



the Hawk Talk



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A Message from your PTSA Presidents

It's February! Time for sweet thoughts and deeds! We hope all you dads had a great time this morning at Dad's & Donuts! We love hosting this event! We also want to thank all the wonderful ladies, for coming out early to help setup, serve and cleanup. We couldn't do it without you! We'd also like to give an extra "thank you" to Casey McKelheer for chairing this event!

Since our last article, we've had the amazingly successful Elf Workshop, Winter Break, Seahawks winning their Division Championship and the Talent Show. This Elf Workshop was the best ever! We copied SWE's STEM night setup from last year and that was the best decision. It kept the event from being too overwhelming and crazy. This left the gym open for socializing, eating and visiting with the perfect Mr. & Mrs. Claus! Thank you to all the volunteers who spent countless hours preparing for this event and all the wonderful volunteers who helped out that evening. We know we say this a lot, but we couldn't do it without you! Thank you to Ruby Childs and Kristy Cloutier for putting this fabulous event together!

The Talent Show was a great success once again! Thank you to Gale Britton and Audrey Dean for all your work on this event! It takes a lot of time, effort and patience!

We are both looking forward to March with The Dance Guy, our school dance, our next General Meeting (GM) and our Summer Activities Fair. We really need volunteers to help us out! Please contact us for further information. This GM on Thursday, March 19th is a BIG ONE! We hope you'll all be able to come out and vote for our 2015-2016 Executive Committee: president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary. We are also excited to announce that the PTSA has \$20,000 to award in grants. You should have received a Survey in kidmail in regards to our activities at SWE. We'd like to hear any ideas you have for grant ideas. If you didn't receive the survey, please email our Communications Chair Jessica Coon at jessica@coon.com or sign up for our eflashes at www.stillwaterptsa.org. Grant applications have already been passed out to the SWE staff. The winners will be announced at our GM. Please plan to attend to vote and congratulate the winners!

We'd like to send out one last thank you to 3 special ladies who have stepped forward to be the Nominating Committee for 2015-2016. These ladies, Rachael Lingerfelt, Casey McKelheer and Melissa Barnet-Stumbles will be looking for interested volunteers to serve on the PTSA Executive Committee.

This is such an exciting time of year! Spring is getting close, fun events are happening and you can really see how far your children have come since the beginning of the school year. We're always amazed by the time, effort, love and dedication we see going into our children's education!

We hope to see you at our upcoming events and activities! We know there are lots of events and Valentine's Day parties to photograph. So don't forget to tag your SWE pictures in Facebook with #sweyearbook2014! It is so fun to see your pictures show up in the year-book!

Have a Sweet February!

Julie Logan & Serene Norris

SWE PTSA Co-Presidents

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Save the Date

February

6th

Early Release 2:00

13th-17th

Mid Winter Break

27th

Early Release 2:00

March

13th

Spring Dance

19th

PTSA General Meeting
and Summer Activities Fair

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Elf Workshop Volunteer Appreciation



Who attended our last Elf Workshop?? What did you think? Did you love it? I did! I loved the setup of craft stations across 6 classrooms. I enjoyed going into the Gym and having plenty of room to sit, eat, and visit. The crafts chosen by the Elf Workshop committee were fun, different and perfect! My son brought many items home. His favorites were the hot chocolate/Rudolf cone, candy train and reindeer candy bars. There were so many fun crafts to choose from!

Thank you to Serene Norris and her crew for setting up the beautiful winter wonderland Santa scene. A very special thank you to Mrs. Claus, Sue Heyting and Santa Claus, Chris Parker. They were so wonderful! Thank you Jennifer Tai for taking all those amazing Santa pictures and Kirsten Verdi for the beautiful backdrop! Thank you to Ruby Childs, Kristy Cloutier and Julie Logan for organizing this event. We'd like to thank Mireille Bellemare, Marsha Staley, Gale Britton, Pam Deming, Lynda Brown, Melissa Barnett, Teri Klaiber, Kelly Klein, Ann-Marie Bourgeois, Keri Klieman, Shannon Franson and Amber Donough for all your help! We really appreciated the help of the Cedarcrest Honor Society, Riverview Youth Council and the handful of teachers who volunteered their classrooms and their time. They did a great job of helping setup and running the crafts.

And most importantly, thank you to all the families who came out and spent their evening with us, your SWE PTSA!

Calling All Volunteers!

There is a huge need for fabulous Volunteers for several fun spring events. There are a wide variety of tasks that need to be done to put on these events...something for everyone and level of time commitment!

All Hawk Dance 3/13 6-8PM

Summer Activities Fair 3/19 6:30-8PM

Mom & Me 5/14 8AM (Dads encouraged to volunteer!)

Staff Appreciation Week 5/4 - 5/8

Skate Night DATE TBD

Walk-a-thon DATE TBD

Please contact Lloyd McCracken at
llomcc@cablespeed.com if you would like to
help out with one of these fun events!



Summer Activities Fair March 19th

March 19

6:30-8PM in the Stillwater Elementary Gym

It is still cold out there, but soon the weather will warm and summer will be upon us. What will we do with our kids all summer? How will we keep them busy? Don't panic! **On Thursday, March 19 from 6:30-8pm, the PTSA will be hosting their 2nd Summer Activities Fair!** We are currently in the process of signing up vendors to fill the gym.

What activities and/or businesses would you like to see at the fair? We have or are in the process of contacting: Camp Gilead, Northwest Art Center, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Wilderness Awareness School, Adrenaline Sports, Swim with Kim, Cub Scouts, Snoqualmie Valley Music, Oxbow Center & Organic Farm, Lil Kickers, Foothill Music Academy, Dog Mountain Farm, Sky Valley Academy, YMCA and more!

We would love to have local day and overnight camps, classes, clubs and more! If you know of any from Duvall, Carnation, Monroe, Redmond or Woodinville, please contact Julie Logan at juliemlo@hotmail.com. If you'd be interested in helping organize this event, please contact Julie, too. This is a great event! You'll get to have the chance to be some of the first people to sign up for the summer activities. Sometimes, they even offer discounts and/or prizes for signing up at the event.



All Hawk Dance!

SAVE THE DATE!!

Friday, March 13th, 2015

PTSA and the DANCE GUY present:

Stillwater's Spring Dance

(Theme to be revealed at Dad's and Donuts – you're not going to want to miss this!)

Dinner will be held from 5:15 to 6pm

Dance will open at 6pm

Door prizes, treats, special surprises and FUN to be had by all!



PTSA FUNDS

“Where have your PTSA donations gone???”

Here are the meaningful programs and events funded by your PTSA donations:

All School Arts Day	\$1,000
Classroom Gifts	\$1,425
Field Trip Stipends (K-5)	\$4,000
Library, PE & Music	\$3,000
Sno-Valley Scholarship Fund	\$ 500
Art Docent	\$2,245
Reflections	\$ 500
The Dance Guy	\$3,000
Dads & Donuts	\$ 400
TOTAL	\$16,070



UPCOMING: \$20,000 available for Grants for Teachers and Staff

You can attend our PTSA General Meeting on 3/19 at 5PM in the LRC to learn who the lucky winners will be!

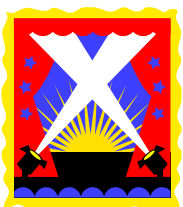
Stillwater Elementary Talent Show

Stillwater's Got TALENT!

On Friday, January 23rd, Stillwater students got to show the entire school and their parents how “they’ve got talent”. We had 30 acts that showcased great talent and creativity. There were a variety of performances including musical instruments, singing, dancing, skits, and athletic skills. It was great to see the nervousness, anticipation, and excitement of all the students as they prepared to perform. It was even more amazing to see their happiness because of their accomplishment when they finished each of their performances. We have incredible students at Stillwater. This event allows students to show-

case some of the things they love to do outside of school activities. We look forward to watching these students’ skills and talents grow in future Stillwater Talent Shows.

–Audrey Dean, Talent Show Co-Chair



Event Volunteers Needed!

CALLING STILLWATER VOLUNTEERS!!!

We need volunteers for the following activities:

Volunteering for the "All Hawk Dance" - 3/13/15 6-8PM

- Estimated time commitment: 4 hours
- Decoration making /Set up / Break down

Chairing/co-chairing "Summer Activities Fair" - 3/19 6:30-8PM

- Estimated time commitment: 5 hours
- Coordination of vendors/Set up/ Break down

Dad's interested in co-chairing "Mom and Me" - 5/14/15 8AM

- Estimated time commitment: 3 hours
- In charge of organizing and ordering muffins, coffee, juice and the Social Hour/Set up/Break down (Would love to see a DAD do this so the Moms could enjoy their time).

Chairing, co-chairing, or participating in "Staff Appreciation Week" - May 4-8

- This is a large commitment; however, VERY important!! Many hands make light work. We will need a Head Delegate! Someone that has no problem telling others what to do! We need four members for the steering committee: Gifts, Food, Services and Decorations! These leads will report to Head Delegate who reports to the Board.
- Estimated time commitment: A LOT, although it varies depending on position and how big you make the event (VERY rewarding and fun!).

Chairing/co-chairing "Skate Night" - Date TBD by Chair

- Estimated time commitment: 3 hours
- Two additional volunteers taking money at the door

Co-Chairing "Walk-A-Thon" - Date TBD by Board and Chair

- Estimated time commitment: 5 hours
- You would work with Communications Chair to send info and work with Treasurer to calculate money.
- Maybe one Co-Chair needed.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Child's Teacher: _____

Event(s) of Interest: _____

If you would like to be involved, please fill out the form above then return the form in your student's work folder or deliver it to the school front office.

Thanks again for your time in making our school activities terrific with your help and creativity. You make the difference in School being fun or School being FANTASTIC!!

