



Hawk Talk

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A Message From Your PTSA Presidents

Hello Stillwater Families-

We hope you had a fun October and enjoyed the new event we added this year, the Monster Mash Dance. Look for the short Monster Mash survey we will post on Facebook. The PTSA has been hard at work planning our next fun event, Turkey Bingo. This is the event where the 19 classroom raffle baskets will be presented. We hope to see you there!

We are excited to announce we have added two new board members to help enhance our Art Education footprint after the installation of the kiln, Co-Vice President Amy Pitt and Art Education Co-Chair Lily Baker. Thank you ladies for volunteering to be part of the board.

Thank you to everyone that attended our first general membership meeting of the 2016-2017 school year. We voted in the Standing Rules and Budget for the year. A full budget re-cap can be found on our website: <http://stillwaterptsa.org/ptsa-budget/>. Our next meeting is December 8th from 2:00- 3:15 PM in Portable B.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!
Jen Anderson and Lindsey Tolson
PTSA Co-Presidents

Who collected the most Box Tops?

The class that collected the most Box Tops & Labels for Education in October 2016 is Mrs. Crouch's class! They collected 428 BT & LFE! Super job!!!

Here are the classes in the lead for the cumulative year total – the winning class will earn a cotton candy party in June:

- 1) Crouch 428
- 2) Lijigren 392
- 3) Arnold 279

Thank you for collecting Box Tops & Labels for Education!



Volunteer Update

- As of October 20, 2016, we have received 94 PTSA volunteer forms.
- We are happy to report that we will not have to cancel any PTSA events. Thank you to all the volunteers that have signed up to help.
- It is not too late; you can still turn in your volunteer form and help be a part of some of our fun events that we have planned this year.
- Did you know that we are using PT Avenue (<https://www.pt-avenue.com>) to manage our events and volunteers? Go to the website, login and enter "Stillwater PTSA" under the Organization Code. You will be able to see all the upcoming events and volunteer needs.
- Currently, **we are looking for several volunteers** for our **Turkey Bingo, November 18th**.
- If you need any help with PT Avenue or have any volunteer questions, please email vicepresident@stillwaterptsa.org

FAMILY ZUMBA NIGHT

Who: Stillwater Families- All ages are welcome!!
What: Zumba night with certified Zumba Instructor Shelly Campbell
When: November 4th 6:30- 7:30pm
Where: SWE gym
Cost: FREE

Zumba involves dance and aerobic movements performed to energetic music! No dance experience required. Come join us!
This is not a drop off event and kids must be accompanied by an adult.

TURKEY BINGO & RAFFLE

What: Turkey Bingo & Basket Raffle
When: Friday, November 18 5:30-8PM

Come play bingo with your fellow Stillwater friends! We will be serving a pizza dinner (see pre-order forms in kidmail) and there will be a bake sale table with desserts.

The class raffle baskets will be presented and you will be able to purchase tickets to win. It will be a fun evening with lots of things to do and see....bingo, prizes, raffle baskets, pizza, desserts, and art reflection entries on display. Plus, don't forget to stop by the library and check out the Book Fair. Can't wait to see you all there! Gobble! Gobble!

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

November:
Wednesday 11/2
 Hop-A-Thon
Friday 11/4
 Zumba Night 6:30-7:30pm
Wednesday 11/9
 Popcorn Wed (Last Recess)
Friday 11/11
 No School-Veteran's Day
11/15-11/22
 Book Fair
Friday 11/18
 Turkey Bingo & Raffle 5:30-8
 Reflections Gala
11/18-11/23
 Conferences-1/2 Days
11/24-11/25
 No School
 Happy Thanksgiving!

December:
Tuesday 12/6
 2/3 Music Performance
Wednesday 12/7
 Popcorn Wed (Last Recess)
Thursday 12/8
 PTSA General Mtg 2-3:15pm
12/12-12/16
 Talent Show Sign-Ups
12/19-1/2
 No School (Winter Break)

January:
Wednesday 1/4
 Popcorn Wed (Last Recess)
Friday 1/6
 Open Basketball Night 6-8pm
1/11 & 1/12
 Talent Show Auditions
1/13 & 1/16
 No School
Thursday 1/19
 PTSA Meet & Greet
Friday 1/20
 Student Council Movie Night

Quick Tip



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Volunteer of the Month- Karen Wright!

Congratulations to our October PTSA Featured Volunteer of the Month, Karen Wright. Karen was nominated by Lindsey Tolson and voted on by the Executive Board. Here are a few things that Lindsey had to say about Karen: "Karen is new to Stillwater this year and has jumped in with both feet. If you look at the PTSA Volunteer form that Karen filled out you will see that she checked almost every box. She popped popcorn that first week of October, she volunteered for Picture Day and she is signed up to volunteer for Hearing and Vision Testing. Karen also took initiative to reach out to our Vice-President and offer assistance in other areas where we need lead volunteers. Karen has a great attitude and wants to get involved however possible to help the PTSA enrich the learning experience of all students at Stillwater. Thank you Karen!!"

Karen has 2 daughters at Stillwater, a 3rd grader in Mrs Heinson's class and a 2nd grader in Mrs Skaug's class. She is a true Washingtonian; spent her childhood growing up in Lynnwood, received her AA from Edmonds Community College, has lived in Duval for 14 years, and of course loves the Seahawks! Before she came to Stillwater, Karen worked full time in Snoqualmie and her daughters attended school near her work. She decided to leave her job and do what she really wanted to do, "stay home with my girls and be active in their school." She is very excited for all the volunteer opportunities we have to offer at Stillwater. She said, "It makes me happy when I'm at the school working. But I think the best part is the smiles my girls have when they get off the bus and said they had a great day at school!" She is looking forward to volunteering for the Hop-a-Thon since it will be her first fundraiser. She will also be taking on the lead volunteer role for a new event this school year, multicultural night.

If you see Karen in the hallway or at any of our events, make sure to introduce yourself and welcome them to Stillwater. **Congratulations to the other October nominee, Deb Franco!**

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PTSA Member Update

- We now have 275 members for the 2016/17 school year. Hurray!
- This is an increase of almost 18% over last year's number of members, 234. Our goal was a 10% increase this year. Thank you so much to all of you who have signed up so far and shown such great support!

Haven't signed up yet? Wondering why your fellow parents are joining?

-First, we reduced the membership price to \$12 this year for individuals and \$20 for a household (2 adults) with the goal of making sure membership was affordable for every Stillwater family.

-Second, there are benefits to becoming a PTSA member, including:

- A free Student Directory (\$10 value),
- Discounts to PTSA events
- Discounts to many local and national businesses.

Check out:

<http://stillwaterptsa.org/membership/> to see a listing of these businesses and to sign up to become a PTSA member today. Thank you!
Cari & Jessica

Legislative Update

Washington State PTA Legislative Assembly was held on October 21st in Olympia. Delegates from PTA's across Washington State came together to vote on the top legislative issues the PTA will champion for the next two years. Unfortunately, our legislative chair was unable to attend due to a broken leg, but three delegates from other schools within Riverview District did attend.

The WSPTA will work tirelessly over the next two years to advocate for our students, with a focus on the following Top 5 Issues:

- 1) Social Emotional Learning
- 2) Amply Funding Basic Education
- 3) Closing the Opportunity Gap
- 4) Standards for Para-Educators
- 5) Breakfast After the Bell

If you would like to learn more about the results of the Issues Survey, the Top 5 Issues, or how the WSPTA advocates for our children, please visit:

www.wastatepta.org/advocacy/

Art Docent

The Art Docent Program is in full swing. Children will be learning about the language of art and different mediums used in creating artwork. This year we will also be adding a lesson to our program. Children will create projects out of clay, then have the opportunity to paint them and fire in our brand new kiln. A special Thank You to all the parent volunteers who make this happen!!!

Training

In October, 4 board members attended a PTA and the Law class that was administered by the Washington State PTA. This class is designed to help local PTA's understand the federal and Washington State laws that govern and affect our PTSA, a non-profit corporation.

Reflections

Thank you to those students who submitted Reflections art pieces. We had 40 pieces entered, all of them are being judged by local artists and the results will be revealed at the Stillwater Reflections Gala on Friday, November 18th at 5:00 pm. An invitation for the gala will go home in kidmail next week.

Directory Update

Directories will be sent out in kidmail this month! You receive a free directory with PTSA membership and for those of you that purchased one for \$10 it's not too late to upgrade your directory purchase into a membership for an additional \$2 (no volunteering or meetings required!).

Questions? Email
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