



Hawk Talk

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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.



A Message From Your PTSA President

Hello Stillwater Families!

Spring is Almost Here! I hope everyone enjoyed their mid-winter break and is ready to tackle the second half of the school year. In February we passed the half way mark and had several days of missed school due to the crazy snow days! PTSA Talents show was a GREAT success thanks to our co-leads, Amy McHenry & Jen Coffey, and many volunteers. It was so fun to watch all of our students many talents! March will bring lots of fun events including the school's Multicultural night, the PTSA's Pottery Paint night, and the Hawk Walk!

We will have elections for our 2019-2020 board of directors at the next General Membership Meeting on April 2nd at 6:30pm. We still have many lead volunteer positions available, all with varying degrees of time commitment. Some are more geared towards work from home. Please contact me ASAP if you are interested in giving back to Stillwater and taking on a lead volunteer role.

Thanks,
Shelly Campbell
PTSA President

March
Friday 3/1
Valentine's Bingo & Silent Auction
5:15-7:30pm
3/4 - 3/8
Kindness Week
Tuesday 3/5
Kindergarten Parent Night
Thursday 3/7
Popcorn Thursday (last recess)
5th Grade Parent night at Tolt
Thursday 3/14
Multicultural Night 5:30-7:30
3/21-3/22
Class Pictures
Friday 3/22
Pottery Paint Night 6:00-8:00pm
Wednesday 3/27
Hawk Walk

April
Tuesday 4/2
General Member Meeting 6:30pm
Thursday 4/4
Popcorn Thursday (last recess)
Friday 4/5
Yearbook Orders Close
4/8 - 4/12
Spring Break - No School
4/15 - 4/19
Dance Dude
Friday 4/19
Spring Dance 6:30pm-8:00pm

May
Thursday 5/2
Popcorn Thursday (last recess)
5/6-5/10
Staff Appreciation Week
Tuesday 5/14
PTSA Meet & Greet Lunch 12:00
Thursday 5/23
Dads & Donuts 8:30-9:15am
Monday 5/27
Memorial Day - No School
Friday 5/31
Student Council Movie Night

June
Wednesday 6/5
Reptile Man 3pm & 6:30pm
Thursday 6/6
Popcorn Thursday (last recess)
Friday 6/7
All School Arts Day
PTSA Volunteer Party
Tuesday 6/11
General Member Meeting 6:30pm
Last Day of School - TBD

Quick Tip



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Box Tops Update

The class that collected the most Box Tops for December is Marchel's class with 126! 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	641
Heinson	411
Smith	347



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

Yearbook Order Deadline Soon!

The Deadline to order a Stillwater yearbook is quickly approaching! The last day to order a yearbook is April 5th, 2019. You can order a Yearbook online via the website at www.stillwaterptsa.org/yearbook-2019 or you can send an order form and cash or check (made out to "Stillwater PTSA") to school in an envelope addressed to Yearbook. If you need an order form, you can find one in the front office next to the PTSA bulletin board. If you are a PTSA member yearbooks are \$25.00 each, non-PTSA members are \$26.00 each. We will be sending home a reminder in Kid Mail later in March as well. Also, if you have any class party photos be sure to send them to yearbook@stillwaterptsa.org for a chance to win a free yearbook!

Pottery Paint Night

When: Friday, March 22; 6:00-8:00pm
Where: Stillwater Gym
What: Pre-order as many pieces as you would like, all items will be sent home with students or available for pick up on April 19th.

We will have very little for sale on the night of the event, to guarantee the piece you want, please turn in your form or sign up online at <http://stillwaterptsa.org/pottery-night> by **Wednesday, March 6th!**

Hawk Walk

When: Wednesday, March 27th
What: Our Second largest fundraiser is quickly approaching on March 27th! Get ready to have some fun and help raise money for the school. Once again, Blitz from the Seattle Seahawks is coming to our event thanks to My Fair Lady Skincare! We've got a new crazy game for our Staff to play if we hit our \$12,000 goal so look out for those flyers headed home soon with more details!

Have something to say about an event? Email Shelly at president@stillwaterptsa.org

2018-2019
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Leadership Team

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For Lead Volunteer contact info,
check our website at:

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

We would like to congratulate our February Volunteer of the Month, Dani Tronsen. Dani was nominated by Mrs. Materi and voted on by the PTSA Board of Directors. Here is what Mrs. Materi had to say about Dani: "Dani has been dedicated to our classroom since day one. Now she is our evening custodian and has volunteered to help even more often! She is very helpful in the classroom and the students are always happy to see her."

Dani and her husband, Nels have 2 children, Silas (age 8) and Camilla (age 6). Dani's favorite volunteer activity is helping in the classroom with the kids, "it's fun to watch them grow over the year." To read more about Dani and her nomination please visit our website: <https://stillwaterpta.org/volunteer-of-the-month/>

Congratulations Dani and thank you for all you do for our community! We would also like to thank and congratulate Zoe Anderson, Jen Coffey and Amy McHenry who were nominated for volunteer for the month. To nominate someone for volunteer of the month, please visit: <https://stillwaterpta.org/volunteer-month-nomination/>.

Training

In February, our president, Shelly Campbell completed a PTA & the Law webinar. Every year, at least one board member is required to attend this training class taught by WSPTA. PTA & the Law is a valuable class that covers many laws, rules and best practices required to run a non-profit organization.

Advocacy Update

The February snowstorms not only shut down schools, it also shut down a number of events and business Washington State Legislature, including Focus Day 2019. WSPTA Focus Day was supposed to be when PTA Advocacy representatives from around the state were to meet with their legislators and talk about the PTA Legislative platform issues. (Thank you to everyone who filled out a Focus Day postcard with your thoughts on education; I was able to mail them to our legislators.) I was able to reschedule two of the meetings with Senator Mark Mullet (5th district) and Representative Larry Springer (45th district), who were both very receptive to supporting Stillwater's top PTA legislative priority. Find all the details here:

<https://stillwaterpta.org/march-advocacy-update/>

-Roslyn Reeps
Advocacy Chair

Membership

Thank you Stillwater PTSA members for your continued support. We couldn't do all that we do without you. Please remember to use your benefits! Each year in October benefits expire and a new membership is available for purchase for that school year. So get the most out of your benefits this year! Check out the link in your welcome email, or go to wastatepta.org and see all the fun things you can start to save on now or in the future.

Congratulations to all the classes that earned an ice cream social!

If you have not yet signed up for a PTSA membership and would like to, visit stillwaterpta.org and get the savings jar out! ☺

Sincerely,
Carmen Love
Membership Chair

Green Team Update

The Green Team continues to focus on building the new Stillwater garden. The snow has pushed back the garden building work party dates to March 2nd and 9th from 9:00-12:00. We need help to clean up the area, construct the new beds and add the new garden soil. Please let Roslyn Reeps (roslynreeps@yahoo.com) know if you can help (no gardening experience necessary; we will not have planned activities for students during the work parties). If all goes well, Stillwater students can start planting by the end of March.

Our next Green Team general meeting is March 7th at 4:00. Come help us plan the garden and Earth Day! Students will be working on a creative reuse project with milk cartons for Earth Day. Also, the Green Team will be leading a family-friendly, beginner garden class on Friday, April 26 at 6:00. Come learn how to garden with us!

Greater PTSA Spotlight

National PTA Founders Day was celebrated in February. 122 years ago on February 17th, a group of 2000 attendees met – men and women, black and white, educators, Sunday school teachers and delegates – to advance education for children. Alice Birney and Phoebe Hearst founded National PTA as The National Congress of Parents & Teachers.

Community Outreach

The Snoqualmie Valley Community Network is offering a FREE parent education course called Love & Logic. "Parenting the Love and Logic Way. A skills building course for parents of elementary school children." The course is on Thursdays from March 7th - April 11th from 6-8 PM. <https://snoqualmievalleycommunitynetwork.org/event/love-and-logic/>