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A Message From Your PTSA Presidents



March:

Friday 3/3

Class Pictures

3/7-3/11

Dance Guy

Friday 3/11

All School Dance

6:30-8:00PM

Thursday 3/17

PTSA Mtg 2-3:15pm

3/29-4/1

5th Grade Camp

April:

4/11-4/15

Spring Break – No School

Thursday 4/28

K/1 Music Program

2:30 & 7:00PM

Friday 4/29

Moms & Me

8:00AM

May:

5/2-5/6

Staff Appreciation Week
(SAW)

Friday 5/6

Movie Night

Friday 5/20

Hawk Walk

Monday 5/30

Memorial Day – No School

Quick Tip



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Hello Stillwater Hawks! We hope everyone is enjoying winter and looking forward to spring. We want to thank all the dads who came out to Dads & Donuts. There was a huge turnout!! We hope you all had a great time. It was a fun morning of donuts, juice/coffee and dodgeball. We want to thank all the moms who showed up early to help set up, serve donuts and clean up: Jenn Anderson, Marsha Staley, Mireille Bellemare, Lisa Cardenas, Kristen Federico, and Stephanie Pickering. Also, thank you to Jennifer Tai for taking those awesome donut pictures. An extra big THANK YOU to Sarah McKenzie for leading this event. We couldn't pull events like this off without our volunteers. We also want to thank Starbucks for donating the coffee and Adrenaline Sports for running dodgeball and donating a camp membership. We really appreciate it. Any dad volunteers available to run Moms and Me???

We are looking forward to March with week- long instruction by 'The Dance Guy,' the 2nd annual all school dance and our next General Membership Meeting. The general membership meeting is Thursday, March 17th at 2 PM in Portable B. We hope you will come out and vote for our 2016/2017 Executive Board: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. We will also be announcing our school grant award winners.

While we do have candidates for all the Executive Board positions, we still have 3 positions available on the board: Co-Membership, Special Projects and Outreach. Please visit our website for complete job descriptions for our 3 open positions: <http://stillwaterptsa.org/board-job-descriptions/>.

You can reach out to Jen and Lindsey at president@stillwaterptsa.org if you would like to discuss signing up for any of these positions. Official board duties do not start until July 1, 2016.

However, our retreat to plan for next year will occur in April so we need to fill these open spots before then to keep all the items on the calendar for next year.

We hope to see you all at an upcoming event.

Have a Great March!

Jen Anderson & Lindsey Tolson

SWE PTSA Co-Presidents

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

Dance Guy

When: 3/7-3/11

Where: Stillwater
Specialist Classes

Learn some fun
dances from the
dance guy!

All School Dance

When: Friday, March 11

Time: 6:30-8:00PM

Who: All grades have a
chance to show off their
dance moves they
learned all week. *This is
not a drop off event.

PTSA General Membership Meeting

When: 3/17

Time: 2-3:15

Where: Portable B

Have something to say about an event?

We will send out surveys after every major event to hear your feedback!

2016-2017 PTSA Board Nominees

Calling All Artists

The School hosts an All Arts Day on May 27th. Did you know that the PTSA gives Stillwater \$1,000 to help with the costs of this enriching day!!!

In addition to the funds, the PTSA would like to support Arts Day at Stillwater by helping find enough volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering or helping out please contact our Art Ed chair, Lisa at artedu@stillwaterptsa.org.

The 2016/2017 Stillwater PTSA Executive Board election will be held at the PTSA General Meeting on Thursday, March 17, at 2 PM in Portable B.

The 2016 Stillwater PTSA Nominating Committee places the following names in nomination:

1. For office of President: Jen Anderson and Lindsey Tolson (running as co-Presidents)
2. For office of Vice President: Jenn Anderson and Sarah McKenzie (running as co-Vice Presidents)
3. For office of Secretary: Michelle Berens
4. For office of Treasurer: Jessica Bie and Mireille Bellemare (running as co-Treasurers)

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,
Jessica Bie, Karen Hendrickson, and Cari Orme,
Nominating Committee Members

Fundraiser Update

As you may know for the last few years Stillwater PTSA has offered a plant sale during the spring as a fundraiser. Unfortunately, the nursery that we have used has gone out of business. We have called many nurseries to try and find a replacement, but have been unable to find one that would work with us to keep prices low enough to consider it a "fundraiser". So we are sorry to announce that there will not be a plant sale this year. A couple months ago a survey was sent out asking for your feedback on what the PTSA should "replace" the plant sale with. Thank you to all who filled out this survey for us!!! There were quite a few great ideas and input that we are looking into and excited to bring to Stillwater in the future years to come.

What we have come up with for this year is not to replace the Spring fundraiser (plant sale), but to focus on the Hawk Walk coming up in May. Because the Hop-A-Thon goal in November was surpassed by such a tremendous amount, that has enabled the PTSA some flexibility on how many fundraisers we need to have for the remainder of this year. Our hope is that we can meet or exceed our Hawk Walk goal in May, possibly cutting down the number of fundraisers that have been offered in prior years. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to fundraising@stillwaterptsa.org.

Who collected the most Box Tops??

2015-2016
Stillwater Elementary
PTSA Board of
Directors

Co-Presidents:
Jen Anderson
Lindsey Tolson
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Newsletter Editor
Rebecca Manjarrez



The class that collected the most Box Tops & Labels for Education in February 2016 is Mrs. Epps' class, they collected 370 Box Tops & 115 Labels for Education. Super job!!

The classes that are currently in the lead for the cumulative yearly total are:

- 1) Epps 1,570
- 2) Arnold 979
- 3) Goforth 628

Any Box Tops or Labels for Education that you collect can be placed in a baggy with your child's name, teacher and grade and then put in the bin by the front office. The top classes from Sept-May will be rewarded each month with a treat. The class that accumulates the most by the end of the year wins a SWEET surprise.

Thank you for collecting Box Tops & Labels for Education!

Stillwater PTSA Awards

It's time to formally recognize those individuals who go above and beyond for the students at Stillwater Elementary. The Stillwater PTSA will be accepting nominations through March 28th for its Heart of the Hawk Award, Outstanding Educator Award, Honorary Service Award and Golden Acorn Award for the 2015-2016 school year. A flyer has been sent home with each student giving a detailed description of each award. You may pick up a nomination form from the PTSA bulletin board at Stillwater or by completing a form online at <http://stillwaterptsa.org/hawkawards>. We look forward to your nominations!

All nominations will be reviewed by the PTSA Awards Committee and the award recipients will be chosen by the Committee based on the nominations received. If you have any questions please email Michelle Berens at membership@stillwaterptsa.org.

Yearbook!

Yearbook Sales will begin early April (There were no Pre-sales in the fall) Keep your eye out for the order form.

Please remember to submit any event pictures, or class party pictures to yearbook@stillwaterpts.org as soon as possible. It's so fun to have a parents perspective! (DUE 3/11)

5th Grade Parents: Please remember to send in your students Cover Art Submission as well as their Baby picture. You should have received a flyer with specifics. (Due 3/11)

Thank you!
Dani

The Dance Guy

March; it comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. Let's hope it's true this year too! Whether the day is rainy or sunny, on Friday, March 11th, the PTSA will be hosting the 2nd Annual All School Dance featuring the Dance Guy, from 6:30 – 8pm! All the kiddos will be learning new dances during their Specialist times the week of March 7th thru 11th. That evening, Gaylen, the "Dance Guy" will be coming back to school with all his equipment to DJ an awesome dance for all Stillwater Families. There is no cost to enter the Dance, but we will have snacks and Italian sodas for sale. Bring your PTSA membership card to receive a one time \$2 discount at the snack bar. There will also be a photo booth set up for you to take your own pictures...complete with a Star Wars theme. Come on out and strut your stuff, show us your moves and get down/get funky!!!

Moms & Me

Next up is our Moms and Me event where we honor all the women in our kids' lives. This year Moms and Me will be on Friday, April 29th, from 8 – 9am in the Gym. Is there a Dad out there who would like to be the Chairperson for this event? If so, please contact me, Gayle Saunders, at social@stillwaterpts.org. I hope everyone out there is staying healthy, or at least getting healthy and looking forward to Spring. I know I am. See you on March 11th! Thank you!
~Gayle