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The mission of Stillwater Elementary PTSA is to work in partnership with parents, students, community members and school personnel to support Stillwater Elementary School. The PTSA enhances the curriculum and programs provided by the Riverview School District by providing safe, healthy, fun and educationally enriching programs and activities.



February:

Thursday 2/1 Dads & Donuts 8-9am Friday 2/2 No School Wednesday 2/7 Popcorn Wed (last recess) Friday 2/9 Valentine's Bingo & Silent

Auction 5:30-8pm 2/12 – 2/15 Kindposs Wook

Kindness Week **2/16 – 2/20** No School-Mid Winter break

March

Thursday 3/1 4th/5th Music Performance 3/5-3/9 Dance Dude Wednesday 3/7 Popcorn Wed (last recess)

PTSA Award Nominations Open Friday 3/9 Spring Dance 6-8pm Tuesday 3/13

PTSA General Meeting 2-3:15 Monday 3/19 Yearbook Sale Begins Wednesday 3/21 Hawk Walk

April

Wednesday 4/4 Popcorn Wed (Last Recess) Friday 4/6 Zumba Night 6:30-7:30pm Friday 4/6 Yearbook Orders Close 4/9 – 4/13 No School (Spring Break) Tuesday 4/24 Workshop on Child Safety 7pm Friday 4/27 Pottery Paint Night 6-8pm



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Hello Stillwater Families!

A Message From Your PTSA President

Among all the activities and events we sponsor in February, the PTSA Board is also focused on filling our team for the 2018-2019 school year. The PTSA team here at Stillwater is a great group of parents that come together to create the FUN experiences and opportunities for all students at Stillwater. Positions for next school year don't officially start until July 1, 2018 but planning begins sooner so we aim to have a complete leadership team by March. If you are new to Stillwater or new to the PTSA and don't know where to start, feel free to reach out to me and I can walk you through the ins and outs of the positions or connect you with the right person. A lead volunteer is a great place to start for someone new to the PTSA because you'll be paired with an experienced chair. We have positions with varying levels of time commitments, some that are once a year and some that are ongoing and some that are more at home vs in person. If you visit our website you can read through the job descriptions for each position: http://stillwaterptsa.org/board-jobdescriptions/. At the bottom of that webpage you can also find the links for the nomination form for an executive board position, and for the application form for a non-executive board or leadership chair position. To apply for a lead volunteer position please e-mail me at president@stillwaterptsa.org. Thank you for considering giving back to Stillwater!

Shelly Campbell PTSA President

Box Tops & Tyson Labels

The class that collected the most Box Tops & Tyson Labels in December 2017 is Farnworth with 562 and January 2018 is Skaug with 164!* 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) Farnworth 1,765
- 2) Olson 509
- 3) Anderson 500





Spiritwear is Back!

Back by popular demand! We will be having our 2nd and final Spiritwear sale, for the 2017-18 school year. <u>This sale will be on-line ordering only.</u> We will be adding a new item as well, shorts. Just in time to be Hawk ready for Spring and Summer and a perfect item to wear at our Hawk Walk. Orders will be accepted from Feb. 23 - Mar. 11th. If you have any questions, please contact Karen at specialprojects@stillwaterptsa.org

Valentine's Bingo

Where: Stillwater Elementary When: Friday, February 9th 5:30-8pm Details:

Details: Dinner: Preorder your Red Pepper Pizza meals by <u>February 6th.</u> A few meals will be available, the night

of the event for \$7.00

Bingo: The night of the event you can purchase unlimited bingo cards for \$2.00 each and \$3.00 each for a blackout sheet. There will be a lot of fun prizes for all ages.

Bake Sale: There will be treats and hot beverages at our bake sale table. Each item will cost \$1.00. (Cash or Check only)

Volunteers will be needed for this event. Please login to PT Avenue to sign up for a volunteer spot

Stillwater Experience Silent Auction

Where: Stillwater Elementary When: Friday, February 9th 5:30-8pm What: Stillwater Experiences Silent Auction at Valentine's Bingo is back with a bang for its second year, you won't want to miss this event! A full list of experiences with short descriptions came home in kidmail, look for full descriptions with minimum bids to come out on our website by next week.

http://stillwaterptsa.org/stillwater-experiences-silent-auction-sneak-peek/

How much fun would your kids have at a Capture the Flag Nerf Tag Party with the Principal? Your child interested in being PE teacher for a day? Party options, house cleaning... AND SO MUCH MORE!!!!

2017-2018 Stillwater Elementary PTSA Board Members & Leadership Team

Board of Directors

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For Lead Volunteer contact info, check our website at: http://stillwaterptsa.org/boardmembers/

January Star Volunteer of the Month: Rebecca Manjarrez

Congratulations to our January VOM!

Here is what Shelly and Monique had to say in their nominations:

Shelly: I feel Rebecca Manjarrez deserves to be our volunteer of the month! She is awesome in our co-communications chair position! Not only does she manage our FB page daily, she puts together our monthly newsletter, creates our awesome directory along with coordinating the sponsors, works on survey's, e-flashes, and has created information videos to share. On top of all of that, she volunteers at our PTSA events! High Fives for Rebecca!

Monique - Rebecca is constantly helping out, hard worker and dedicated to PTSA. She often misses work to be a part of events. She went out of her way to make the video for "no parking" on the streets and is always helping me out with events on the public discussion boards and PTSA site. Thank you Rebecca!!!

Read more about our VOM here: http://stillwaterptsa.org/volunteer-of-the-month/

Thank you Rebecca, for all the things you have done for Stillwater and the PTSA. When you see Rebecca at our next event, make sure to congratulate her and thank her for all she does for Stillwater Elementary.

Zoe Anderson was also nominated for VOM by Shelley Heinson and Jack Madigan was nominated by Rebecca Manjarrez. Thank you to all of our volunteers!

Advocacy Update

Levies on the Ballot for February 2018

Every four years, Riverview School District #407 asks voters to approve levies to fully pay for education of students in the district that the State of Washington does not fully fund, including 18% of the general operating budget. Three levies will be on the ballot in February 2018:

Four-Year **Replacement** Educational Programs & Operations Levy

Four-Year Replacement Technology & Capital Projects
Levy

Two-Year Transportation Vehicle Fund Levy The main campaign season begins in fall of 2017 and goes through February 2018.

Visit http://www.voteyesriverview.org/ for more information

RGB New Restaurant!

We are excited to announce that we have partnered with a new restaurant for our February Restaurants Give Back Event. Please join us at Carnation Café on February 28th! Don't forget to check-in at Carnation Cafe with a public post AND use the hashtag #StillwaterPTSA to be entered into a drawing to win a **\$100 Carnation Cafe gift card**!

PTSA Membership

Thank you so much to all the Stillwater families who have joined the PTSA and have helped support Stillwater Elementary. The PTSA is a great way to get involved with your child's school, have a voice for your child's needs and help strengthen our community.

If you want to join the PTSA, please visit stillwaterptsa.org or fill out a form located in the front lobby of the school. No Volunteering required. We are raffling off a Kindle Fire to one special PTSA member if we hit our goal of 322 members before the end of February.

Thank you and we look forward to hitting our goal! Carmen Love

Membership Chair

Need Gift Ideas?

STAFF FAVORITES Need holiday gift ideas for Stillwater staff members? The popular "Staff Favorites" Survey has been updated to include all the new staff members this year and a few new questions were added based off of staff and parent feedback. Please visit our website for the Staff Favorites survey: http://stillwaterptsa.org/stafffavs/.

Community Outreach

Stillwater PTSA FACE is excited to offer a 90minute parent workshop, for our entire Riverview School District community, on tween safety. Make sure to mark your calendar!

Date: April 24, 2018 Time: 6:00-7:30 pm

Location: Riverview School District Assembly Hall

Cost: Recommended donation of \$5.00 per couple.

Description: Be Keen on Your Tween's Safety is a workshop to help parents navigate the tween years. It will touch on topics such as; cell phones, staying home alone, body and personal safety, school and neighborhood safety, sleepovers, making new friends and questions every parent should be asking and why. This workshop will help you become a helpful and resourceful parent to your tween. This workshop is recommend for parents of 8-11 year old children.

For more information on the presenter, please visit their website at savvyparentssafekids.com

PTA Men's Essay Contest

"This essay will tell you why my dad is my role model. He is a great teacher and does not get mad or yell when you make a mistake. He is kind, friendly and treats everyone with the Golden Rule."

That's an excerpt from one of last year's student winners of the PTA Men's Essay Contest. The statewide contest explores the important and varied contributions that men make in the lives and education of children – from the children's perspective. The application deadline is March 1 each year.

For the application visit WA State PTA's website and search Men's Essay.