Hawk Talk

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May:
5/2-5/6
Staff Appreciation Week (SAW)
Friday 5/13
Movie Night
Wednesday 5/18
Hawk Walk
Monday 5/30
Memorial Day – No School

June:
Thursday 6/2
PTSA General Meeting 2:00-3:15pm
Thursday 6/2
Spring Kindergarten Social 6-7pm

Thursday 6/16
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

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A Message From Your PTSA Presidents

Hello Stillwater Families!

We can't believe it is May already. It has been a great year filled with many fun events. Our most recent event was Moms and Me held on April 29th. Thank you to all the moms, aunts and grandmas who came out and enjoyed this special morning. We hope you had a great time. Thank you to the dads that came out early in the morning to run the event and an extra big THANK YOU to the dads that planned this fun event for us: Ryan Schlecht, Lloyd McCracken, Kelly Klein and Luke Tan.

We are happy to announce that Stillwater will be getting three new pieces of playground equipment. The Education Assistants (who are out on the playground at recess) helped determine which pieces of equipment to purchase. A 4' rock wall, a 3-piece chin-up bar and a sky climber have been purchased and will be arriving at Stillwater in the coming weeks. The district will be installing the equipment over the summer for use when school starts in the fall. Pictures of the new playground pieces can be seen on our Facebook page. Purchasing these pieces cost $8,507.31, which was a big price tag but the playground needed some TLC. We are also currently looking into replacing some parts on the kindergarten playground: slide that broke and had to be removed, a safety railing and an activity center. But we have to see the results of the upcoming Hawk Walk before determining if we have the funds to move forward.

The PTSA has also recently helped with another big project at Stillwater, a kiln! For those who don't know we are the only school in Riverview without a kiln and it's been tried repeatedly to bring one to our school. Stillwater Administration is determined to make it happen, and the PTSA gave Stillwater $6,000 to start the installation planning process for a new kiln. The installation plans are currently being analyzed at the district level. This combined with the $3,623 we received from REF in November for the purchase of the kiln itself, we are hopeful is enough to make it happen. As more information becomes available we will let you know. Stay tuned!

The purchase of all these items would not be possible without the generous donations from our Stillwater Families. Please keep that in mind with the Hawk Walk just a few weeks away!

Thank you,
Jen & Lindsey

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

Staff Appreciation Week

When: 5/2-5/6
Treat your teachers & staff!

Student Council Movie Night

When: Friday 5/13

Hawk Walk

When: 5/18
Time: 2:00
Where: Stillwater

Have something to say about an event?
We will send out surveys after every major event to hear your feedback!

Awards!

Thank you everyone who submitted award nominations for Outstanding Educator, Heart of the Hawk, Golden Acorn and Honorary Lifetime Membership. We received a total of 43 nominations!!! The PTSA Awards Committee (executive board members that did not nominate anyone and could not win an award themselves) met in April to select the winners, it was not an easy decision. All 4 awards will be presented to the recipients in June and until then we will not be announcing the winners to keep it a surprise.

The Hawk Walk Is Coming...

On Wednesday May 18th from 2:00-3:00pm students will participate in Stillwater PTSA's second largest fundraiser of the year, The Hawk Walk. This is a 100% donation based fundraiser. Students will have fun walking around the track for an hour towards the end of the school day after collecting donations from sponsors. Our goal for the Hawk Walk this year is to raise $10,000 of the $31,000 needed to keep all PTSA programs and events in place each year.

Every classroom has been assigned a goal based off of the number of kids in each class. Every class that reaches their goal by the turn in date will earn a sno-cone party. Top earners in each grade will receive an invitation to a pizza lunch with Mr. Madigan. We will also be having a drawing for some great prizes where every student who reaches the suggested minimum of $30 will be entered to win.

And last but certainly not least...if the school hits the $10,000 goal, Mr. Madigan will be playing the game "Egg Head" at a spirit assembly with a few students/staff that enter for a chance to face him and the eggs. Please be on the lookout in kid mail for more Hawk Walk information including your students donation envelope, class goal flyer, important turn in dates, day of event instructions and reminders, and did someone say something about an ICE CREAM TRUCK??? Stay tuned...

We are still in need of volunteers to make this event as enjoyable for our soaring hawks as possible. Please contact Sarah McKenzie or Stacy Reddy at fundraising@stillwaterptsa.org if you have any questions.

Reflections 2016-2017

“What is your story?”

That is the question we are going to be asking your students to think about for next year’s Reflections Art Contest!

The PTSA is going to be hosting two - 3 day workshops for students wanting to participate. We will help with the brainstorming as well as art materials to get them started. If your child is interested, please encourage them to talk to their teacher to sign up! Space will be limited.

First workshop is May 16 – 18th at their lunch time recess.

Second workshop is May 31 - June 2nd.

Can’t wait to hear their story!

- Lisa

Who collected the most Box Tops??

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The class that collected the most Box Tops & Labels for Education in March 2016 is Mrs. Arnold's class they collected 453 Box Tops & 65 Labels for Education. Super job!!

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

1) Arnold 1,958
2) Epps 1,570
3) Farnworth 1,258

Any Box Tops or Labels for Education that you collect can be placed in a baggie 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 COTTON CANDY PARTY!

Thank you for collecting Box Tops & Labels for Education!

Spring Kindergarten Social

Do you have an incoming kindergartner for the 2016-2017 school year? Or do you know someone with an incoming kindergartner?

The PTSA is partnering with Stillwater to host a kindergarten social on June 2nd from 6-7 PM in the Stillwater Gym. Incoming kindergartners (and their families) are invited to come to this fun event!

The kindergartners will get to play with new friends, meet the kindergarten teachers and learn a little bit more about going to school at Stillwater. Parents/guardians will also be able to make new friends – knowing other parents is an invaluable resource! Stillwater staff members and the PTSA will be on hand to answer any questions.

There will be some yummy treats and lemonade served. Weather permitting, we might be able to go out to the playground. If not, we'll have PE equipment set-up inside the gym.

PTSA General Membership Meeting

When: Thursday, June 2nd at 2 PM

Where: Portable B

*Make sure you check in at the front office before going to the portable.

Who: Everyone is welcome! Including littles! Feel free to bring them a snack or activity to keep them entertained during the meeting.
*Only PTSA members can vote on motions.
What: This is the last general membership meeting of the year.

During this meeting we will be voting on increasing the playground equipment budget to repair some damaged slides and equipment. We will have a review of our Walk-a-Thon and vote in our budget for next school year.

Why: Keep informed on PTSA activities and vote on important motions. We will also have FREE Italian Sodas and a spirit wear drawing!

Following the meeting we will have a guest speaker from Edward Jones talk to us about options for funding your child's college education.

Yearbook

THANK YOU to the wonderful parents who submitted pictures for this years yearbook. It's been so fun to go back and reminisce and see all the smiling faces throughout the year. The kiddos who purchased a book will receive them the last few days of school. Each teacher will decide the day based on their schedules that week. THANK YOU!
-Dani Graham

2016-2017 Back to School BBQ

Did you just read that headline and go "Say What?!" I know it might seem like the Fall school year is months away (maybe because it is), but it's never too early to find a great Lead Volunteer for our Back to School BBQ. This is the first event of the school that really welcomes new students, welcomes back returning students and gets us all ready to kick off the new school year. If you have a hankering for some volunteer time with some great ladies then email us at social@stillwaterptsa.org to let us know.
Thanks!

