

A Message From Your PTSA President

Happy Fall Y'All!

The new school year is in full swing and the PTSA is so excited for what's to come. We have some fun events planned but we need the volunteers to help run them! Please look for our volunteer form and get it turned in by October 20th. The Back to School BBQ was a big success, thank you to all the families that came out and thank you to all the volunteers that coordinated/ran it, specifically our social team: Jenn Anderson (VP), and Stacy Reddy (Social Chair).

Thank you to everyone that attended our first general membership meeting of the 2017-2018 school year. We voted in the budget for the year and discussed our upcoming fundraising and social events. A full budget recap can be found on our website: <http://stillwaterptsa.org/ptsa-budget/>. Our next meeting is December 12th from 6:30- 7:45 PM in the school library.

Middle of October we'll start gearing up for our largest fundraiser of the year, the Hop-A-Thon, look for the fundraising envelope when it comes home in kidmail. Lots of fun incentives planned for the kids!

Thank you!
Shelly Campbell

Popcorn Wednesdays Are Here

On Wednesday, October 4th we will be selling popcorn during the last recess for .25 cents a bag. Send a quarter with your student(s) and their teacher will show them where to buy their bag of popcorn. As a reminder the popcorn is nut, dairy & gluten free and meets the nutritional guidelines.

Box Tops & Tyson Labels

The class that collected the most Box Tops & Tyson Labels in September 2017* is Ms. Heinson's class! They collected 299 Labels! Super job!!! * Cutoff for the count is the 25th of each month

Here are the classes in the lead for the end of year root beer float party:

- 1) Heinson 299
- 2) Dunn 129
- 3) Marchel 122

Thank you for collecting Box Tops & Tyson Labels!



Spiritwear

Our fall sale for SpiritWear **has come to an end**. The order forms have been mailed off and the SpiritWear will be delivered to your student's classroom around the middle of October. Don't worry if you missed out on this sale, we will be having another one this Spring. We will send out more information on that sale when we get closer to the date. If you have any questions, email Karen at projects@stillwaterptsa.org

Dodgeball Night

Where: Stillwater Elementary Multipurpose Room

When: Thursday, October 12, 2017

What: Opportunity for Stillwater families to have fun playing dodgeball! Mr. Madigan & Mr. Hammons will be playing and running the dodgeball games. Please note that Stillwater students and their siblings are welcome, but the games are going to be geared for K-5th Grades.*

Cost: Nothing! (PTSA will have donation buckets out). Water jugs will be filled with water but make sure to bring your own water bottle to fill up. Free otter pops will be available too!

*This is NOT a drop off event. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

We need volunteers for this event. If you would like to volunteer please go to the following website:
<https://www.pt-avenue.com/volunteerr.asp?sc=StillwaterPTSA&v=167947>

Pottery Paint Night

Where: Stillwater Multipurpose Room

When: Friday, October 20, 2017*

What: All pre-orders were submitted by Monday, October 2nd for this event.

If you will be joining us for this fun filled evening here are the details:

Join us between 6-8pm, please arrive no later than 7:30 pm to have enough time to paint your items. Items will be sent home with students or available for pickup on October 30th.

This event required pre-orders only, if you weren't able to join us for this one we hope to see you at our Winter Craft Night in November!
*This is not a drop off event, an adult must accompany children.



October:
Wednesday 10/4
Popcorn Wed (last recess)
Thurs/Fri 10/5 & 10/6
Picture Day
Thursday 10/12
Dodgeball Night
Friday 10/13
No School
Friday 10/20
Pottery Paint Night 6-8pm
Friday 10/27
Reflections Deadline

November:
Wednesday 11/1
Popcorn Wed (last recess)
Friday 11/3
Zumba Night 6:30-7:30pm
Wednesday 11/8
Hop-a-Thon
Friday 11/10
No School
11/14-11/21
Book Fair
Friday 11/17
Winter Craft Night
Reflections Gala
11/17-11/22
Conferences (1/2 days)
11/23-11/24
No School

December:
Friday 12/1
Open Basketball night 6-7:30pm
Wednesday 12/6
Popcorn Wed (last recess)
Thursday 12/7
2nd/3rd Music Performance
12/11-12/15
Talent Show Sign Ups
Tuesday 12/12
PTSA General Meeting 6:30-7:45pm

Quick Tip



Search Stillwater Elementary PTSA

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

September Star Volunteer of the Month: Karen Wright

Congratulations to our September PTSA Star Volunteer of the Month, Karen Wright. Karen was nominated by Amy Pitt and voted on by the Executive Board. Here are a few things that Amy had to say about Karen:

"Karen has taken on one of the biggest roles in the PTSA as the Special Projects Chair and she is doing an amazing job. She has been busy working all summer planning the Staff Luncheon, Popcorn Wednesdays and getting our fabulous Spirit Wear ready to order. Karen is one of the first people to sign up for every event and is always someone you can count on when you need it. She is an awesome part of our PTSA and we are lucky to have her.

Karen has 2 daughters at Stillwater, a 4th and 2nd grader. This is Karen's second year at Stillwater and is extremely active in our PTSA. She won the Volunteer of the Month back in October 2016 and also the PTSA "Top Volunteer" for the 2016-2017 school year.

This year Karen is looking forward to our new event in November, the Winter Craft Fair. Karen is a dedicated mom not only at Stillwater but also on the sports field where she has coached her daughter's sports teams. Her favorite sport to play is basketball but she admits she loves watching football, especially our Seattle Seahawks. Karen is an amazing volunteer and we thank her for her service to the PTSA.

Congratulations to our other September nominee's, Rachel DelCarmen and Sharla Hall. If you would like to nominate a volunteer of the month, please go to our website <http://stillwaterptsa.org/volunteer-month-nomination/>

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For Lead Volunteer contact info,
check our website at:

<http://stillwaterptsa.org/board-members/>

PTSA Membership

Want to join the PTSA, but might not know how... Visit stillwaterptsa.org and click on Membership, and follow the prompts. You can sign up on-line right from your home or come into Stillwater and grab a paper form and fill it out and drop your membership dues of either \$12 (individual) or \$20 (household) in the PTSA drop box.

With your membership you receive a free student directory worth \$10.

Our goal this year is to become the strongest and largest PTSA to date, looking to have 322 members join together in an effort to make our children's future the best it can be.

Please join us and become a member today! We look forward to working together toward the same goals and making Stillwater Elementary an amazing school for our kids, our teachers and our community. Cheers!

Carmen Love
Membership Chair

Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a volunteer form. We cannot have events without our volunteers.

- Deadline to be entered into our prize drawing is October 20, 2017. Anyone who turns in a volunteer form by then will be entered to win a fun movie prize package. However, it is never too late to signup and help.
- Did you know that we use PT Avenue to schedule all of our volunteers? You can go to the following website: <https://www.pt-avenue.com/login.asp> to see our current volunteer needs. Under Organization Code enter "stillwaterptsa".
- Our current volunteer needs for the month of October: **Dodgeball Night on Oct. 12 and Pottery Paint Night on Oct. 20.** If you can spare an hour, please consider signing up.

Legislative Update

Do you know how the Washington State PTA chooses which platforms to focus on to advocate to decision-makers, locally and in Olympia, for the well being of all our children? It's voted on at the annual Legislative Assembly, which will be held on October 20 -21. Stillwater Elementary will have a delegate present to cast votes that will help decide which important issues the Legislative Committee will add to the priority list. We want your feedback regarding issues that are important to you. [Watch for a survey that we will send out soon](#) to get your opinions to help inform our delegate of Stillwater's priorities!

Reflections

Stillwater PTSA invites your student to participate in the National PTA and Washington State PTA cultural arts competition, The Reflections Program.

2017-2018 theme: Within Reach

Entries will be critiqued against others in the same art category and grade division. Up to half of the total score comes from the interpretation of the theme, and the other half is based on creative, artistic and technical merit.

Important Reflections Dates:

October 20: Early Bird submissions due. All early bird submissions will be entered in a Prize Drawing to win a Kindle!

October 27: Final Submissions due

November 17th: Stillwater Reflections Gala

Greater PTA Spotlight

Great Wolf Lodge is offering big specials for PTSA members! Email

membership@stillwaterptsa.org for the details!