



the Hawk Talk



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A Message from your PTSA Presidents

Everything is green, spring is almost here and this weekend we get ready to “spring forward”! We want to thank all the awesome volunteers who helped out this past month, from Dads & Donuts, to classroom volunteers and our wonderful Board of Directors. We also want to thank everyone who took the time to fill out our survey! We value your input!

We are both looking forward to March:

- The Dance Guy, a week long school dance program for our kids.
- Our School Dance, Friday, March 13 from 6-8PM.
- PTSA General Meeting (GM), Thursday, March 19 from 5:30-6:30PM, including elections and announcement of the staff winners of \$20,000 in grant money!
- Summer Activities Fair, March 19 from 6:30-8:00PM. Come see what the valley has to offer for summer activities, classes and events for the kids.
- All Arts Day, March 26th, all day! This event is offered by the school for the kids. They get to sign up for a variety of art related classes, taught by volunteers. We LOVE volunteers!
- **New Volunteers!** Are you interested in meeting other parents, developing new skills and/or maintaining current ones? Can you only volunteer from home, but would like to help out? We have many ways for you to do all the above! Do you like to decorate, write flyers, make posters, organize or more? We’d love to connect you with the Dance or Staff Appreciation committees. These are both upcoming events, where you can use your mad skills and make some new friends (or even bring some old ones)!

We’re very excited to see who the wonderful Nominating Committee for 2015-2016, Rachael Lingerfelt, Casey McKelheer and Melissa Barnet-Stumbles, have nominated for the upcoming elections. If you or someone you know is interested in serving on the PTSA Executive Committee or Board of Directors, please contact us.

We hope to see you at our upcoming events and activities! We know there are many events to photograph. Don’t forget to tag your SWE pictures in Facebook with #sweyearbook2014! It is so fun to see your pictures show up in the yearbook!

Have a beautiful March!

Julie Logan & Serene Norris

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Save the Date !

MARCH

- Early Release Fridays -2PM**
6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th
- 3/13 -School Dance 6:30-8PM**
(Dinner available @ 5:30)
- 3/19- PTSA General Meeting**
5:30-6:30PM in LRC
- 3/19- Summer Activities Fair**
6:30-8PM in Gym
- 3/26 - All Arts Day**

Fill out your forms online!
Stillwater PTSA now offers parents the convenience of event and membership forms all in one place:
www.stillwaterptsa.org

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2014-2015 Yearbook

It's almost YEARBOOK TIME!

- Keep your eyes peeled in early April for order forms to come home (We didn't do Pre-orders in the fall)!
- TODAY 5th Graders will soon be sent home specific information regarding a "Cover Art Contest" and "Guess that Baby" !
- Gather up that sweet baby picture and start thinking about your Cover Art!
**Teachers, Parents, and Club Leaders - Please E-mail me candid photos you've taken throughout the year. We're able to feature 5-10 images from each classroom or group.

Send Images or Questions to: stillwateryearbook2014@gmail.com

THANK YOU! - Capturing these special memories for these kiddos has been such a Joy!

~Yearbook Committee



Calling All Volunteers!

There is still 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!

NO AMOUNT OF TIME OR TASK IS TOO SMALL!

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

Walk-a-thon 5/22

Please contact Lloyd McCracken at l1omcc@cablespeed.com if you would like to help out with one of these fun events!



Summer Activities Fair March 19th

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6:30-8PM in the Stillwater Elementary Gym

Summer Activities Fair is Almost HERE!

March 19 from 6:30-8:00PM in our Gym



We've been busy organizing this super fun and informative event for you! What will we do with our kids all summer? How will we keep them busy? Don't panic! **On Thursday, March 19 from 6-8pm, the PTSA will be hosting their 2nd Summer Activities Fair!** We are still currently signing up vendors to fill the gym, but we are close. If you have any ideas, please send me an email.

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, Hoofs 'n' Paws 4H, Northshore YMCA and more!

We will have many door prize drawings from the vendors. There will also be exhibitions from a few of the vendors. Think Zumba, Kendo and more! If you know of any relevant businesses from Duvall, Carnation, Monroe, Redmond or Woodinville, please contact Julie Logan at juliemlo@hotmail.com. This is going to be a great event! You'll get to have the chance to be some of the first people to sign up for the summer activities. IF you attend the PTSA General Meeting before the event, you'll receive an extra door prize ticket!

PTSA General Meeting

Stillwater PTSA General Meeting

Thursday, March 19 from 5:30 – 6:30PM in the LRC

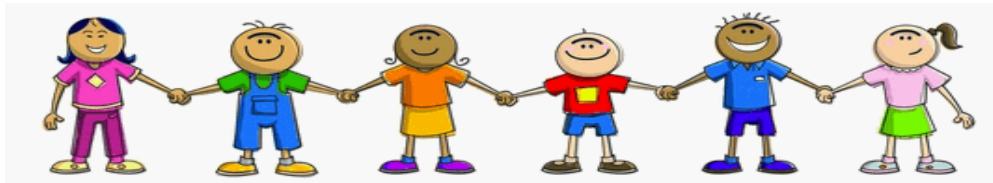
This is an exciting meeting, which you don't want to miss! If you've never been to a PTSA General Meeting, here is why you want to attend this one:

Elections: We'll be voting for the 2015-16 Executive Committee, which includes President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Winners: Announcement of the recipients of \$20,000 in grant money from the PTSA! Come see if your child's teacher has applied and won money for an important and exciting tool or event for your child's class. Cheer them on!

Prize: Receive a list of the Summer Activities Fair vendors and an extra ticket for the door prizes.

Come check us out and see what your PTSA is doing for you and how we do it!



Why do I Volunteer? By Ruby Childs, Art Education Chair, SWE

Empathy for someone

Make connections with others

Be in the know

My child will remember I was there

Feel like I'm doing my part

Make a difference

I'm passionate about what I volunteer for

Feel better about myself – outward focused



When I remember my first volunteer experience I cringe. I was 16 years old and observed the residents of the Alzheimer center a few doors down the street from my house. I always thought it was sad that they didn't get many visitors. I remember talking to the center director and expressing my desire to help. She took me for a tour of the facility explaining how the building was divided. One side with early dementia and the other side was for the late stage patients. She introduced me to a few patients that were happy to see a "young person." What I recall most that day was when we went to the advanced dementia side. The patients were less mobile. Most were sitting outside their room staring off into space. The one patient that has been embedded in my memory was the one who cried loudly after me thinking I was her long lost daughter. I'll be honest, as a naïve, sheltered 16 year – I freaked out. I never went back, and I admit that I had a few nightmares over the experience. I had regrets about not returning, but I'm still glad I went. The experience opened my eyes to how short our lives are and to appreciate my loved ones while I could.

Over the years, I have volunteered with many organizations doing many types of things. I have handed out flyers, rocked babies, and revamping an elementary art program. Some were one-time events, and others were multi-year programs. Some volunteer activities I liked more than others. Through all of them I've learned a lot about myself and always walked away with something that has positively impacted my life. The reasons why I help were just as varied as the list in the beginning of the article. It's not easy stepping up for the first time or even the second time. I was often unsure or skeptical if I had the skills to complete the task, but I was always glad that I helped at the end of the day.

There are many cliché sayings that come to mind. "Many hands make light work" or "it takes a village to raise a child". I find there are truths in these clichés. There is always a need for volunteers. Imagine if every one of us picks just one thing to give our time to. What an impact that would be! Volunteers run many organizations and without them the programs will cease to exist. So I challenge everyone reading to step forward to ask how I can help? If you're passionate about something specific step-up and brainstorm how you can make a difference.

What are *you* passionate about? I know volunteering can be hard to fit into our busy lives. I challenge you to pick that one thing and spend your time there. One person makes a difference, but imagine how big a difference many can make. I challenge all parents to volunteer for at least one thing in their school or community. You'll be amazed how volunteering will affect you.

All SCHOOL DANCE!

PTSA presents the Dance Guy

Join us for a bright evening of fun!

Where: Stillwater Elementary School Gym

When: Friday, March 13th

Pizza Dinner served from : 5:30-6:15

**two slices of Pepperoni or Cheese, salad, drink and dessert

Music starts at: 6:30

The gym will be lit up with glow accessories for the kids

Candy Bar for a sweet treat

The PTSA is proud to sponsor the Dance Guy. The Dance Guy will work with our students during the week and then DJ our all school dance on Friday March 13th! Come dressed to show off your moves and brighten the evening.

Please pre-order, there is a limited number of meals and supplies available for purchase at the door (at an additional cost) that will sell out quickly. Pre-orders will be taken until March 11th.



Dance Pre-Order

(please make checks payable to Stillwater PTSA)

Pre-Order now at these low prices!!!! –DUE no later than **March 11**

**Your can also order online

Name: _____

Pepperoni Meal \$5.00 X _____ = _____

Cheese Meal \$5.00 X _____ = _____

Glow Package \$3.00 X _____ = _____

Candy Bar \$2.00 X _____ = _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

