



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.



- May
- Thursday 5/2
- Popcorn Thursday (last recess)
- 5/6-5/10
- Staff Appreciation Week
- Tuesday 5/7
- 4/5 Skippers Night 6-7pm
- Wednesday 5/8
- 2/3 Skippers Night 6-7pm
- Thursday 5/16
- K/1 Music Performance
- Thursday 5/23
- Dads & Donuts 8:30-9:15am
- Monday 5/27
- Memorial Day - No School
- Thursday 5/30
- Kindergarten Social 6pm
- Friday 5/31
- Student Council Movie Night

- June
- Tuesday 6/4
- Band & Choir Concert
- Wednesday 6/5
- Reptile Man 3pm & 6:30pm
- Thursday 6/6
- Popcorn Thursday (last recess)
- 5th Grade to Tolt 2:45pm
- Friday 6/7
- PTSA Volunteer Party
- Tuesday 6/11
- General Member Meeting 6:30pm
- Friday 6/21
- All School Arts Day
- Monday 6/24
- Kindergarten Graduation 9:45am
- 5th Grade Party 4-6pm
- Tuesday 6/25
- 5th Grade Grad Ceremony
- Field Day 1pm
- Last Day of School 3:45pm

Quick Tip



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Hello Stillwater Families!

A Message From Your PTSA President

Happy Spring! On April 2nd we held our 2nd General Meeting of the year. We voted on changes to the current budget. We also voted in the 2019-2020 Executive Board of Directors. President: Monique Linz, Vice President: Lindsey Tolson, Treasurer: Rachel DelCarmen, Secretary: Chelsea Krause. For a full recap of the meeting please visit our Stillwater PTSA website and click on the president corner tab to read more about it or read our drafted meeting minutes posted on our site as well.

The PTSA Board had the opportunity to attend a 3-day training session at Washington State's PTA Convention. There are MANY facets that go into running a nonprofit. We had the opportunity for training and guidance over the various days at the end of April. Arts Education & Success for All Students, Strategies for Building Membership, Strategic Planning & Goal Setting, Finding your Leadership Style, AIM -Cover your Assets (Insurance class), Advocacy & Legacy, Dealing with Conflict as a Leader, Writing a Newsletter they Will Read, and Effective Budgets are just SOME of the classes we had the option to attend. Lots of great information that we can use to better serve the Stillwater community and we can't wait to share more in the coming months and into next year.

May is going to be a big month for the PTSA! Staff Appreciation Week is May 6th - 10th and is always a busy week. Thank you to everyone for volunteering your time and/or to bring in supplies. Next comes Dads & Donuts, look for details later in the newsletter.

Sincerely,
Shelly Campbell
PTSA President

Box Tops Update

The class that collected the most Box Tops for April is Olson's class with 283! Super job!!!

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

Marchel	678
Heinson	638
Smith	510

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

Submit your Box Tops by May 25th to have them considered for the end of year classroom contest.



Box Tops Breaking News

Box Tops is going digital. We have learned that Box Tops program has started phasing out Box Tops clippings. They are revamping their app to make it more user friendly, and instead of cutting out and submitting Box Tops labels, to earn the \$0.10 per label, you will login to the app and take a picture of a receipt that has Box Tops items on it. They will continue to accept clipped Box Tops until they expire, and the new app isn't ready yet so continue sending in Box Tops as usual. But we wanted to give everyone a heads up that a change to the program is coming.

Dads & Donuts

When: May 23rd from 8:15 - 9:15am
Who: All students with their dads, grandpas, uncles or other male role models
Come enjoy a donut, milk, coffee and fruit in the Stillwater gym. Mr. Hammons and Mr. Madigan will also be running dodgeball for the kids and dads! This is NOT a drop off event, after 9:15am the students can be released to the playground. We need volunteers for this event, please check MySchoolAnywhere for the volunteer signup.

Kindergarten Social

When: Thursday, May 30th; 6-7pm
Where: Stillwater Gym
What: Kids and parents of 2019-2020 incoming kindergartners please join us to meet the kindergarten teachers, play with new friends and learn a little about going to school at Stillwater!

Siblings are welcome and treats will be on hand. Share this info with your friends who will have kids at Stillwater next year and invite them to join us.

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

April's SUPER Volunteers of the Month - The Spring Dance Committee

Congratulations to the Spring Dance Committee: Carmen Love, Danielle Gilbreath, Felicia Berg and Karen Wright for being April's Volunteers of the Month. The committee was nominated by Lindsey Tolson and voted on by the PTSA Board of Directors. Here is a little bit of what Lindsey had to say about the committee.

"I am nominating the ladies from the Spring Dance Committee. They did a fabulous job coordinating another fun social event at Stillwater. Carmen and Danielle are the PTSA Social Leads this year and they have rocked it leading the charge for our 4 social events. These are huge events that require a lot of planning and hard work and they both do it with a smile...Felicia was a big help with the dance making all the signage and coordinating the photobooth... Karen who was also on the dance committee helped with the planning and volunteered all night..."

To learn more about these amazing ladies, please check out the full nomination on our website:

<https://stillwaterptsa.org/volunteer-of-the-month/>

To nominate another deserving volunteer, <https://stillwaterptsa.org/volunteer-month-nomination/>

2018-2019 Stillwater Elementary PTSA Board Members & Leadership Team

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For Lead Volunteer contact info,
check our website at:
<http://stillwaterptsa.org/board-members/>

Staff Appreciation Week

Staff Appreciation Week (SAW) is May 6-10 and our theme this year is SUPERHEROS!

We have a SUPER week planned to shower our amazing staff with loads of appreciation. Lots of volunteers and supplies are needed, please login to MySchoolAnywhere to check out the signups. Here are the fun activities we have planned:

Monday: Soup & Salad lunch and Italian Sodas delivered throughout the day to the staff.

Tuesday: Red Pepper Pizza lunch and a staff car wash!

Wednesday: Morning coffee & cinnamon rolls, followed by a sub sandwich lunch.

Thursday: A morning smoothie bar and a Taco Bar lunch provided by Alive Electric and Ixtapa.

Friday: Picnic lunch, Italian Soda deliveries and a raffle basket drawing with items procured by the PTSA.

There are day of week suggestions for things that students can do to recognize the staff members, a flyer went home a few weeks ago with more details, you can also check out our website www.stillwaterptsa.org/saw.

Advocacy Update

The legislative session will wrap up at the end of April. The bills associated with school construction and changing bond voting from a super majority to a simple majority have died for this year. Two bills addressing the teacher shortage are making better progress. SHB 1621, regarding alternatives to the teacher basic skills test and SHB 1139, regarding strategies to improve and incentivize the recruitment and retention of highly effective educators. Learn more here:

<https://stillwaterptsa.org/advocacy-may-update/>
-Roslyn Reeps; Advocacy Chair

Greater PTSA Spotlight

Here is some Washington State PTA History!
"Washington State PTA's Founder Day was on April 14th. Washington State PTA was founded in 1905 by Abby Williams of Tacoma, an artist who saw the need for an organization to support Washington's children. Thanks to Abby's leadership and vision - and that of thousands of parents and teachers who have carried her vision forward - Washington State PTA has been a leading voice for children in the state ever since."

Lead Volunteers Needed

We have a few lead volunteers still needed for next year. The positions have varying time commitments and some can even be done from home. These are NOT Board of Director positions. Please contact Shelly Campbell by email president@stillwaterptsa.org for more information.

PTSA Staff & Volunteer Awards

Nominations were accepted during the month of March for the Golden Acorn, Outstanding Educator, Heart of the Hawk and Lifetime Membership Awards. We had 25 nominations with the bulk of them being for Outstanding Educator. The Awards committee will be meeting to determine this year's recipients and who will be recognized at the Year End Assembly on June 25th. All nominees will be notified of their nomination. We thank those who nominated and congratulate all the nominees.

Membership

Thank you to all of our Members. Please be sure to check out wastatepta.org for all your member benefits for this Spring and Summer. There are a lot of great chances to save on some really fun, cool family events. If you're in need of a rental car, be sure to check out Avis, Hertz and Budget first with your membership discounts. Check the website close to Summer to see WA State Fair discounts. Thank you for helping Stillwater Elementary PTSA be the best it can be.

Cheers, Carmen Love; Membership Chair

Stillwater School News

Student Council Movie Night is coming soon!
Friday, May 31st, 5:30-8:00 P.M. Movie to be announced soon. Doors open at 5:00pm so come early to get your spots! Bring a pillow, blanket or concert chair to make yourself comfortable on the gym floor. Pizza meals will be available to purchase along with popcorn, candy bars, water, soda and chips.

Community Outreach

Valley Power Packs is a program run through SVCN (Snoqualmie Valley Community Network) that provides weekend snacks to students in need at ALL schools in Riverview. They need donations every week and its easy, they have a shopping list on their website. Please consider signing up to provide packs: <https://snoqualmievalleycommunitynetwork.org/weekend-power-packs/>