

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.



Happy Holidays!!

A Message From Your PTSA President

Thank you Stillwater community for a fantastic 2018!

We have our first General Membership Meeting coming up on December 4th at 6:30 pm in the Stillwater Library, I hope you can join us!

Our school counselor, Danielle Peters, will be our guest speaker. She will be sharing the role of an elementary school counselor and how they work to support students, staff, and families. She hopes to answer questions families may have about how counselors advocate for kids and bring insight into the many ways that counselors show leadership within their buildings. We will be voting in the nominating committee and changes to our 2018/19 budget. Our membership, volunteer, and advocacy chairs will be providing important updates.

Some upcoming events to look forward to are our Moms & Me on December 13th and our Family Lego night on January 25th! These will be super fun Family and Community Engagement (F.A.C.E.) activities that everyone is invited to attend.

We hope everyone has a great holiday break and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Shelly Campbell
PTSA President

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/staffavs/>.

Box Tops Update

The class that collected the most Box Tops for November is Olson's class with 187! Super job!!! * Cutoff for the count is the 25th of each month

Here are the classes in the lead for the end of year hot cocoa party:

Marchel	389
Wood	237
Walter	236

Be sure to write your teacher's name on the bag to make it count.



Talent Show

New this year, the talent show has moved to February!! Have your children think about their talent show performances over the holiday break and you will be able to sign-up for auditions ONLINE from January 14th - 17th. It will be first come first served for audition sign-up times. A flyer will come home with a sign-up genius link for audition sign-up times the week after holiday break, the link will also be posted to our website: www.stillwaterptsa.org. Students can only be in one act, which includes MC'ing. Auditions will then be on January 30th and 31st, rehearsals on February 20th, with the Talent Show itself being on February 21st.

Please e-mail Amy McHenry at amymchenry@hotmail.com with any questions.

Moms & Me

When: December 13, 2018 6:30-7:30pm

Who: Stillwater students and their mothers, grandmothers or other female role models

Where: Stillwater Gym

What: Enjoy some cookies, fruit, veggies, coffee and water (while supplies last). We'll also have a holiday themed craft and photo booth. And back by popular demand will be dodgeball led by Mr. Madigan and Mr. Hammons.

Please contact Lindsey Tolson at vicepresident@stillwaterptsa.org if you can volunteer.

Cost: This is a free event but optional donation buckets will be out at the food and beverage tables.

Family Lego Night

When: January 25th in the evening

Where: Stillwater Gym

What: We are super excited for this NEW event this year, but it's in the early planning stages so look for an informational flyer to come home in kidmail after holiday break. We have partnered with Bricks & Minifigs in Monroe. They will be bringing bulk LEGOS for families to get creative and build whatever inspires them. There will also be mini competitions, such as who can build a small kit correctly in the shortest amount of time.

Cost: TBD, this event will have a cost associated with it but we are still working out the details

December

Tuesday 12/4

General Member Mtg 6:30pm

Thursday 12/6

Popcorn Thursday (last recess)

Thursday 12/13

Moms & Me 6:30pm

12/21 - 1/4

No School - Winter Break

January

Thursday 1/10

Popcorn Thursday (last recess)

1/14 - 1/17

Talent Show Sign Ups

Thursday 1/17

5th grade baby picture deadline

Yearbook Art Cover deadline

Friday 1/18

No School - Teacher Day

Monday 1/21

No School - MLK Jr Day

Friday 1/25

Family Lego Night

1/30 - 1/31

Talent Show Auditions

February

Friday 2/1

No School

Thursday 2/7

Popcorn Thursday (last recess)

Friday 2/8

Valentine's Bingo & Silent Auction

2/15 - 2/19

Mid-Winter Break - No School

Wednesday 2/20

Talent Show Dress Rehearsal

Thursday 2/21

Talent Show

March

Friday 3/1

No School

3/4 - 3/8

Kindness Week

Thursday 3/7

Popcorn Thursday (last recess)

Tuesday 3/12

PTSA General Member Meeting

Friday 3/22

Pottery Paint Night

Wednesday 3/27

Hawk Walk

Quick Tip



2018-2019
Stillwater Elementary
PTSA Board Members &
Leadership Team

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For Lead Volunteer contact info,
check our website at:

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

Since this is a combined December/January newsletter, we are thrilled to recognize TWO super Stillwater volunteers. Here is a little bit of what was said about Ann Marie: "...Most recently Ann Marie built the Hop-a-Thon page on our website to help drive our fundraising results. Online donations accounted for over \$11,000 during our Hop-a-Thon and that would not have been possible without Ann Marie's volunteer time..." Ann Marie has two daughters, Brooke (4th grade) and Eva (8th grade). She has been volunteering at Stillwater for 9 years and in regards to volunteering, Ann Marie says, "it brings me a lot of satisfaction giving back to a community that I love so much." Thank you Ann Marie!!!

Here is a little bit of what was said about Chelsea: "...she's an outstanding volunteer who wanted to take on the box tops this year and is doing an amazing job..." Chelsea has two sons, Bryson (1st grade) and Colton (1st grade). This is her second year volunteering at Stillwater and Chelsea says that "Our school, teachers and staff do so much for our kids, I'm just thankful I can lend a hand, give back and help when needed." Thank you Chelsea!!

Congrats again to both of our SUPER volunteers. **You can read more about their nominations on our website, <https://stillwaterpta.org/volunteer-of-the-month/>.**

Do you have a volunteer you want to recognize?

Fill out a nomination form on our website:

<https://stillwaterpta.org/volunteer-month->

Reflections

Thank you to the student artists and their families that submitted entries for the National PTA Reflections competition. Stillwater PTSA hosted our annual Reflections Gala in November to show off all of the 2018 entries. Stillwater students submitted pieces in literature, photography, 2-D Visual arts, 3-D Visual Arts, and Music Composition. During the Gala, we had students vote for "Student's Choice Award". Congrats to Allison Campbell for creating "Wonder Dog" which was the winner of the student's choice award! Eighteen art pieces will now move on to the District Level of the competition. A District level Gala will held January 11th at 6:30pm to announce which artist will advance to represent Stillwater and Riverview School District at the State competition.

Legislative Update

With the 2018 election over, it's a good time to update and review lawmakers who represent residents living within Stillwater Elementary School boundaries, and thus influence education policies and funding for our school. If you would like to look up your specific district, use the Washington State Legislature District Finder <https://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/> Questions? Contact Roslyn Reeps (advocate@stillwaterpta.org). Read all the info on our site here: <https://stillwaterpta.org/pta-advocacy-update/>

Training

Two webinar training opportunities are coming up in December and January. PTA & the Law on December 7th and Effective Budgets and Financial Strategies on January 9th. Check out <https://www.wastatepta.org/> for more information.

Green Team Update

Stillwater had a fantastic time celebrating Green Week from November 26th – 30th. We had about 150 students sign up to take part in Green Week activities including recycling robot making during recess, a trashion show, recycling relay teams during the Green Week assembly as well as more long-term volunteering, such as lunch room waste detectives and room recyclers. We are really excited to add "recyclers" to the list of accomplishments for Stillwater students! Please check the Stillwater Constant Contact newsletter and the PTSA Facebook page for updates on upcoming Green Team news. Thank you for all your support.

~Roslyn Reeps, Green Team lead

Membership

Thank you to all of our awesome members for showing your support and signing up with Stillwater PTSA. We currently have 318 members on a goal of 326 for the year. We decided to update our Ice Cream Social contest that each class is a part of so that the percentage each class needs is more inline with our yearly goal. That being said, now each class only needs to reach 65% instead of the 75% we originally stated. Mrs. Dice and Mrs. Crouch have secured an Ice Cream party for their class and Mrs. Mauldin and Mrs. Smith are not too far behind.

Remember any member of the community can be a member and take advantage of all the incredible discounts. That means Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles, local business members, etc... The more members, the larger the voice Stillwater has. Our members give Stillwater strength. We hope you will consider joining our amazing community and help us continue to build a better and brighter future for our kids.

Sincerely
Carmen Love

Greater PTSA Spotlight

Did you know that PTSA Membership is school specific, meaning if you are a PTSA Member at Stillwater, then that does not make you a PTSA Member at ToIT? Each school counts on your support!!! To learn how to be a PTSA Member at all the schools in Riverview, you can look on Riverview PTSA Council's website:

<http://riverviewptsaouncil.my-pta.org/>.

Community Outreach

Since 1994, the volunteer Snoqualmie Valley Community Network and the Healthy Community Coalition partners have assessed needs, built capacity, facilitated planning, implemented strategies, and monitored outcomes addressing a variety of challenges including youth substance abuse, youth suicide, and violence prevention. The Snoqualmie Valley Community Network invites you to join their mission of promoting and inspiring youth to lead safe, healthy, and successful lives by attending their Heart of the Valley Gala on February 9, 2019 at the Snoqualmie Valley Casino. Check out their website for ticket information: <http://snoqualmievalleycommunitynetwork.org/>.