



# Hawk Talk

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## A Message From Your PTSA President

Welcome to 2017 Stillwater!

I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing holiday break. I really enjoyed seeing the new kiln take its maiden voyage in December after our first pottery night. I want to thank Carol Gould, Amy Pitt and the team of volunteers that made pottery night possible. The PTSA has lots of great things planned for the second half of the school year. To name a few, we have the talent show coming up on January 25th and Dads and Donuts on February 1st. We also listened to your feedback about having a second Bingo night during the school year and we've added one in February, Valentine's Bingo will be on February 10th. For anyone interested in joining the PTSA leadership team at Stillwater we hope to see you at the Board Meet and Greet on January 17th, additional details can be found below. And lastly, I want to share some (sad for us) news that my partner in crime for the past year and half, Jen Anderson, is heading South to Arizona with her family to enjoy a warmer climate. As a result she had to step down as Co-President. Jen came to Stillwater three years ago and jumped in with both feet to help out however needed. During her first year at Stillwater, when they could not find presidents to take over the board the following year, Jen volunteered to step in and asked me to do it with her. It's been a crazy, fun, and rewarding ride and we all want to thank Jen for her time supporting Stillwater and our kids. Best of luck on your new adventure Jen! We'll miss you.

Lindsey Tolson  
Stillwater PTSA President

## Who collected the most Box Tops?

December & January Box Tops will be combined and announced in the February newsletter! 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) Liljigren 483
- 3) Dr. F 364

Thank you for collecting Box Tops & Labels for Education!



## Reflection Leads Needed!

We are in need of 1-2 volunteers to take over our Reflections Art program at Stillwater. The 2016-2017 Reflections Art contest has wrapped, but work to prep for the 2017-2018 Reflections contest starts this school year. Reflections is a National Art Contest sponsored by PTSA where students in grades K-12 can submit art from various mediums. To learn more about the duties of this volunteer position, please e-mail Lindsey at [president@stillwaterptsa.org](mailto:president@stillwaterptsa.org).

## Talent Show

What: Stillwater's Annual Talent Show

When: Wednesday, January 25

2:30 & 6:30pm

Join us for our annual talent show which showcases the many talents from Stillwater students!

Students who audition on 1/11 & 1/12 will be notified results via email (the one listed on the permission slip) by January 13th and must attend rehearsal on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30pm.

Any questions please contact

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[shannon\\_franson@bio-rad.com](mailto:shannon_franson@bio-rad.com).

## PTSA Board Meet & Greet

Interested in joining the PTSA Leadership team at Stillwater but don't where or how to start? Then come to our Board Meet & Greet in January!! We'll have current board members present to answer any questions you have and provide general information. Plus, we'll feed you breakfast!

When: Tuesday, January 17th at 9:15 AM

Where: Portable B

RSVP to Lindsey Tolson by January 14th at [president@stillwaterptsa.org](mailto:president@stillwaterptsa.org) so we can plan to have enough food! Little's are welcome!

## 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!

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## Volunteer of the Month- Jessica Coon!

Congratulations to our December PTSA Featured Volunteer of the Month, Jessica Coon. Jessica was nominated by Missy Harvold and voted on by the Executive Board.

Here are a few things that Missy had to say about Jessica:

"Jessica Coon is a rock star and deserves to be the PTSA Volunteer of the Month. In November, she ran our Scholastic Book Fair. She did this while being wonder-mom and getting her family ready for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Jessica donated prizes to our raffle pool, brought in snacks, worked a lot of hours (she was there almost every shift!), and she did so without complaint. Without her thoughtfulness, welcoming personality, knack at getting and training volunteers, and ability to quickly adapt to any situation, our book fair would not have been as successful as it was... and it was a GREAT book fair year. I can honestly say that we would not have made our sales goal without the work that Jessica put forth. She is kind, considerate, calm and highly competent... not to mention really fun to be around. I would gladly work with Jessica on any project in the future. Jessica originally agreed to help with book fair as a team of lead-volunteers, but for various reasons, ended up doing the whole thing. Jessica is amazing to watch work and she did a very good job. You would never have known it was her first year of doing a book fair!"

When Jessica is not volunteering or working she enjoys running. She says that she "loves the camaraderie of running with a group of friends or participating in a relay race. I also love to cook, read, and make cards when I have time."

Since she is our December volunteer of the month, I had to ask about some of her favorite holiday traditions. Jessica loves everything about the Christmas holiday season. Her two favorite holiday traditions are finding Oliver, their Elf on the Shelf, and seeing what mischief he can get into and also decorating their Christmas tree. She has collected many special ornaments over the years and "enjoys unwrapping each one and reflecting on when or whom I received them from."

Thank you Jessica, for all the things you have done for Stillwater and the PTSA. We hope you found some of your favorite treats in your stocking this holiday season; Rittersport milk chocolate, coconut bar and cheese popcorn! When you see Jessica at the school, make sure to congratulate her and thank her for all she does for Stillwater Elementary.

## Valentine's Bingo

Mark your calendars for February 10,  
2017, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

We will be having another fun filled  
bingo night with great prizes, dinner and  
a "Stillwater Experience" silent auction.

Preorder forms will be coming home  
soon in kid mail.

Volunteers will be needed for this event.  
Please login to PT Avenue to sign up for a  
volunteer spot.



## Focus Day 2017

Have you ever wanted to see the WSPTA's powerful advocacy tools in action? Attend Focus Day 2017! You are invited to come to Olympia on January 16, 2017 to learn how to get involved as an advocate for our children, meet legislators, and participate directly in the legislative process. It's also a great opportunity to involve your children in the legislative process! It's free to attend, but register by January 9 to claim your free t-shirt or to purchase boxed lunches for the event. Click here for all the information you need: [http://wastatepta.org/meetings/focus\\_day/index.html?platform=hootsuite](http://wastatepta.org/meetings/focus_day/index.html?platform=hootsuite)

## Multi-Cultural Night

Details coming soon, but keep an eye on  
kidmail for an exciting event for the family to  
enjoy learning about the many cultures that  
make up Stillwater!

Take the survey to tell us more about your  
family.

~The Stillwater PTSA Team

## 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](mailto: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 17-27<sup>th</sup>. A flyer about the  
cover art should be in your child's folder.  
Thank you! ~Dani