



A Message From Your PTSA President

Welcome Back!!

The PTSA is excited for another great year at Stillwater. We have 9 board members and 16 Leadership chairs ready to do their best to help enhance the learning experience of all Stillwater Hawks. Last year was another record breaking year for fundraising and subsequently giving back to Stillwater and we are looking to carry that momentum into this year. Based on feedback from many we have decided to have two general PTSA meetings in the evening and two during the day. We heard from you that by offering evening meetings that working parents and teachers will be able to come and participate. Our general meetings are scheduled for September 26th at 2:00, December 12th 6:30, March 13th 2:00, and June 12th 6:30. We are planning some fun events this year but ALL events depend on volunteers. Please look for our volunteer form and see how you can help. Dates, times, and details can change so it's important to stay connected to what's going on at Stillwater, but don't worry, we make it easy with many different ways to stay informed!

- **Our website:** www.stillwaterptsa.org
- **Facebook Group** –'Stillwater Elementary PTSA'
- **Kidmail** (papers that come home weekly with your kids)
- **PTSA Emails** –Sign up on our website
- **Weekly newsletter email from Stillwater** front office staff
- **This monthly newsletter** we send home

We are looking to increase our membership numbers this year. You get to support Stillwater, help provide a voice to children across the nation, receive MANY great discounts to national companies and PTSA events at Stillwater, have a vote at our general membership meetings, and did we already say, SUPPORT STILLWATER?!! If you ever have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at president@stillwaterptsa.org.

Sincerely,
Shelly Campbell

Popcorn Wednesdays

Get those quarters ready...We are happy to announce we will be bringing back Popcorn Wednesday's!! Popcorn will be available the first Wednesday of every month starting Oct 4th, 2017, during the last recess. As a reminder, the popcorn is dairy & nut free, and meets the school's nutritional guidelines.

Box Tops & Tyson Labels

The winner of last year's cotton candy party for collecting the most labels for the entire year was Mrs. Morman's class!! Stay tuned here for the monthly leader board.

The Labels for Education program has ended so we are now collecting Box Tops and Tyson Labels. Send your labels to school with your student's name and teacher on the baggie.



Spiritwear

Don't miss out on the 2017-2018's design for your Stillwater Spiritwear and a chance to show your pride to be a soaring Hawk! **There are only TWO times to order** spiritwear; **NOW** and in the **SPRING** so don't miss out! We will be sending home order forms the first week of school, or you are able to order on-line. Spiritwear will be handed out, to students, in the middle of October. Go Stillwater Hawks!

Back To School BBQ

Where: Stillwater Elementary Playground

When: Friday, September 22 5:30pm-8:00pm

What: Come and relax with old and new friends while you enjoy your bbq meal, DJ music, photo booth, rock painting and playground activities.

PTSA Members receive a discount on meals when you preorder.

You can order online at:

<http://stillwaterptsa.org/school-bbq/>

Prepaid Meal Order Forms **MUST BE TURNED IN BY**

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19

Bake Sale Table will have desserts available to purchase with **CASH or CHECK ONLY.**

We need a lot of volunteers to help make the BBQ a success.

Please email social@stillwaterptsa.org to volunteer at the BBQ or with any questions. You can also go to the following site to sign up to volunteer or donate

baked goods:
[https://www.pt-](https://www.pt-avenue.com/volunteerr.asp?sc=StillwaterPTSA&v=163136)

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REFLECTIONS

Stillwater PTSA invites your student to participate in National PTA and Washington State PTA cultural arts competition, The Reflections Program.

This year students are asked to interpret this year's theme "Within Reach". Young artists may submit an entry in any of six arts areas. Only original works of art are accepted. The six art areas are: Visual Arts Photography, Literature, Music Composition, Dance Choreography, and Film Production.

Stillwater PTSA will be hosting two workshops to help your young artist plan and create their original piece of art. Workshops will be held Thursday, September 21st and Wednesday, September 27th from 3:30-4:30 pm in Portable "D".

Final artwork submissions are due October 27th.

Submit your work by October 13th to be included in an Early Bird prize drawing.

September:

Tuesday 9/5

First Day of School

Monday 9/11

Curriculum Night

Thursday 9/21

Reflections Workshop 3:30-4:30

Friday 9/22

Back to School BBQ

Tuesday 9/26

PTSA General Meeting 2-3:15

Wednesday 9/27

Reflections Workshop 3:30-4:30

October:

Wednesday 10/4

Popcorn Wed (last recess)

Thurs/Fri 10/5 & 10/6

Picture Day

Thursday 10/12

Dodgeball Night

Friday 10/13

No School

Friday 10/20

Pottery Paint Night 6-8pm

Friday 10/27

Reflections Deadline

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

WELCOME BACK!!

Quick Tip



Search Stillwater Elementary PTSA

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

2017-2018
Stillwater Elementary
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For Lead Volunteer contact info,
check our website at:

<http://stillwaterptsa.org/board-members/>

What can you share? An hour of your time, talent, skill or expertise?

If you can spare an hour, please help!

- Signup now to be a PTSA volunteer for the 2017-2018 school year.
- New volunteer form can be found on our website at <http://stillwaterptsa.org/volunteer/>. A hard copy can be picked up at the PTSA bulletin board in the hallway or find one coming home with your student in Kid Mail.
- Turn in your form, with at least one activity sign up, by October 20, 2017, to be entered into a prize drawing. Also, it will help us to compile a master list of volunteers and their interests. Forms can be dropped off at the school's main office or emailed to the PTSA Vice President.
- Reminder: All volunteers must go through the district screening process for the safety of students and volunteers alike.
- This school year we will be continuing our "Volunteer of the Month" who will be featured in the PTSA newsletter, Facebook page and school bulletin board. Please find the nomination form on our website or pick one up from the bulletin board.
- We encourage each PTSA member to volunteer for at least one activity or event each year.
- If you have any questions about volunteering please email vicepresident@stillwaterptsa.org

PTSA Membership

Each year we are asked, "**why should I join the PTSA?**", "**Do I have to volunteer if I become a member?**", and "**how much does it cost?**". Here are the answers to those questions and about the amazing benefits of being a PTSA member.

•When you join the PTSA, you are showing support for Stillwater students, faculty and families working together to make Stillwater the best school it can be.

•PTSA membership cost is at an all time low of \$12 per individual and \$20 for household (2 adults). Our hope is that the low cost makes it affordable for all Stillwater families to join.

•Volunteering is **100% optional**. There is no commitment, or requirement associated with your membership.

•Stillwater PTSA members receive a Free Student Directory with the purchase of membership. That's a **\$10 value!**

•PTSA members receive discounted pricing during the school year for PTSA sponsored events as well as many other great discounts with well known companies such as Staples, Fed ex, Key Arena, and Great Wolf Lodge to name a few.

We invite you to join us at <http://stillwaterptsa.org/membership> If you prefer paper forms, they can be emailed by requesting them at membership@stillwaterptsa.org

Thank you for all your support!

Carmen Love
Membership Chair

Legislative Update

"It is the paramount duty of the state to make ample provision for the education of all children residing within its borders, without distinction or preference on account of race, color, caste, or sex." Washington State Constitution, Article IX, Section I.

This is the basis for the ongoing debate in Washington regarding the state's requirement to fully fund education, which stemmed from the McCleary decision. Although the case was filed in 2007 and initially decided in 2012, it has been a hard-fought battle to get our state to meet its obligation to fully fund education. Finally, progress is being made! This summer, the legislature added \$7.3 billion in educational funding to be implemented over the next four years.

The debate over school funding is far from over. The state asserts the new budget "fully funds K-12 education for the first time in 30 years." Opponents disagree, arguing the \$7.3 billion number is misleading, and not in compliance with the requirements to fully fund education. The newly approved budget is now before the Washington State Supreme Court for review. Regardless of whether this step was big enough, it is still a step in the right direction toward getting our children and teachers the resources they need.

Greater PTA Spotlight

WSPTA Strategic Plan 2020 Supports the Whole Child

If you're not familiar with it, we encourage you to review the WSPTA Strategic Plan 2020. The WSPTA board of directors approved the Strategic Plan 2020 in the spring of 2015. The forward-thinking plan has integrated all aspects of our association by weaving advocacy, membership, leadership, family and community engagement, programs and financial responsibility throughout the goals and objectives. The WSPTA Strategic Plan 2020 is a decision-making tool used by the board of directors in their actions to support the whole child, driving the continued sustainability of the Washington State PTA.

Review it on the WSPTA website at:

<https://www.wastatepta.org/>

Directory

What is the directory?

PTSA compiles a student directory every year so you can have contact info to plan birthdays, class parties, special events, general school info, etc. When you sign up as a PTSA member you can ask to be in the directory at sign up or if you're not a member just fill out the directory form and return to school to include your info. Directories are free to PTSA members or \$10 for non-members!

Want to place an ad in our student directory? Email the address below for more info!

Questions? Email:

communications@stillwaterptsa.org