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Welcome Back!

A Message from your PTSA President

Welcome back to school Stillwater families, with a special welcome to our new families! As Mr. Madigan has indicated, the school's theme for this year is "Doing Our Best in the Wild, Wild West." Your PTSA has taken that theme and is planning many fun events including a bar-b-que, chili contest, hoe down, Book Fair BINGO night, and spring carnival. Other favorites will be coming back including Elf Workshop, Dads & Donuts, Talent Show, and Missoula Children's Theatre. Moms and Muffins is being added this year with the help of dads. Stillwater has a lot of plans for programs to support students and staff, such as the Art Docent and Science Docent programs, Library volunteers, and Staff Appreciation Week. Keep watching our newsletters, e-flashes and website to learn about upcoming events and programs.

A Hospitality Room will be open during the first three days of school to welcome our new and returning families. Stop by the office conference room and say hello. We will be glad to answer questions, give you information about Stillwater or the PTSA, provide you with the volunteer packet required by Riverview School District, or even help you with paperwork.

Our first family fun event is our Back to School "Wild West" BBQ on September 13th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Dress up in your favorite western wear. This year our BBQ includes our first ever Chili Contest so, if you have a "to die for" chili recipe, cook up a batch and bring it! Members of the Stillwater staff will act as judges. Prizes will be given to three Chili Champions. We will also be having a raffle during the BBQ with fabulous baskets of fun donated by each classroom.

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Fill out your forms online!
Stillwater PTSA now offers parents the convenience of event, membership forms etc. all in one place:
www.stillwaterptsa.org

Save the Date

September

Friday, Sept. 6
PTSA Special Meeting 9:30am

Friday Sept. 13:
Early Release

Thursday, Sept. 19:
Curriculum Night

Friday Sept. 20:
Early Release

Thursday, Sept. 26:
PTSA General Meeting, 7:00pm

Friday Sept. 27:
Early Release

Full Calendar inside ->

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Letter from the President (continued)

The class that generates the most raffle tickets with its basket will win an ice cream party. You should have received details about the BBQ, Chili Contest, and Raffle in the mail, and those details are included in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you on September 13th.

Our PTSA Board of Directors is very enthusiastic and ready to bring fantastic programs, events and opportunities to Stillwater children and families. Our board members are listed in this newsletter and you should feel free to contact any of us with questions, suggestions or offers of help.

I would like to extend a personal invitation to each parent, guardian, grandparent, aunt, uncle, friend, or any adult who supports a Stillwater student to join our PTSA. Being a PTSA member does not mean that you have to attend meetings, but you can if you want to. It does not mean that you have to volunteer, although there are many ways for adults to be involved at Stillwater, both at school and otherwise. It does not mean that you have to donate money or sell something, although PTSA does need financial support to operate and offer outstanding programs. What PTSA membership does mean is that you support the children in your life by being part of the oldest child advocacy organization in the nation. Being a PTSA member means that your voice and vote joins with hundreds, thousands and even millions of other voices and votes of people who care about children at the local, state and national levels. Being a Stillwater PTSA member means that you help enhance YOUR child's educational experience. PLEASE BECOME A PTSA MEMBER TODAY!

Sincerely,

Pam Deming

President

Stillwater PTSA 2013-14

Volunteering

Would you like to be more involved at Stillwater Elementary? Have you ever thought of volunteering as an art or science docent? Would the opportunity to help out or chair an event like Dads & Donuts or the spring carnival sound fun? Would you like a chance to make new friends? If you answered “yes”, to any of these questions, please contact one of the new PTSA Vice-Presidents: Jae Holt, Julie Logan and Gayle Saunders.



Jae Holt is a Stillwater parent of a third grader and is an active volunteer in the school library. A first-time board member, she looks forward to contributing her time and talents as co-VP.

Julie Logan has been a Stillwater parent for five years. She is an active volunteer at SWE, Tolt and Cedarcrest. She has been a Vice-President (at a previous school), Communications Chair for two years, and a Social Co-Chair for one year. Julie loves to be involved with the school in the hopes of helping create a more positive and enjoyable experience for her children. Currently, at SWE, Julie has a second grader, Riley.

Gayle Saunders has been a Stillwater parent for going on four years. Her daughter Delaney is in third grade. Gayle has volunteered in her daughter’s classrooms and the library. She loves getting to know the kids and staff here at school. Gayle really hopes the SWE PTSA can make the 2013 – 14 school year a fantastic one that will encourage each of you to join the PTSA, volunteer some of your time, and help each student be the best they can be!

If you’d like to volunteer for anything from Popcorn Wednesdays to Elf Workshop to Enrichment Support to Kid Mail, please sign-up! You can fill out the Volunteer Sign-Up Form and return it through kidmail, sign-up through our website, add your name to our sign-up sheets at one of our upcoming events or just contact us directly. We’d love to hear from you! If you’d like to contact us, please email Jae Holt at jae_holt@hotmail.com Julie Logan at juliemlo@hotmail.com or Gayle Saunders at gaylemaries@gmail.com. This is going to be a fun and exciting school year!

PLACE YOUR ORDER ONLINE!
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**BACK TO SCHOOL "WILD WEST"
BBQ, RAFFLE &
CHILI CONTEST**

**Friday, Sept. 13th
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Stillwater Elementary
Gym and Playground**

**Enjoy a grilled hamburger, hot dog or gardenburger,
served with beans, chips, treat and beverage.**

Prepaid Meal Package \$5.00

(Must order by Sept. 10th. Order form attached..)

At Door Meal Package \$6.50

(A limited number will be available. First come, first serve.)

Raffle Tickets \$1.00 each

Bring your picnic blanket or chairs.

"DOING OUR BEST IN THE WILD, WILD WEST"

**Sponsored by Stillwater PTSA
See raffle details & chili contest rules.**

CALLING ALL COWPOKES

RAFFLE ROUNDUP

Each class is asked to provide a themed basket for the Back to School BBQ Raffle on September 13th. **Please send your basket donation to your child's classroom by Thursday, September 12th.** The class with the highest raffle proceeds will earn an ice cream party. All raffle proceeds go to support Stillwater PTSA programs and classroom stipends.

CLASSROOM THEMES

Please note: All movies, books, music, etc. should be kid appropriate. The following items are NOT allowed on school grounds and cannot be put in raffle baskets: guns (including wood, plastic, metal, nerf, cap, squirt, laser, rubber band, marshmallow, etc.); other weapons, including toy weapons, that may cause injury; beverages containing alcohol; merchandise referencing alcohol, drugs, weapons, inappropriate language.

Kindergarten - "Kids in the Kitchen"

Suggestions: baking & cooking mixes; measuring cups and spoons; mixing bowls; kids' cookbooks; apron; baking pans; spatula; wooden spoons; small cutting board; cookie cutters; cheese grater; cupcake cups; cake decorating book and supplies; kitchen towels; potholders

First Grade - "Picnic in the Park"

Suggestions: picnic basket; cooler; plastic plates/cups/utensils; tablecloth & napkins; picnic blanket; reusable water bottles; non-perishable picnic food; variety of jams or mustards; sparkling cider; grocery store gift card; visors; sunglasses; sunscreen; insect repellent; outdoor games; travel sized board games

Second Grade & 2nd/3rd Split - "After School Special"

Suggestions: games; nerf toys (no guns); yo-yo; sidewalk chalk; Lego kits; art supplies; craft kits; construction paper; craft edger scissors; clay; journals; fun pens/pencils; "how to" books; activity books; reading books; playing cards; movies

Third Grade - "Lost in Space"

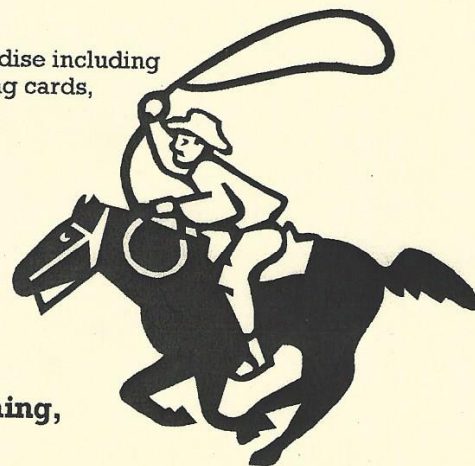
Suggestions: rocket/space shuttle model or craft kit; NASA merchandise; glow-in-the-dark stars/planets/galaxies; globe; mobile, posters, books about space/planets; gift certificate for Museum of Flight; Mars Mud or Moon Sand; Angry Birds Space merchandise; Star Wars or Star Trek themed movies, books, toys, games, clothing, posters

Fourth Grade - "Comicon"

Suggestions: comic books; graphic novels; DC or Marvel comic merchandise including toys, models, costumes, action figures, collectibles, books, movies, trading cards, clothing; Disney superhero merchandise; Anime books and merchandise

Fifth Grade - "Wild, Wild West"

Suggestions: anything cowboy, pioneer, Native American, early railroad (no guns); games (horseshoes, checkers, playing cards); toy horses, farm animals, figurines; movies; books; gift certificate for horseback riding lessons or trail ride; country music cd (kid appropriate); bandana; cowboy hat; flashlight; lantern; tent; camp cookware; canteen; first aid kit; wrapped hard candy; beef jerky; old fashioned root beer



Questions or offers to help with raffle or BBQ: Contact Pam Deming, dustcollector@msn.com or 788-6950

Reflections 2013-2014: Believe, Dream, Inspire

How do you describe the feeling of a dream? What does it mean to believe or inspire? For some, the answer to these questions is best expressed through the lens of camera, by putting pencil to paper, paintbrush to canvas, or by sitting down with their favorite musical instrument.



Reflections is an annual arts competition spearheaded by the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and serves as their cornerstone arts program. Reflections helps highlight the importance of the arts as part of a well-rounded education. When children express themselves through words, pictures, music, dance, and other art forms, they grow intellectually and socially. They learn to analyze their thoughts, feelings, and ideas; learn to look at things, people, and experiences in a fresh and exciting way; and become more interested in the ideas and works of others.

Stillwater students of all grade levels are invited to submit original artwork inspired and created specifically for this year's unique theme: **Believe, Dream, Inspire**. Submissions can be entered in the form of visual art, photography, literature, film, music, and dance. Winners will be chosen from each category and all participants will be recognized in a Stillwater Reflections ceremony on Thursday, November 14, 2013. The winning entries at Stillwater then move on to District judging along with the other school entries from the Riverview School District. Those that win at the District level move on to State and then National level judging. This is an exciting opportunity for your child!

How to Enter: Each category has specific guidelines and each entry must be accompanied by an official entry form. More information about guidelines and copies of the entry form will be available soon in both print and electronic form.

Important dates:

Earybird Entry Deadline: Tuesday, October 15, 2013. Submit your Reflections entry by 10/15 and you will be entered into a drawing to receive a \$25 gift certificate from Red Swirl Frozen Yogurt in Duvall.

Deadline for all entries: Monday, October 28, 2013.

Reflections Ceremony: Thursday, November 14, 2013; 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Save the Date 2013 - 2014

SEPTEMBER

- 6th PTSA Special Meeting, 9:30am - Portable B
- 13th Back to School BBQ, 6-8pm
- 19th PTSA Board Meeting, 2pm - Portable
- 19th Curriculum Night
- 26th General Meeting, 7:00pm - Library

OCTOBER

- 10th PTSA Board Meeting, 6:30pm - Portable B
- 15th Reflections: Early Bird Entry Deadline
- 28th Reflections: Deadline for all entries

NOVEMBER

- 14th PTSA Board Meeting , 2pm - Portable B
- 14th Reflections Awards Night
- 20-27 Book Fair
- 22nd Bingo 6-8pm - Gym
- 22nd General Meeting, 5:30pm - Gym

DECEMBER

- 6th Elf Workshop, 6-8pm - Gym
- 12th PTSA Board Meeting, 2pm - Portable B

JANUARY

- 9th PTSA Board Meeting, 2pm - Portable B
- 23rd General Meeting, 7pm - Library

FEBRUARY

- 6th Dads & Donuts, 7:30-9am - Gym
- 13th PTSA Board Meeting , 2pm - Portable B

MARCH

- 7th Hoe Down, School Dance, 6-8pm - Gym
- 13th PTSA Board Meeting, 6:30pm - Portable B
- 27th General Meeting , 7pm - Library

APRIL

- 10th Moms & Muffins, 7:30-9am - Gym
- 10th PTSA Board Meeting , 2pm - Portable B

MAY

- 5-9 Staff Appreciation Week
- 15th PTSA Board Meeting, 6:30pm - Portable B
- 16th Wild West Carnival, 6-8pm - Gym
- 22nd General Meeting , 7pm - Library

JUNE

- 12th PTSA Board Meeting , 2pm - Portable B

Look for more events and dates as the school year continues. Please see our NEW website at www.stillwaterptsa.org for updated information



Did You Know?

Our website now has ALL school and PTSA related events including the school calendar. See it all in one place and even save events to your own online calendar. Check it out at www.stillwaterptsa.org

Fundraising

Safeway/Escrip 10% Back to School Fundraiser through September 10th!



Every time from now to September 10th, when you purchase anything with the school bus logo on the tag at Safeway, 10% is donated to our school. If you're Safeway card is registered already with Escript, all you have to do is purchase those items and they are directly put into our account at the end of the promotion. If you're Safeway card is not registered, look at the bottom of your receipt after September 10th and you can enter the code online OR drop it off at school and we will do it for you!

Be sure to fill in the Escript flyer in kidmail to make sure that your contribution is directly entered and designated for Stillwater Elementary ALL YEAR LONG. Our school code for Escript is **8567094**. Go to www.escrip.com for more information.

If you have any questions on this promotion or any fundraising, please contact Marsha Staley (marshastaley@hotmail.com) or Janah Pierce (janah_pierce@yahoo.com).

READY....SET....BEGIN....START COLLECTING THOSE BOXTOPS AND LABELS FOR EDUCATION!

Get that baggie started on the refrigerator and start collecting those BoxTops and Campbell's Labels for Education!

From October through May, turn in your baggie with your teacher's name on it. Each month, the points will be added up and a classroom will win each month and earn a snack. The class at the end of the year overall will win a big treat prize!



BE SURE TO MARK YOUR TEACHER'S NAME ON THE BAGGIE OR CREDIT CAN NOT BE GIVEN TOWARD THE CLASSROOM COUNT!!

For more information on BoxTops for Education, go to www.boxtops4education.com. For more information on Campbell's Labels for Education, go to www.labelsforeducation.com.

Any questions, feel free to contact Marsha Staley (marshastaley@hotmail.com) or Janah Pierce (janah_pierce@yahoo.com).

Membership

Now is the time to join the PTSA!

Our goal this year is 100% membership which means that for each Stillwater student we have at least one enrolled PTSA member, 2 are even better! It's a big goal but we can do it! Who can join? Parents, grandparents, family members, and friends. Anyone who wants to show that they support your child! We are challenging our classrooms to win the school's "**Top Class**" trophy! The class with the highest percentage of PTSA enrollment will win the trophy and a surprise treat from our PTSA...think ice cream! The challenge ends *October 31, 2013*.

Signup online on our website: www.stillwaterptsa.org

\$15 per person or \$25 per family