

NEW to the school? Wondering what this “PTSA” thing is all about??

Here are three questions we often receive as it relates to Stillwater Elementary:

Q. Does becoming a member of the PTSA mean I have to volunteer for hours on end at school?

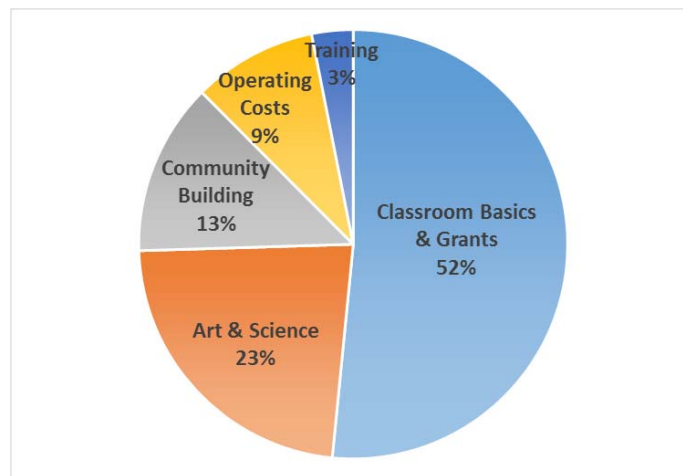
A. Becoming a PTSA member does not mean you have to volunteer for hours on end – in fact, volunteering is 100% optional. Volunteer as much as you like, or not at all. Membership is not tied to volunteering. Becoming a member of the Stillwater PTSA simply says, “ I support and see value in the teachers and parents communicating and working together to continue to make Stillwater a great school!”

Q. If I’m a PTSA member at a different school, do I also need to sign up for membership at Stillwater?

A. Every PTSA is separate so supporting another school doesn’t automatically enroll you as a member at Stillwater. In fact, did you know that community members, grandparents and aunts/uncles/cousins can help support Stillwater by becoming members even if they don’t live in this area? It’s another great way to support our collective goals of enriching the lives of Stillwater students!

Q. What does the PTSA even do for the school?

A. The 2016/2017 school year has been a great year! Below is a sampling of where the dollars go (please note that you can always view our latest budget at <http://stillwaterptsa.org/pts-a-budget/>):



Classroom Basics & Grants: Teacher & School Grants, Field Trips, Library Enrichment, Music Enrichment, PE Enrichment, Classroom Gifts, Field Day, Curriculum Night, Property Enhancements

Art & Science: Art Docent Program, All School Arts Day, Assemblies, STEM Night, The Dance Guy, Reflections, Talent Show

Community Building: Kinder playdate, Kindergarten Assessments, Spring Kindergarten Social, Staff Appreciation, Staff Luncheon, Meet the Teacher, Volunteer Appreciation, College Scholarships (previous Stillwater students), Safety Patrol Recognition, School Board Recognition, Staff & Volunteer Awards, Legislative Assembly, Dads and Donuts, Girls on the Run, Moms and Me, Stillwater Family Help, Random Acts of Kindness

Operating Costs: Photocopies, Supplies, Plaque Engraving, PO Box, Website, Accountant, Bank Charges, Checks, Insurance, Legal Registration, Money Minder, WSPTA Unit Awards, Presidents Discretionary Fund

Training: Washington State PTA Convention