



Hawk Talk

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A Message From Your PTSA Presidents

Happy Fall Y'All!

The new school year is in full swing and the PTSA is so excited for what's to come. Based on your feedback, we have added some fun events to the calendar, but need the volunteers to run them! So please look for our volunteer form and get it turned in by October 19th. One of those new events is the second dance we've added, we can't wait for the Monster Mash Dance on October 28th!

The Back to School BBQ was a big success, thank you to all the families that came out and thank you to all the volunteers that coordinated/ran it, specifically our "social" team: Jenn Anderson (VP), Shelly Campbell (Social Chair) and Stacy Reddy (Social Chair). Middle of October we'll start gearing up for our largest fundraiser of the year, the Hop-a-Thon, look for the fundraising envelope when it comes home in kidmail. Lots of fun incentives planned!

Thank you!

Jen & Lindsey

Who collected the most Box Tops?

The class that collected the most Box Tops & Labels for Education in September 2016 is Mrs. Arnold's class! They collected 275 BT & LFE! Super job!!!

Here are the classes in the lead:

- 1) Arnold 275
- 2) Liljigren 270
- 3) Anderson 137



Thank you for collecting Box Tops & Labels for Education!

Volunteer Update

- As of September 22, 2016 we have 54 volunteers signed up to help with PTSA activities.
- Please turn in your volunteers forms by October 19, 2016. **We may have to cancel a few activities if we don't get more volunteer sign ups.**
- A big thank you to the whole PTSA board for volunteering at the Back to School BBQ. Thank you to our other volunteers; Susan Nguyen, Eriko Loi, Casey McKelheer, Jessie Willmon, Eric Bie, Marshall Gill, Mitch Tolson, Brandon Campbell, Patrick Reddy, all our Stillwater Staff Dessert Judges and Mr. Madigan.
- NEW** this year, "**Featured Volunteer of the Month**". Please nominate a volunteer who you think has done an outstanding job or gone above and beyond to help make Stillwater an awesome school. Nomination form can be found at: <http://stillwaterptsa.org/volunteer-month-nomination/> Turn the page for this month's Volunteer of the Month.

HOP-A-THON

What: Our largest fundraiser of the year.

When: Wednesday, November 2nd during each class' specialist hour

Why: To keep all the PTSA programs, services and activities in place

How can we top pie to the face and Egg Head from last year? Here's a hint – Hungry Hippos and Slime War!

Look for the fundraising envelope in kidmail mid October, giving students 2 weekends to fundraise before donations are due on November 2nd.

Raffle Basket Update DONATIONS NEEDED

Visit our website to get more information on the raffle and to see which raffle tags did not get claimed at the BBQ: <http://stillwaterptsa.org/raffle/>. Thank you to those who have already donated items or funds. All donations are due by **October 17th**.

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

October:
Wednesday 10/5
 Popcorn Wed (Last Recess)
Thursday 10/6
 Open Basketball Night
 6-8PM
10/6 & 10/7
 Picture Day
Friday 10/14
 No School
Wednesday 10/26
 Reflections Deadline
Friday 10/28
 Monster Mash Dance 6-8pm
Monday 10/31
 Harvest Parade

November:
Wednesday 11/2
 Hop-A-Thon
Friday 11/4
 Zumba Night
Wednesday 11/9
 Popcorn Wed (Last Recess)
Friday 11/11
 No School
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
12/19-1/2
 No School (Winter Break)

Quick Tip



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2016-2017

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Volunteer of the Month- Robin Lawson!

Robin was nominated by Lindsey Tolson and voted by the PTSA Executive Board as our **September Volunteer of the Month**. This is what Lindsey had to say about Robin, "Before volunteer forms were even collected or school started, Robin stepped up to help us with our beginning of the year poster needs. She turned Mr. Madigan into your Cat in the Hat for the front hallway display. She used her artistic skills to create two elaborate posters for the BBQ and she has already started working on the very huge and detail oriented tracking poster for the Hop-a-Thon. Her talents and willingness to help is a huge asset, we are constantly complimented from the staff and parents on how great our posters are. Thank you Robin!"

Robin has two boys at Stillwater, Trevor is in 3rd grade and Jared is in 1st grade. This is her 2nd year volunteering for Stillwater and is looking forward to all the fun events we have scheduled this year. She said her favorite activities to volunteer for are the Hop-a-Thon and Walk-a-Thon.

She worked in the insurance industry for 19 years and is currently a substitute EA for the Riverview School District. Besides being very artistic, Robin enjoys baking, cooking, going for bike rides, hiking with her family and going camping.

If you are in need of an awesome sign or just want to say thank you to Robin, her favorite snack is chocolate covered gummy bears. If you see her in the hallway make sure to congratulate her and say, "Thank you".

Congratulations to the other September nominees, Lisa Cardenas and Jen Coffey!

PTSA Member Update

- **252** of you have already signed up to be PTSA members for the 2016/17 school year. Thank you!
- This is an increase of almost 10% over last year's number of members, 234.
- Let's keep it going! Show your support for Stillwater and sign up to become a PTSA member today at: <http://stillwaterptsa.org/membership/>, it only takes 5 minutes.
- Cost is \$12 per individual, or \$20 per household (2 adults)
- Remember, PTSA membership is separate from volunteering.

Thank you, Stillwater teachers, staff and families for your support! Great things happen when we all work together for the benefit of our children and our school community.

Thank you for your support!

Cari Orme & Jessica Coon

Membership Co-chairs

Calling Art Docent Volunteers

The art docent program is a valuable resource to Stillwater, it brings art lessons to all classrooms.

But we need volunteers to make it happen:

supplies, lesson plans and training provided.

Please e-mail Lisa at artedu@stillwaterptsa.org

if you are interested in volunteering for your child's class.

Reflections

Reflections is a national arts competition (for grades K-12) spearheaded by the national PTA.

This year's theme is "**What is your story?**"

Students can submit pieces in six different categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts. All art pieces are due by October 26th, you can turn them into the front office with a completed entry form. Entry forms and complete rules can be found online at <http://stillwaterptsa.org/reflections/>.

Monster Mash Dance

Who is ready to do the Monster Mash?

Grab your friends and family, put on your costumes and join us for Stillwater PTSA's first Monster Mash Dance. We will have concessions with yummy snacks like cotton candy, popcorn, ice cream floats and more. There will be a photo booth for fun pictures and glow packages to purchase at the door. This is not a drop off event and kids must be accompanied by an adult. Don't forget to bring your PTSA Membership Card to get a discount on concessions.

Date: October 28

Time: 6:00-8:00

Legislative Update

It's almost time for another WSPTA Legislative Assembly. Every October, the PTAs across the state, including Stillwater, send a representative to Olympia to discuss important legislative issues affecting our children. At the Assembly, a platform of the top five issues are discussed and plans are made to encourage the legislature to help improve our children's lives. This year, McCleary funding is a top priority.

What will be the top priorities for the 2016-2017 session?

Make your voice heard, and participate in this survey by October 6! <http://ow.ly/5IY0304hCS5>

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 just fill out the directory form and return to school to include your info. Directories are free to PTSA members!

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

Questions? Email communications@stillwaterptsa.org