.pdf>.

We had a visit from Mr. Madigan to talk about the new PBIS and Hawk Feathers. We also voted in the new Budget for the year. A full budget re-cap can be found on our website: <http://stillwaterptsa.org/ptsa-budget/>.

Our next general meeting is December 5th from 6:30 – 7:45PM in the Library.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Thank you!

Shelly Campbell

Stillwater PTSA President



November:

Wednesday 11/1

Popcorn Wed (last recess)

Friday 11/3

Zumba Night 6:30-7:30pm

Wednesday 11/8

Hop-a-Thon

Friday 11/10

No School

11/14-11/21

Book Fair

Friday 11/17

Winter Craft Night

Reflections Gala

11/17-11/22

Conferences (1/2 days)

11/23-11/24

No School

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

Thursday 1/25

Talent Show

Quick Tip



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Reflections Gala

Please join us for the Reflections Gala on Friday, November 17th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. We will be serving refreshments and celebrating all the talented artists that submitted entries in this year's Reflections contest. We had a total of **30 entries** with 16 submitted for our early bird drawing on October 20th. Cruise Cullen was the lucky winner of that drawing and went home with a new Kindle Fire. All entries will be displayed at the Gala with ribbons showing who will be advancing on the district level.

Box Tops & Tyson Labels

The class that collected the most Box Tops & Tyson Labels in October 2017* is Mrs. Farnworth's class! They collected 206 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) Dunn 320
- 2) Heinson 316
- 3) Farnworth 270

Thank you for collecting Box Tops & Tyson Labels!



Spiritwear

Our fall sale for SpiritWear **has come to an end**. Spiritwear will be here soon! For those of you that placed an order, we should have it sorted and ready to pass out to the teachers the week of November 6-10th.

If you have any questions, email Karen at projects@stillwaterptsa.org

Hop-A-Thon

Where: Stillwater Elementary

When: Wednesday, November 8, 2017

What: Stillwater PTSA's largest fundraiser of the year, the Hop-a-Thon, is coming soon. Students will go to the gym during their specialist time to jump rope and compete in a fun class relay. It will be a fun packed day for students and staff while raising money for the Stillwater PTSA. This year the class that raises the highest percentage for their class will get to name our school mascot and each class that hits their goal will get an Ice Cream Party! If the School hits the overall goal of \$13,000, Students will get a chance to play Egg Head again with Mr. Madigan! Remember to check to see if your company does corporate matching as this makes a huge difference! **All donations are due Nov. 8th by 4pm.** Look for even more prizes and details on the fundraising envelope that went home last week.

Winter Wonderland Craft Night

Where: Stillwater Elementary

When: Friday, November 17 5:30-8:00PM*

What: Join us for a **Winter Wonderland of Crafts, Dinner, Bake Sale Items, Book Fair** and **Reflections Art** pieces.
Dinner – Pizza available by pre-order by November 14th (only a few available at the door)
Bake Sale – Bring cash for your favorite treats \$1/piece
Crafts – Pre-order online by November 9th (a few will be available for purchase at the event)
Selfie Booth – Take a photo at the themed booth
Book Fair – Visit the book fair in the LRC
Reflections – Check out the reflections art pieces
 For all the details and forms check out your kidmail flyers or go online below.
Pre-Order Here: <http://stillwaterptsa.org/craft-night/>
To Volunteer: <https://www.pt-avenue.com/volunteerr.asp?sc=StillwaterPTSA&v=173046>
 *This is not a drop off event, an adult must accompany children.

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

2017-2018

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October Star Volunteer of the Month:

Ulrike Staerk

Congratulations to our October PTSA Star Volunteer of the Month, **Ulrike Staerk**. Uli was nominated by Amy Pitt and voted on by the Executive Board.

Here are a few things that Amy had to say about Uli:

"Uli has been gearing up for the Art Docent position since school ended last year. Over the summer she re-organized, re-wrote and created all new lesson plans for the program. She shopped and organized supplies making sure we could re-use any extra supplies we had and finding deals on the rest. Once school was back in session she not only worked to get Docent's organized and supplies in order by class projects but did it all while moving to a new art portable. Uli has always volunteered a lot of her time at PTSA events with a smile on her face and a fun attitude. She puts a lot of thought and care into all she does and is extremely vested in seeing Stillwater and the PTSA succeed."

Uli and her husband Alfon moved to the area in 2006, they have 2 children at Stillwater, Claire, who is in 2nd grade and Alex in Kindergarten. She helped organize and run the fabulous Rock Painting activity at the BBQ as well as our first Pottery Paint Night of the year.

Uli grew up in Germany where she was an OBGYN but since moving here she has been a housewife. When asked what her favorite PTSA event to volunteer for was, she said she couldn't pick just one since we have so many awesome events. Uli also said, "We have an awesome Staff and PTA here at Stillwater and I am glad that I can help at least a tiny bit to make the school a success for our kids."

Thank you Uli for all the things you have done for Stillwater and the PTSA!

Congratulations to our other October nominee's, Sarah McKenzie, Rachel DelCarmen and Rebecca Manjarrez! If you would like to nominate a volunteer of the month, please go to our website <http://stillwaterpts.org/volunteer-month-nomination/>

PTSA Membership

Thank you so much Stillwater Families! It has been a new year for me as Membership Chair and I have appreciated all the support I have received learning a new role.

Membership in the PTSA is very important to us as well as our kids, teachers and community. PTSA membership helps provide a strong support system that our kids as well as us parents can rely on to ensure our kids education is the best it can be. With your membership you get great discounts at places such as Budget car rental, Fed Ex Office, Great Wolf lodge, Hertz car rental, Key Arena/McCaw Hall, Sylvan Learning, Tacoma Dome, Ticket Monster perks and Wild Waves just to name a few. Those are some awesome places!

We will be doing one more fun membership drive and it will benefit the kids since our last prize benefited the parents.

The top 2 classes with the highest membership percentage in their division at the end of November will receive a **pizza party!**

The divisions are K-2nd and 3rd- 5th. Help your child enjoy a classroom pizza party by joining our great PTSA team and supporting the Stillwater community.

Thank you,
Carmen Love
Membership Chair

Legislative Update

Exciting times in legislative advocacy! The 2017 Legislative Convention was another inspiring event. So many people give countless hours of their time to ensure a broad range of issues impacting our children are brought to the forefront. A recap of the event and the resolutions and issues that were discussed can be found here: <https://www.wastatepta.org/2017-wspta-legislative-assembly-recap/>.

On the education funding front, the Washington State Supreme Court heard oral argument on October 24 regarding whether the state has met its obligation to amply fund education. The Court has taken the matter under advisement. It is difficult to predict which way the Court will decide on this important issue, so many will be eagerly awaiting the Court's ruling.

PTSA and the Law

On October 11th the PTSA had 4 members (Amy Pitt, Karen Wright, Uli Staerk and Lindsey Tolson) attend a Washington State PTA led training class called PTA & the Law. Our membership chair, Carmen Love also took the class via a webinar in September. There are many rules and regulations to running a non-profit corporation, from the Secretary of State to the IRS. We are grateful to have the support and training from the state PTA level so that we can stay on top of all the rules. The sales tax section of the training gave us a good reminder about using our resellers permit when purchasing popcorn supplies since we are submitting an excise tax return in January (thus paying sales tax) for our monthly popcorn sales.

Giving Tree

The Stillwater PTSA F.A.C.E (Family and Community Engagement) will be having a holiday meal giving tree at the Winter Wonderland Craft Night. Come take a tag off the tree and help donate some holiday food/meals to families in need in the valley. All tags and food will need to be returned to the school the week before winter break.

Greater PTA Spotlight

WSPTA is excited to announce a collaboration with Sylvan Learning Centers for WSPTA members and their families. At this time, we are the only state nationwide in PTA to have this type of arrangement. To see all the benefits offered visit <https://www.wastatepta.org/get-involved/member-benefits/>