



A Message From Your PTSA President

Hello Stillwater Families!

Among all the activities and events we sponsor in February, the PTSA Board is also focused on filling our team for the 2019-2020 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, 2019 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:

<https://stillwaterptsa.org/board-job-descriptions/>.

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 Update

The class that collected the most Box Tops for December is Hinton's class with 189 and the winner for January is Marchel's class with 123! 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	515
Smith	300
Heinson	299

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



Spiritwear

Our second and final spiritwear sale of the school year will run from 2/4 to 2/22. Spiritwear will arrive before the Hawk Walk in March! You can order online through the vendor's website or via the paper order form being sent home in kidmail. There are a couple different spiritwear items in this second sale, athletic shorts are always a popular item! Contact Karen Wright at projects@stillwaterptsa.org with any questions.

NEW DATE: Valentine's Bingo

When: Friday, March 1st 5:15-7:30pm

Where: Stillwater Gym

Dinner: Red Pepper is providing pizza for purchase starting at 5:15pm. No pre-orders will be collected for this event. Pizza meals will include two slices of pizza and a water, \$5 for PTSA Members, \$6 for non-PTSA Members while supplies last. Cash, check, or cards accepted.

Bingo: Cards can be purchased the night of the event at a cost of \$2.00 for four bingo game sheets and \$3.00 for a blackout game. Bingo will run from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. with an intermission from 7:00 to 7:10 P.M. followed by the blackout game.

Snack and Bake Sale: Snacks and baked items will be available to purchase during bingo night.

NEW DATE: Silent Auction

When: Friday, March 1st 5:15-7:10pm (with bingo)

Where: Stillwater Gym

What: Stillwater PTSA will be hosting a Silent Auction during Bingo. We will be auctioning Stillwater Staff Experiences along with items from local businesses!

They will be available to view and bid on from 5:15pm until the end of intermission at 7:10pm. Auction closes promptly at the 10-minute mark of intermission and winners will be announced after blackout.

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

Congratulations to Erin Allen for being January's Volunteer of the Month. Erin was nominated by Karie Cato, Sharon Nelson, Missy Harvold and voted on the PTSA Board of Directors. Here is a little bit of what Karie, Sharon and Missy had to say about Erin.

"Erin has been and continues to be such a gift and unsung hero for Stillwater. She has volunteered in our work room for the last 4 years making copies, laminating, doing inventory, among many other things." | "Erin will do anything for you. The teachers love her as do we in the office. She is so reliable and we are so grateful to have her as a volunteer." | "Erin, if you didn't know, comes in and does copying/lamination in the staff workroom two days a week. She also does little things around the building that help our school, like donating books to the library, that just make me want to get her some praise!"

Erin and her husband, Dave have been married for 39 years and have 2 sons, Chris (38), Paul (36) and a granddaughter Emily (13). To read more about Erin and the nominations please visit our website:

<https://stillwaterpts.org/january-super-volunteer-of-the-month-erin-allen/>. Thank you Erin!

Visit our website to nominate another deserving volunteer: <https://stillwaterpts.org/volunteer-month-nomination/>

Advocacy Update

On February 11, Washington State PTA will hold its annual Focus Day, which brings members together at the state capitol to advocate for the association's top five issues:

- 1.Social Emotional Learning,
- 2.School Construction and Simple Majority for Bonds,
- 3.Prevent Gun Violence,
- 4.Strategies to Address the Teacher Shortage, and
- 5.Strategic K-12 Investments to Close Gaps.

I have scheduled meetings for Focus Day with the legislators that represent Stillwater from the 5th and 45th legislative districts. I will be bringing your thoughts from the legislative survey that I sent out this fall, and also your Focus Day postcards. If you have not had a chance to fill out a postcard, print one off here <https://www.wastatepta.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2019-Focus-Day-Postcard-Mailer.pdf> and mail it to your legislator. Please contact me with any thoughts for Focus Day.

Green Team Update

The Green Team is working hard to build a new Stillwater Garden, thanks to a grant by the Riverview Education Foundation. We are very excited to get growing!

Here are the upcoming meeting and event dates:

- February 12, 4:00-5:00, Stillwater Library- General Meeting (adults and students; students will be working on a milk carton reuse contest for the garden)
- February 23, 9:00-12:00, Stillwater Garden Work Party (building garden beds, adults preferred, there will be no structured or planned student activities)
- March 7, 4:00-5:00, Stillwater Library- General Meeting (adults and students)
- March 9, 9:00-12:00, Stillwater Garden Work Party (filling beds with soil and setting up irrigation, adults preferred, there will be no structured or planned student activities)
- April 26, 6:00-7:30, Stillwater gym and garden-Gardening Class for Stillwater Families

We really need volunteers to make these events possible, and to build the garden. Come to one of our meetings, or let Roslyn Reeps (roslynreeps@yahoo.com) know how you can help.

Training

There is a PTA & the Law training class in Woodinville on February 7th at 6 PM. You can register by visiting this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/region-6-pta-and-the-law-tickets-54716170539>. The class is FREE but registration is required.

Membership

We just reached Gold level for PTSA members! Thank you to all who have joined and are enjoying the benefits of being a member. It's never too late to sign up! We will continue our ice cream social incentive until the end of Feb. If you have questions on how to become a member or want to know more info about the benefits please feel free to contact Carmen Love at membership@stillwaterpts.org.

Greater PTSA Spotlight

Enter WSPTA's Men's Essay Contest! "This statewide essay 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 1st. For more information, visit <https://www.wastatepta.org/events-programs/pta-mens-essay-contest/>.

Community Outreach

Buy your tickets for the 5th Annual Heart of the Valley Gala on February 9, 2019 benefiting the Snoqualmie Valley Community Network. The SVCN supports youth in our community in many ways. Here are just a few: youth suicide prevention trainings, mentoring, weekend power packs, pre-employment skills development, parent education opportunities, youth substance abuse prevention campaigns and youth leadership activities. Go to their website for more details: <https://snoqualmievalleycommunitynetwork.org/>.