



Hawk Talk

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December:

Tuesday 12/6

2/3 Music Performance
2:30pm & 7:00PM

Wednesday 12/7

Popcorn Wed (Last Recess)

Thursday 12/8

PTSA General Mtg 2-3:15pm

Friday 12/9

Pottery Night 6:30-8:00pm

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
6-7:30pm

Tuesday 1/10

Zumba Night 7-8pm

1/11 & 1/12

Talent Show Auditions

1/13 & 1/16

No School

Tuesday 1/17

PTSA Board Meet & Greet
9:15AM

Friday 1/20

Student Council Movie Night

Wednesday 1/25

Talent Show

February:

Wednesday 2/1

Popcorn Wed (Last Recess)

Friday 2/3

No School

Friday 2/10

Valentine's Bingo

2/17 – 2/21

No School

Thursday 2/23

4/5 Music Performance

Quick Tip



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A Message From Your PTSA Presidents

Happy Holidays!!

Thank you Stillwater community for a fantastic 2016! If you missed Turkey Bingo in November, don't worry, we'll have another Bingo night in February of 2017. We have a general membership meeting coming up on December 8th at 2 pm in Portable B, where thanks to the success of the Hop-a-Thon we will be presenting an update to the Teacher and Schools Grants line item on the budget. We will also be voting in our nominating committee, the three members tasked with finding qualified candidates to lead the PTSA executive board for 2017-2018. If you are interested in being on the board for 2017-2018 but want to learn more information, we are going to have a Board Meet & Greet on January 17th at 9:15 AM in Portable B. We hope everyone has a great holiday break and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Thank you!

Jen & Lindsey

Who collected the most Box Tops?

The class that collected the most Box Tops & Labels for Education in November is Dr. F's class! They collected 229 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 597
- 2) Lilijigren 483
- 3) Dr. F 364

Thank you for collecting Box Tops & Labels for Education!



Zumba Night Coming Soon!

We had such a blast at our last Zumba night that we've added a class in January! We are so excited to join you all again!

Who's Invited? Stillwater parents and kids

When; Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Time: 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: SWE Gym

Cost: FREE

Hosted by our resident Certified Zumba instructor Shelly Campbell!

Zumba involves dance and aerobic movements performed to energetic music! NO dance experience required, just come to move and have FUN!



POTTERY NIGHT

What: Pottery Holiday Ornament Making

When: Friday, December 9th 6:30-8:00pm

Join us for our first event highlighting the uses of the new kiln! We will be using cookie cutters to cut out shapes and then decorating them with glaze for the kiln. Ornaments will be delivered to students the following week (before break).

Please pre-order supplies at:
www.stillwaterptsa.org/potterynight/

STAFF FAVORITES

Need holiday gift ideas for Stillwater staff members? The popular "Staff Favorites" Survey has been updated to include all the new staff members this year and a few new questions were added based off of staff and parent feedback. Please visit our website for the Staff Favorites survey:
<http://stillwaterptsa.org/staff-favs/>.

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

2016-2017

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Volunteer of the Month- Monique Linz!

Monique was nominated by Lindsey Tolson and voted by the PTSA Executive Board as our **November Volunteer of the Month**. Monique is a super busy mom of 4 beautiful children but still gives her time to volunteer for the PTSA. She has twins in first grade at Stillwater, a preschooler and a baby. Not only does she volunteer at Stillwater but she also helps out at her son's preschool. She said, "I love volunteering for everything! I like being around the environment my children are growing up in. It's only hard when I still have two younger children to volunteer as much." When she is not volunteering, Monique enjoys spending time with her family, traveling and hanging out with friends. Monique has grown up in Washington and has lived in Duvall for the past 5 years. She loves Washington and our Seattle Seahawks. Before having kids, Monique spent several years working for Toyota dealerships as a Customer Relations Manager and a GM Assistant. The next time you see Monique, make sure to thank her for all the things she has done for our PTSA. Some of her favorite treats are Skittles (you can't be a true Seahawks fan without loving Skittles), Reese's Peanut Butter Cups and Iced Double Tall Caramel Macchiato from Starbucks. If you are still at Stillwater in a few years, you may just see her in the role of PTSA President. **Congratulations to our other November nominees, Stacy Reddy & Shelly Campbell our awesome Co-Social Chairs, and Mitch Tolson & Eric Kratzer, AKA The Robot Guys.** If you would like to nominate a volunteer of the month, please go to our website <http://stillwaterptsa.org/volunteer-month-nomination/>

What is a Board Meet & Greet?

Have you ever considered being on the Stillwater PTSA board but not sure what that means? The Meet & Greet in January is a great opportunity to mingle with the current board members, ask questions and see what it's all about. You can find out the positions available for next year, time commitments involved in those positions and whether you think you'd be a great fit for a team of parents that volunteer their time to make this school so great to be a part of! We hope to see you for breakfast on Tuesday, January 17 at 9:15am! ~The Stillwater PTSA Team

Reflections

Thank you to the 42 students that participated in the Reflections Art Contest this year. We held a Reflections Gala on November 18th to honor these students and recognize the 13 students who were selected by area judges to move onto the next level. The district Reflections Gala will occur on January 6th and we'll learn at that time if any Stillwater students move onto state. We need two volunteers to lead the Reflections Art Contest next year – which prep work begins during this school year. If you are interested please email Amy Pitt at vicepresident@stillwaterptsa.org.

Yearbook

Reminder

We'd LOVE your pictures to be included in the yearbook! Please submit all event or class party pics to yearbook@stillwaterptsa.org. Fifth graders, please plan to submit your baby pictures by January 12 and submit your cover art drawings the week of January 17-27th. A flyer about the cover art will come out soon. Thank you! ~Dani

Fundraising Update

Thank you to everyone for helping Stillwater Elementary raise \$16,926.69 at our annual Hop-A-Thon!!! This is one of Stillwater's largest fundraisers and everyone did so well that we were able to surpass our goal. Mr Madigan got slimed and we had some excited kids play Human Hungry Hippos. The kids had a blast! Special thanks to the Irwin Group and Jennifer McGeary with Caliber Home Loans for their staff jumping sponsorships. We also want to give a huge shout out to everyone, including the staff, for putting together some AMAZING raffle baskets at Turkey Bingo. Some very lucky winners were able to take home some really fantastic goodies and we were able to raise a total of \$1,934.00! Thank you all so much!!

Open Gym Basketball Night

The next Open Basketball night will occur on Friday, January 6th from 6:00 – 7:30 PM. This is a change to the time posted on the Events Calendar we sent home in October. BRING YOUR OWN BASKETBALL and come to the gym ready to play basketball with your family. The PTSA isn't selling food or other items, entry into the gym is free. We'll only have 1 volunteer there, a low key event.

Directory

Directories were delivered to teachers for distribution the week of Thanksgiving. If you haven't received one, check with your teacher and if they don't have it then please email us at communications@stillwaterptsa.org We have a few extra directories available for purchase at \$10 each. Huge shout out to Sue Linnerooth with the Linnerooth Team for sponsoring the printing costs of our directory. We are so thankful for their support! Thank you! ~Rebecca & Felicia