



September
Tuesday 9/4
 First day of School
Friday 9/7
 First Full Day for Kindergarten
Tuesday 9/11
 Curriculum Night 5:30-8:00pm
Friday 9/14
 Back to School Bash 4:30-7:30

October
Thursday/Friday 10/4-10/5
 Picture Day
Thursday 10/4
 Popcorn Thursday (last recess)
Friday 10/12
 No School
Friday 10/19
 PTSA Meet & Greet 5:30-6:30pm
Friday 10/19
 Open Basketball Night 6:30-8:30pm
Friday 10/26
 Monster Mash 6:30-8:30pm

November
Thursday 11/1
 Popcorn Thursday (last recess)
Friday 11/2
 Reflections Deadline
Wednesday 11/7
 Hop-a-Thon
Monday 11/12
 No School
Wednesday 11/14
 Hop a Thon Assembly
Thursday 11/15
 Pictures Retakes
11/13-11/20
 Book Fair
11/16-11/21
 Conference Days
Friday 11/16
 Student Council Movie Night
Friday 11/16
 Reflections Gala
11/22-11/23
 No School

Quick Tip



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A Message From Your PTSA President

Welcome Back!!

The PTSA is excited for another great year at Stillwater. We have 6 board members and 19 Leadership chairs ready to do their best to help enhance the learning experience of all Stillwater Hawks. Last year was another record breaking year for fundraising and subsequently giving back to Stillwater and we are looking to carry that momentum into this year. Based on feedback from many we have decided to have our 3 general PTSA meetings in the evenings. We heard from you that by offering evening meetings that working parents and teachers will be able to come and participate. Our general member meetings are scheduled for December 4th, March 12th, and June 12th, all at 6:30 at Stillwater.

We are planning some fun events this year but ALL events depend on volunteers. The PTSA will be hosting a Meet & Greet on October 19th from 5:30-6:30. This is a great opportunity for you to come, meet us and ask questions about how you can get involved at our school.

Dates, times, and details can change so it's important to stay connected to what's going on at Stillwater, but don't worry, we make it easy with many different ways to stay informed!

- Our website: www.stillwaterptsa.org
- Facebook Group –“Stillwater Elementary PTSA”
- Kidmail (papers that come home weekly with your kids)
- PTSA Emails –Sign up on our website
- Weekly newsletter email from Stillwater front office staff – Sign up on the schools website
- This monthly newsletter we send home

We are looking to increase our membership numbers this year. You get to support Stillwater, help provide a voice to children across the nation, receive MANY great discounts to national companies and PTSA events at Stillwater, have a vote at our general membership meetings, and did we already say, SUPPORT STILLWATER?!! If you ever have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at president@stillwaterptsa.org.

Sincerely,
 Shelly Campbell

Box Tops & Tyson Labels

The winner of last year's rootbeer float party for collecting the most labels for the entire year was Mrs. Farnworth's class!! Stay tuned here for the monthly leader board.

We are collecting Box Tops and Tyson Labels.

Send your labels to school with your student's name and teacher on the baggie.



Spiritwear

Spiritwear is on sale NOW! Don't miss out, there will not be another spiritwear sale until the spring!!!! You can purchase spiritwear at all of the back to school events, on the paper flyer we've sent home or online: <https://stillwater2018.itemorder.com/>. You must order by September 27th.

Please note that spiritwear is a breakeven service we provide, it is NOT a fundraiser for the PTSA

Back to School Bash

Where: Stillwater Playground

When: Friday, September 14th 4:30-7:30pm

Who: Everyone welcome

Its that time of year again, we are all very excited to be back, seeing our friends, meeting new ones and gearing up for our back to school bash! We hope you and your family will join us and the rest of the Stillwater staff in welcoming back the students with a carnival theme bash.

There will be Food Truck vendors, bounce houses, face painting, rock painting, and of course our awesome bake sale table, and much more. If you want to bring your own picnic lunch, chairs or a blanket, please feel free.

We look forward to seeing you!

Popcorn Days are Back

When: 1st Thursday of the month starting in October (last recess)

Where: Stillwater

Cost: FREE

Thanks to a new popcorn machine we purchased this summer, popcorn is coming back and moving to Thursdays!!

THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH (except for January) we'll be handing out FREE popcorn during last recess. Thank you Kratzer family for donating the organic coconut oil popcorn!!

2018-2019
Stillwater Elementary
PTSA Board Members &
Leadership Team

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For Lead Volunteer contact info,
check our website at:

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

Have some time to volunteer?

Interested in offering some time for your school? We have so many opportunities to volunteer! Provide an hour or a day! Are you a full time working parent with little time to spare? We have options for you. Are you a stay at home parent with little time to spare? We have options for you. Are you our next PTSA President or popcorn server? We have options for you! Fill out the volunteer portion (at the bottom) of our membership/directory/volunteer form and you will be contacted when a volunteer need comes up that fits the availability of the box you checked. Checking a box does NOT obligate you to volunteer, it just gets you on the communication chain when there is a volunteer opportunity.

The same form can also be filled out online, <https://stillwaterpts.org/volunteer/>. We are trying out a new volunteer database this year called MySchoolAnywhere. It is where all of our volunteer sign-ups will be this year, please e-mail vicepresident@stillwaterpts.org if you are having issues getting into the new system or have questions about volunteering. Once you've signed up online and setup your login, download the app here: <https://www.myschoolanywhere.com/gomobile.html> for easy access to volunteer needs!

Stillwater's Green Team

The Stillwater Green Team is a school club comprised of students, parents and Stillwater staff. The Green Team initiated milk carton recycling in all lunches, which saved about 30% of the total lunch waste. Last year The Kindergarten class planted a "salad garden," which consisted of kale, lettuce, peas, radishes, carrots and beets. The vegetables that were not consumed by the students were donated to a local food bank, which amounted to about 100 lbs. Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 4:00 in the Stillwater library. Please contact Roslyn Reeps (roslynreeps@yahoo.com) or Dani Graham (grahams333@msn.com) if you have any questions.

Legislative Update

Hi, I'm Roslyn Reeps, your new Stillwater PTSA Advocacy Chair, and mother of a Stillwater first-grader. I have both professional and volunteer experience with state and local governments as well as non-profits, and I am excited to be given the opportunity to help enhance the educational environment and opportunities for Stillwater students. The Washington State PTA legislative issues come from members, who submit ideas in the spring. If you have any thoughts or questions about any issues or policy issues affecting Stillwater Elementary on the local level, please let me know at advocate@stillwaterpts.org.

Reflections

Stillwater PTSA invites your student to participate in The Reflections program, a National PTA and Washington State PTA cultural arts competition. This year students are asked to interpret this year's theme "Heroes Around Me". Young artists may submit an original work of art in the following areas:

- Literature
- Music Composition
- Photography
- Visual Arts
- Film/Video
- Choreography/Dance

Entries are judged on creative ability and interpretation of the theme.

For official rules, please visit: <https://www.wastatepta.org/events-programs/reflections/> or contact reflections@stillwaterpts.org

Final artwork submissions are due November 2nd. Submit your work by October 19th to be included in an Early Bird prize drawing. Stillwater PTSA will be hosting a workshop to help your young artist plan and create their original piece of art.

The workshop will be held on Thursday, September 27th at 3:45pm – 4:45pm at Stillwater in portable D.

Membership

Welcome back Stillwater Hawks! We hope you had a great Summer. I wanted to take a moment and remind you that each new school year our PTSA memberships expire and will need to be renewed in order to maintain benefits and discounts. Its really easy to renew or sign up for the first time. You can visit our website: stillwaterpts.org and under the Membership tab you will find the application, or you can sign up through our forms located in the front lobby and turn it back in with a check or cash with your child or to the black box in the lobby marked PTSA.

We are looking forward to another great year, and we hope you will join us and enjoy all the benefits that come with being a member!

Cheers
Carmen Love
Membership Chair

Community News

Valley Power Packs is gearing up for a new year of weekend food packs for Stillwater students in need. Please visit their website to learn more information or to sign-up for a donation slot(s): <http://signup.com/go/gvETHcR>. You can also find their organization on Facebook @WPPDuwall. If you are a family that wants to learn about receiving weekend food packs, please contact our school's counselor, Danielle Peters and she will be able to assist you.

Greater PTSA Spotlight

Are your kids struggling getting back into the school routine? National PTA can help, check out their article, "Routine: Get Your Kids Out the Door Faster" for 6 easy tips! <http://bit.ly/2vriQqx>