



**May:**  
5/1-5/5  
Staff Appreciation Week  
**Wednesday 5/10**  
Popcorn Wed (last recess)  
**Friday 5/12**  
Dodgeball Night 6:30-8pm  
**Wednesday 5/17**  
Hawk Walk 2:00-3:00pm  
**Friday 5/19**  
Hawk Walk Spirit Assembly  
9:30am  
**Friday 5/19**  
Student Council Movie Night  
**Monday 5/29**  
No School Memorial Day

**June:**  
**Wednesday 6/7**  
Popcorn Wed (last recess)  
**Thursday 6/8**  
PTSA General Meeting 2pm  
**Thursday 6/8**  
PTSA Volunteer Apprec. Party  
**Thursday 6/22**  
Kindergarten Graduation  
Field Day 1:00-3:00pm  
**Monday 6/26**  
Awards Assembly 10am  
Last Day of School

April Showers Bring May Flowers???

## A Message From Your PTSA President

Lets hope the showers have been left in April and we finally have some sun come May! In April the PTSA sponsored the Reptile Man at Stillwater, kids had great fun learning about alligators, snakes, lizards and tortoises! We also hosted our first Pottery Paint Night, where families could pre-order already made clay bisques and then paint them at Stillwater.

April ended for the PTSA Board with a 3-day training session at Washington State's PTA Convention. There are MANY facets that go into running a non-profit organization and the PTSA is grateful to have the support of the state PTA group for training and guidance. We had a record breaking 7 board members attend the training over various days. Arts Education & Success for All Students, Strategies for Building Membership, Strategic Planning & Goal Setting, Getting Grant Money for your PTA, Finding your Leadership Style, AIM - Cover your Assets (Insurance class), Advocacy & Legacy, Dealing with Conflict as a Leader, Writing a Newsletter they Will Read, and Effective Budgets are just SOME of the classes the board members took. Lots of great information that we can use to better serve the Stillwater community.

May is going to be a big month for the PTSA! Staff Appreciation Week is the first week of May and is always a busy week. Thank you to everyone for volunteering your time and/or to bring in supplies. Next comes the Hawk Walk, our second largest fundraiser of the year, look for details later in the newsletter. We are also bringing back an event from a few years ago, Dodgeball Night, should be fun! May will end with an event we partner with the school to put together, a Spring Kinder Social for incoming kindergartners and their families.

Thank you!  
Lindsey Tolson

## Who collected the most Box Tops?

The class that collected the most Box Tops & Labels for Education in April is Mrs. Morman's class with 251! Super job!!!

**Last day to turn in box tops for the class party contest is May 26<sup>th</sup>.**

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

- 1) Liljegen 1,215
- 2) Morman 1,075
- 3) Crouch. 914



Thank you for collecting Box Tops & Labels for Education!

## Blitz is Coming to Stillwater!

Stillwater PTSA is proud to present Blitz from the Seattle Seahawks! He will be walking around cheering on our very own Stillwater Hawks for one of our largest fundraisers of the year, the Hawk Walk! Students come dressed in your Seahawks or Stillwater Hawks gear for the event. Our school goal is \$10,000 and if we hit our goal, the students will participate in a relay race with teachers. Top earners will get to play human bowling against each other. Fundraising envelopes will go home this week and they are **due May 17<sup>th</sup>**. Visit our website for more information. **A special thank you to Amy McHenry of BaeBae Cakes for sponsoring Blitz for our event!**

## Dodgeball Night

**Who:** Stillwater Families; All Ages Welcome  
**When:** Friday, May 12 6:30pm – 8:00pm  
**Where:** Stillwater Gym  
**Cost:** Adrenaline Sports will be on hand to coordinate the various dodgeball games. Cost is \$4 per PTSA member or \$5 per non PTSA member. We will also be selling water bottles for \$1, NO other concessions will be sold.

Questions? [outreach@stillwaterptsa.org](mailto:outreach@stillwaterptsa.org)

## HAWK WALK

**When:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017  
**Where:** Stillwater Playground  
**When:** 2:00pm-3:00pm  
**What:** The Hawk Walk is a 100% Donation Based Fundraiser! All profits go directly to the PTSA to benefit our students and school. The suggested minimum fundraising goal per student is \$30. We can do it. See fundraising envelope and handout for ALL the details.

GO Hawks!

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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## Meet our Featured Volunteers of the Month - Stillwater's Art Docent Team!

Congratulations to our April PTSA Featured Volunteers of the Month, the Stillwater Elementary Art Docent Team. They were nominated by Lindsey Tolson and voted on by the Executive Board.

Here is what Lindsey had to say about them:

"The Art Docent Program at Stillwater is a massive undertaking that requires MANY volunteer hours and I feel that everyone involved deserves to be recognized. Art Docent is overseen by Lisa Cardenas, who totally elevated the program last year when she made training videos for every lesson. This allowed the volunteer instructors to receive visual instructions for each lesson vs. only having a written lesson plan to refer to. Lisa and another art docent volunteer, Courtney Questad also spent several days at the beginning of this year completely reorganizing and cleaning the art portable, something that hadn't been done for a long time.

In addition, the program would not be possible without all the volunteers who donate their time to bring art education to Stillwater by teaching the lessons. I couldn't choose just one of them to highlight, because they all work so hard so I am nominating them all! There are an outstanding 52 volunteers who teach the art docent lessons at Stillwater. Each lesson that is taught requires prep time from the volunteers learning the lessons, practicing the artistic methods and gathering supplies. Then there is the set-up time before the lesson starts, the time for the lesson itself and lastly clean-up.

The addition of the kiln this year required some extra training and work for our Art Education Team. Amy Pitt has done a wonderful job leading the charge by becoming our kiln guru and integrating clay lessons into the art docent schedule. All of the art docent volunteers are jumping in to teach clay lessons, which has required additional time for them to learn the best tricks and tips and kiln processes.

I apologize if I missed anyone, we reached out to the leads for each class and asked for a list of volunteers that have helped with art docent lessons this year.

Thank you, Art Docent volunteers, for all that you do to help keep the arts alive at Stillwater and inspire our students!!!!"

JW Gorman, Laura Davis, Jennifer Bottemiller, Michelle Berens, Courtney Questad, Robin Lawson, Amy McHenry, Carin Brimley, Amber Swedberg, Jessica Coon, Stacy Reddy, Natasha Carlson, Fawn Ashby, Kim Lakin, Angie Kidd, Anthony Rotoli, Cortney Nachreiner, Jennifer Knaplund, Brooke Cheney, Carmen Love, Marcie Decker, Malia Larson, Jen Walker, Krista Petrova, Uli Staerk, Felicia Berg, Sharon Davidson, Sue Corkrey, Lupin Tapert, Dana Larsen, Serrano Ennaro, Andrea Descheemaeker, Holly Gellner, Anne Laughlin, Karen Wright, Heather Jordan, Abby Nelson, Dani Graham, Amber McDonough, Lana Davis, Ivette Marin, Shelly Campbell, Lisa Cardenas, Liz Vernon, Malia Larson, Marissa Farrell, Lily Baker, Alison Hawkins, Sarah McKenzie, Cindy Clager, Amy Pitt and Susan Nguyen.

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

## Advocacy in Action

Do you ever wonder what our legislature does to consider issues related to our kids? The WSPTA maintains an Advocacy page on its website full of useful information about current Top Priorities and Supported Issues. Current issues being considered by the legislature can be found in the Bill Tracker on the Advocacy page, which provides easy to understand summaries and status updates.

If you have an issue affecting our children that is important to you, get involved! All PTA members are encouraged to submit issues of interest. Just provide your name and contact information, the issue title, and a short description of the issue by May 1, and follow that up with a more complete issue description by June 1. The legislative committee will review the issues and make recommendations to the board of directors at its summer board meeting about which issues to support.

You can find all of this useful information, including how to submit a legislative issue proposal, here:  
<https://www.wastatepta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/?platform=hootsuite>

## Lead Volunteers Needed

We have several lead volunteers still needed for next year. The positions have varying time commitments and some can even be done from home. These are NOT Board of Director positions. The lead volunteer positions we would like to spotlight are the Social Event Leads. These leads are NOT responsible for planning an entire social event by themselves, they would work with the Social Chair and VP of Events to plan an aspect of the event: food, decorations, pre-orders, etc. Spiritwear Lead, Readerboard Lead, Poster Lead, and Hospitality Lead are some of the others we have available. Contact president@stillwaterpts.org for more information

## Membership Update

The SW PTSA membership team recently sent an email to all 2016/2017 PTSA members that contained a link and user name/password which allow all members to directly access their PTSA member benefits and discounts. Please feel free to contact membership@stillwaterpts.org if you cannot locate this email.

PTSA members receive discounts at: Avis, Budget and Hertz Car Rentals, FedEx Office, Great Wolf Lodge, KeyArena/McCaw Hall, LeMay-America's Car Museum, Silverwood Theme Park, Tacoma Dome, TicketMonster Perks, Xfinity Arena at Everett, AARP, Boxed, Good Housekeeping, LifeLock, Lifetouch, MetLife Auto & Home, Mountain America Credit Union, Quicken Loans, Sylvan and TeenSafe.

## Greater PTA Spotlight

The Washington State PTA has a new website! They built the site with you, their members in mind and want your feedback to make sure it's updated with engaging information. Please visit [https://www.wastatepta.org/website-survey\\_3-17/](https://www.wastatepta.org/website-survey_3-17/) to not only check out their new website but take the survey!