



Hawk Talk

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March:

Wednesday 3/1

Popcorn Wed (Last Recess)

3/2 & 3/3

Class & Group Picture Day

3/6-3/10

The Dance Dude

Thursday 3/9

Kindergarten & 2nd Field Trip

Friday 3/10

Spring Dance 6-8:00pm

Tuesday 3/14

2017-2018 Kinder Parent Night
6pm

Friday 3/17

Zumba Night 6:30-7:30pm

Thursday 3/23

Multi-Cultural Night 6:00pm

Wednesday 3/29

4/5 Music Performance

2:30 & 7pm

Friday 3/31

Moms & Me 8-9am

April:

Wednesday 4/5

Popcorn Wed (Last Recess)

Yearbook Orders Open

Thursday 4/6

PTSA Pottery Night

4/10-4/14/17

No School – Spring Break

Thursday 4/20

Reptile Man Assembly

2:30 & 6:30

Friday 4/21

Yearbook Orders Due

Thursday 4/27

K/1 Music Performance

May:

5/1-5/5

Staff Appreciation Week

Wednesday 5/10

Popcorn Wed (last recess)

Friday 5/12

Dodgeball Night

Wednesday 5/17

Hawk Walk

Friday 5/19

Student Council Movie Night

Quick Tip



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A Message From Your PTSA President

Spring is Almost Here!

I hope everyone enjoyed their mid-winter break and is ready to tackle the second half of the school year. In February we passed the half way mark! The PTSA was busy in February hosting our second bingo night of the school year - Valentine's Bingo. Thank you to all the volunteers that made the evening possible and all the sponsors that donated the fabulous bingo prizes. Our first ever "Stillwater Experiences" Silent Auction at Valentine's Bingo raised over \$2,300!!! WOW! Thank you Stillwater Families for bidding and THANK YOU Stillwater Staff for being so generous with your time to provide these experiences. February was also the month for one of the student's favorite events, Dads and Donuts. We had a record breaking 426 attendees for this event. We want to thank Adrenaline Sports for providing the dodgeball, Starbucks for donating the coffee, the volunteers who got up extra early to make the event happen and all the male role models who accompanied their students.

Looking forward into March, planning for the 2017-2018 school year is ramping up. We'll have elections for our 2017-2018 board of directors at the March General Membership Meeting. We still have many lead volunteer positions available, all with varying degree of time commitments. Some are more geared towards at home work. Please contact me ASAP if you are interested in giving back to Stillwater and taking on a lead volunteer role.

Thank you!

Lindsey Tolson

Stillwater PTSA President

Who collected the most Box Tops?

The class that collected the most Box Tops & Labels for Education in February is Dr. F's class with 221! 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) Liljegren 989
- 2) Crouch 790
- 3) Morman 710

Thank you for collecting Box Tops & Labels for Education!



Stillwater Elementary & Stillwater PTSA Present: MULTICULTURAL NIGHT Passport to Learning

Where: Stillwater Elementary Classrooms

When: Thursday, March 23rd from 6:00-8:00pm

What: A partnership between Stillwater Staff, the PTSA and the Stillwater community to educate students and families on many different cultures. This evening will encourage broader social connections and cultural awareness.

Who: Everyone! Every classroom will be representing a country, so we ask for all students and their families to attend. Students will be manning stations in their classroom for a period of time, but then will be encouraged to visit the other classrooms/countries.

*Not a drop off event.

Family Zumba Night

Who: Stillwater Families; All Ages Welcome

What: Zumba night with certified Zumba instructor Shelly Campbell

When: Friday, March 17th 6:30-7:30pm

Where: Stillwater Gym

Cost: FREE

Zumba involves dance and aerobic movements performed to energetic music. No dance/Zumba experience required! Join Us!

*This is not a drop off event and children must be accompanied by an adult.

Moms & Me

Who: Moms, Aunts & Grandmothers

When: Friday, March 31; 8:00-9:00 am

Where: Stillwater Elementary Gym

Mom, it's your turn! The dads are planning an event to treat you all! There will be muffins, juice, coffee and dodgeball.

*This is not a drop off event, parents please stay with your children till school starts.

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 - Kristine Nelson!

Congratulations to our February PTSA Featured Volunteer of the Month, Kristine Nelson. Kristine was nominated by Monique Linz and Mindy Smith and voted on by the Executive Board.

Here are a few things that Monique and Mindy had to say about Kristine:

"The Dads and Donuts turned out amazing! Kristine is an excellent volunteer and you never have to worry if things are getting done. She's amazingly reliable, organized and a great person to work with."

"Kristine was asked to be our Lead Volunteer for Dads And Donuts. She took on the role with great enthusiasm. She planned and organized the entire event. Kristine is very detail oriented and by far exceeded the PTSA Board expectations. The event turned out record numbers with attendance. She also incorporated a dodgeball activity, which was a hit! Kristine is an amazing volunteer and an asset to Stillwater Elementary School. Thanks Kristine!"

Kristine and her husband Jeff have three boys at Stillwater; Micah (10), Owen (8) and Andrew (6). Kristine has volunteered at Stillwater for the past 5 1/2 years. She has volunteered for the PTSA in several areas including leading and organizing the Back to School BBQ in 2015 and our Dads and Donuts event this year. Her favorite place to volunteer is in her sons' classrooms. She said, "I love serving as the banker in Mrs. Olson's 2nd grade class. It's fun interacting with the students, seeing their smiles, and watching them grow their counting skills." Kristine loves to serve and volunteer her time. She also volunteers in her church as a Sunday school teacher for K/1st grades and as a Cub Scout Committee Chair for Pack 568.

Kristine works as a licensed CPA who owns & operates a tax practice and is also a wannabe writer. When she is not working or volunteering she enjoys "spending time with my family and friends, running (while jogging really), cooking, gardening, and reading. She also enjoys living her life as a minimalist.

Kristine did an amazing job with our Dads and Donuts event and has signed up to lead the event next year. We are so grateful for Kristine and her wonderful organization skills and attention to detail. We could not put on these events without volunteers like Kristine. You might be wondering, "What is her favorite kind of donut?" Well, she enjoys a good maple bar. Thank you Kristine, for all the things you have done for Stillwater and the PTSA. When you see Kristine at the school, make sure to congratulate her and thank her for all she does for Stillwater Elementary. Feel free to bring her a maple bar and/or a pumpkin latte, her favorite Starbucks drink.

If you would like to nominate a volunteer of the month, please go to our website <http://stillwaterptsa.org/volunteer-month-nomination/>

PTSA General Member Mtg

When: March 16th, 2 pm

Where: Portable B

Who: Everyone is welcome! Only Members can Vote

What: Mr. Madigan will be on hand to provide a principal's update and we'll have a special election for our 2017-2018 board of directors and for our 2016-2017 budget.

Greater PTA Spotlight

On February 17th PTA celebrated Founder's Day. It marked 120 years since the organization was founded and began changing children's lives. The founders of PTA, "Alice McLellan Birney, Phoebe Apperson Hearst and Selena Sloan Butler - worked beyond the accepted barriers of their day to change the world for all children."

General Member Mtg & Budget

We hold four General Membership Meetings a Year - September, December, March and June. See calendar on front side for specific dates. Minutes from these meetings can be found on our website: <http://stillwaterptsa.org/meeting-minutes/>. Our operating budget can also be found on our website: <http://stillwaterptsa.org/ptsa-budget/>.

Focus Day 2017

Focus Day 2017 had a great turnout of supporters who encouraged the Legislature to meet their paramount duty to ensure adequate funding for our students. Over 6,500 teachers, students, parents and community leaders rallied in Olympia to impress upon our legislators just how important the funding issue is for our schools and students. Make your voice heard as well by contacting your legislators and encouraging them to fully fund our schools!

You can find an update on other current legislative action relevant to our schools here: <https://www.washingtonea.org/ourvoice/post/week-in-olympia-11/>.

2017-2018 PTSA Board Nominees

The election of the 2017/2018 Stillwater Elementary PTSA Executive Board will be held at the PTSA General Meeting on Thursday, March 16th, at 2PM, in Portable B.

The 2017 Stillwater PTSA Nominating Committee places the following names in nomination:

For office of President: Shelly Campbell

For office of Vice President: Jenn Anderson and Amy Pitt (running as co-Vice Presidents)

For office of Secretary: Michelle Berens

For office of Treasurer: Lindsey Tolson

The Nominating Committee has confirmed that all nominees have been a member of a PTA for at least 15 days prior to the election and meet other requirements as stated in the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelly Campbell, Mindy Smith, and Amy Pitt,
Nominating Committee Members

PTSA Award Nominations

Every year the Stillwater PTSA accepts nominations for The Heart of The Hawk Award, Outstanding Educator Award, Golden Acorn Award and the Honorary Lifetime Membership Award, which recognize members of the Stillwater Elementary community. Nominations will open on March 6th and are accepted through March 24th. Nominations can be made by paper form or online. More information will come home in Kid Mail as we get closer so start thinking about who you'd like to nominate!

3rd Annual Spring Dance

Theme: St. Patrick's Day

Featuring as DJ - The Dance Guy!

When: Friday, March 10th from 6:00 - 8pm

The PTSA will NOT be serving dinner but will have a Snack Bar filled with a variety of goodies: popcorn, ice cream floats, cotton candy, chips and candy bars.

Cash/Check/Card will be accepted at the cashier table.

We need volunteers for this event. Please sign up in PT Avenue by visiting our Stillwater PTSA page or by emailing the Social team at social@stillwaterptsa.org

Bonus for PTSA Members: Bring your membership card to the dance and received a one time \$2 discount at the Snack Bar.

*This is not a drop off event, parental supervision is required.