

A Message From Your PTSA President

Hello Stillwater Families!

We hope you had a fun October and enjoyed our Monster Mash Dance. This was such a fun night! HUGE thanks to the awesome social team, Carmen Love and Danielle Gilbreath, for all of their hard work in planning the event with the committee team. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped during the dance to make and sell concessions. Many thanks again to DJ Tristan Coffey for providing his awesome music service to us for free!

Thank you to all that attended our first Meet & Greet dinner for this school year! It's always fun to meet new friends wanting to learn how they can help more with PTSA activities.

Our first general meeting of the year is December 4th from 6:30 – 7:45PM in the Library. All are welcome, including littles.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Shelly Campbell

Stillwater PTSA President



November

Thursday 11/1

Popcorn Thursday (last recess)

Friday 11/2

Reflections Deadline

Wednesday 11/7

Hop-a-Thon

Friday 11/9

Veteran's Day Assembly 9:45am

Monday 11/12

No School

11/13 – 11/20

Stillwater Book Fair

Wednesday 11/14

Picture Retake Day

Hop a Thon Assembly 3pm

11/16-11/21

Conference Days

Friday 11/16

Student Council Movie Night

Friday 11/16

Reflections Gala

11/22-11/23

No School

December

Tuesday 12/4

General Member Mtg 6:30pm

Thursday 12/6

Popcorn Thursday (last recess)

Thursday 12/13

Moms & Me

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

Quick Tip



Reflections Gala

Stillwater PTSA invites you to join us November 16th to the Reflections Gala. Reflections artwork will be displayed, and we will be announcing which artists will be moving forward to represent Stillwater at the district level. Students also will be voting on the "Student Choice Award". Gala will be held from 5-6pm on the stage prior to the Student Council movie night. Light refreshments will be provided.

Box Tops & Tyson Labels

The class that collected the most Box Tops & Tyson Labels for October is Marchel's class with 273! 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	347
Wood	220
Craig	212



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

SAS – Staff Appreciation Cart

The SAS (Snack Appreciation Snacks) Cart had its inaugural stroll down the hallways of Stillwater last month. The SAS Cart was implemented to try and sprinkle a little staff appreciation throughout the entire year vs just the one week in May. We had a caramel apple dipping bar, cheese, pretzels, lemon water and hot cocoa/cider for the staff to choose from. We have a teacher dinner planned in November during conference week, so the SAS Cart will return in December.

Hop-A-Thon

When: Wednesday, November 17th

Stillwater's Hop A Thon is a 100% Donation Based Fundraiser and our largest one of the year!

All profits raised go directly to the PTSA to benefit our students and school. The suggested minimum fundraising goal per student is \$35. The school goal is \$14,000 this year! We can do it! We made over \$20,000 last year during the Hop-a-Thon!

If the school hits their goal then Team Mr. Madigan and Team Mr. H will go head to head playing Family Feud with questions surveyed by our very own students! This will take place at a school assembly Nov. 14th.

Student Council Movie Night

When: Friday, November 16th 5:30-8:00pm

Where: Stillwater Gym

What: Incredibles 2

Cost: Non-perishable food item per person

Hosted by: Stillwater Student Council

NEW THIS YEAR: Check your kidmail for the pizza meal pre-order form (\$6); concessions will be available with snacks for purchase AND a raffle!*

Reminders: Bring your own seating

(blankets/lawn chairs); this is NOT a drop off event, adults are asked to accompany their kids throughout the event (quiet night for movie watching). *See kidmail flyer for all the details! The student council hopes to see you there!

2018-2019
Stillwater Elementary
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Leadership Team

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check our website at:

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

October's SUPER Volunteer of the Month - Zoe Anderson

Congrats to our October Volunteer of the Month (VOM), Zoe Anderson!!!! Zoe was nominated by Brooke Cheney and Carmen Love and voted on by the PTSA Board of Directors. Zoe has 2 kiddos at Stillwater, Tyler who is in 4th grade and Dylan who is in 2nd grade. Zoe has been a frequent volunteer at Stillwater for 5 years now, she started when Tyler was in kindergarten.

When asked why she volunteers, Zoe said, "It has been an such a blessing being a part of the Stillwater community. Volunteering allows me the opportunity to give back and help those already working so hard to teach our squirrels. And it's given me a chance to get to know all the kids in a way I'd never have otherwise." Here is part of what Brooke and Carmen had to say about Zoe. Brooke - "Zoe is a constant volunteer at Stillwater Elementary. She does so much in the classroom and in her creative writing class." Carmen - "She is a go getter and she is passionate about our kids experience, education and time at Stillwater. From early on she has been in the classrooms volunteering, taking on the holiday parties for both kids, Art Docent, extra help with Math and Reading..."

Read more about our VOM, Zoe on our website: <http://stillwaterptsa.org/volunteer-of-the-month/>
Thank you Zoe for your dedication to Stillwater! And thank you to Chelsea Krause, another SUPER volunteer who was also nominated. Follow the link above to nominate another deserving volunteer to be featured next month!

Legislative Update

Washington State PTA has been a leading voice for children in Washington for more than 112 years, advocating for the health, safety, well-being and education for every child. I was able to join with over 230 other members from around the state to continue this long and powerful history when I represented Stillwater PTSA members at the 2018 Legislative Assembly from October 20th to 21st. Legislative Assembly is held each year to determine or refine the Washington State PTA platform that will be advocated for during the Washington legislative session.

Read about the issues and other information here: <https://stillwaterptsa.org/legislative-assembly-update/>

PTA members will be advocating on these issues in Olympia. If you are passionate about any of these issues, and would like to join us in Olympia, let me know at advocate@stillwaterptsa.org. If you feel that there is an issue that needs to be addressed in Washington public education, I encourage you to submit an issue for consideration in the spring. As a member-driven organization, Washington PTA has shown that together we can bring about meaningful change in public education in this state.

~Roslyn Reeps, Legislative Advocacy Chair

Green Team News

The Green Team is gearing up to ramp up recycling in November!

Kate Waind of King County Green Schools gave a great presentation on October 18th to Stillwater students and parents detailing recycling at Stillwater and at home. She also played some great recycling games. Green Team members have been weighing the recycling in October in order to see how much we improve with our increased recycling efforts.

November 26-30 will be Green Week to kick off our increased recycling efforts. We will provide students and staff with information on how to better recycle at Stillwater. We will also have some fun with a Green Team super hero contest, Recycling Recess craft projects, a recycling assembly with fun games and a green dress-up day. Stay tuned for more details!

Training

Training opportunity for our PTSA Leaders!
There is a PTA & the Law training class on November 15th from 6-9 pm at Snoqualmie Valley Elementary School. At least one elected officer from each board must attend PTA & the Law each year, and all elected officers must take a WSPTA approved training class.

Membership

Congratulations to Mrs. Dice's Kindergarten class for hitting 75% PTSA membership for her class. She is the first class to win an ice-cream party! Don't forget your child could win an ice-cream party for their class too. We are now in our 3rd month of the year and we have 311 members total so far on our goal of 326. Stillwater Elementary PTSA entered a fun Membership Drive with the Washington State PTSA and we are hopeful that we will win a cash prize! If we enroll 15 or more members or hit 105% membership over last year between the dates: Nov 3rd - Dec. 14th, we will be entered into the drawing for extra funds for Stillwater. Extra funds could mean more equipment, or teacher grants, etc... Stillwater PTSA works very hard to make sure your funds for your membership go above and beyond their monetary value. We give discounts at the concessions for all PTSA events, a free Student Directory, a discount on yearbook, discount on pottery pieces for pottery events and we keep you informed of all the great places and corporations that WSPTA has teamed up with on behalf of all the PTSA's. Remember, just because you are a member that does not mean you have to volunteer. Thank you! ~Carmen Love Membership Chair

Greater PTSA Spotlight

WSPTA is now accepting nominations for officer positions to serve on the WSPTA board of directors for a two year term from 2019-2021. Learn more about the job descriptions and to submit a nomination, please submit the required form. Deadline is November 15, 2018. <https://www.wastatepta.org/pta-leaders/>

Community Outreach

Thank you to Stillwater families for donating items from Seattle Children's Hospital Wish List at the Monster Mash Dance!! We received over 30 toys that we delivered to the hospital. Thank you for your generosity!