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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.



October

Thursday/Friday 10/3-10/4 Picture Day Thursday 10/3 Popcorn Thursday (last recess) Friday 10/4 Open Basketball Night 6:30-8:00pm Friday 10/11 No School Friday 10/25 Student Council Movie Night Thursday 10/31 Harvest Parade 3pm

November

Tuesday 11/5 **Reflections Deadline** Wednesday 11/6 Hop-a-Thon Thursday 11/7 Popcorn Thursday (last recess) Monday 11/11 No School Wednesday 11/13 Hop a Thon Assembly 11/19-11/26 Book Fair Friday 11/22 Pottery Night 5:30-8:00pm 11/22-11/27 Conference Days 12:45pm realease 11/28-11/29 No School

December

Tuesday 12/3 General Mtg 6:30pm **Friday 12/13** Winter Carnival **12/23-1/3** No School



Happy Fall!

A Message From Your PTSA President

The new school year is in full swing and the PTSA is so excited for what's to come. Thank you to all the families that braved the rain and came out to our Annual Back to School Bash event! We hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as we did. Thank you to all the volunteers that coordinated/ran it, specifically our social team: Carmen Love and Danielle Gilbreath! Oct. 25th the PTSA will be partnering with our Student Council for a Harvest Movie Night! For more information please follow us on our Facebook group and/or watch your kidmail for updates.

Middle of October we'll start gearing up for our largest fundraiser of the year, the Hop-A-Thon, look for the fundraising envelope when it comes home in kidmail. There will be lots of fun incentives planned for the kids!

Thank you! Monique

Congrats to Mrs. Materi's class for collecting the most box tops over the summer and winning ice cream sandwiches. They collected 170 Box Tops by Sept 10th and were treated to their tasty goodies a few weeks ago.

Box Tops

The class that collected the most Box Tops for September was Mrs. Rohrbach's class with 195 Box Tops! Super job!!! Here are the classes in the lead for the end of year cupcake party: Rohrbach 195, Mrs. Materi 170, Ms. Hinton 126.

We are collecting clipped Box Tops and NEW this year, digital box tops! Download the app to earn Digital Box Tops for Stillwater. To participate in the classroom contest, forward your confirmation email from the app to boxtops@stillwaterptsa.org or for clipped Box Tops, send your labels to school with your student's name and teacher on the baggie.



Volunteering!

The PTSA has so many opportunities to volunteer! Provide an hour or a day! Fill out the volunteer portion of our membership/directory/volunteer form and you will be contacted when a volunteer need comes up that fits the availability of the box you checked. Checking a box does NOT obligate you to volunteer, it just gets you on the communication chain. The same form can also be filled out online,

https://stillwaterptsa.org/volunteer/. We are trying out a new volunteer system this year, called SignUp.com. When a volunteer opportunity comes up, we'll be entering it into SignUp.com and sending that link out to our volunteers. Also new this year, we'll be having a volunteer appreciation basket drawing twice a year. Every time you volunteer at an event you get an entry ticket into the drawing. The more times you volunteer, the more times you get entered to win. The first basket will be drawn in January. It's a Pamper Yourself theme, valued over \$200!!!

Pottery Night

Where: Stillwater Gym When: Friday, November 22nd 5:30-8pm Who: Everyone welcome ***PRE-ORDER YOUR BISQUE BY NOVEMBER 1^{st***}

Join us for Stillwater PTSA's Spring Pottery Paint Night on November 22nd from 5:30-8pm. Pre-order as many pieces as you would like, all items will be sent home with students or available for pick up on December 20th. We will have very little for sale on the night of the event, to guarantee the piece you want, please preorder by November 1st! PTSA Members get a discount on bisques. No food will be served. https://stillwaterptsa.org/pottery-night/

This is not a drop off event. An adult must accompany children.

Questions? artedu@stillwaterptsa.org

Open Basketball Night

Where: Stillwater Gym When: Friday, October 4th 6:30-8:00pm What: This is a FREE low key event, where we open the gym for Stillwater families to come enjoy some basketball time. We will have some hoops lowered for the littles. Bring your own basketball!

Questions? outreach@stillwaterptsa.org

Popcorn Thursdays

THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH (except for January and June) we'll be handing out FREE popcorn during last recess. Thank you Kratzer family for donating the organic coconut oil popcorn making Popcorn Thursdays possible!! The first Popcorn Thursday of the year is coming up on Thursday, October 3rd.

2019-2020 Stillwater Elementary PTSA Board Members & Leadership Team

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For Lead Volunteer contact info, check our website at: http://stillwaterptsa.org/boardmembers/

Volunteer of the Month

Congrats to Roslyn Reeps and the Green Team for being our September Volunteers of the Month. Roslyn and the Green Team was nominated by Jack Madigan and voted on by the PTSA Board of Directors. Here is a little bit of what Jack had to say about the Green Team: "Our Green Team is simply amazing! The work of Roslyn Reeps and our Green Team continues to bring a plethora of veggies into our cafeteria, introducing students to new vegetables like ground cherries, cucamelons, and pineapple berries. It is so cool to see produce grown in our garden served daily at school. Our Green team is also responsible for the increased conservation and recycling efforts at Stillwater."

Roslyn has 2 daughters, Norah (7) and Rebecca (4). Norah is attending Carnation Elementary this year. In response to the recognition, Roslyn said "Thanks so much for the award, and Jack for the nomination. The Green team volunteers worked very hard this summer to keep the garden going so that the students would have something to eat in the cafeteria and use as an outdoor classroom. I'm still working on the numbers, but most of the produce was donated to a local food bank when school wasn't in session. The volunteers were Doris Nelson, Sharon Nelson, Jen Bauer and Jen and Mike Hemker."

Thank you Roslyn and the Green Team! To read more about their nomination or to nominate someone else for VOM, please visit our website: https://stillwaterptsa.org/volunteer-of-the-month/

District Volunteer Application

To volunteer for the PTSA or in a classroom, including field trips, you must have completed the district volunteer application process. Check out their website for details on how to start the process: http://riverview.wednet.edu/departments/humanr esources/volunteer/volunteers.aspx. The good news, it lasts 2 years so if you completed an application last year you are still good to go!

Reflections

Stillwater PTSA invites your student to participate in The Reflections program, a National PTA and Washington State PTA cultural arts competition. This year students are asked to interpret this year's theme "Look Within". Young artists may submit an original work of art in the following areas: • Literature • Music Composition • Photography • Visual Arts • Film/Video • Choreography/Dance Entries are judged on creative ability and interpretation of the theme. For official rules, please visit: https://www.wastatepta.org/eventsprograms/reflections/ or contact our Reflections cochairs, Tessa Azami and Felicia Berg at reflections@stillwaterptsa.org Final artwork submissions are due November 5th.

Art Docent

PTSA's beloved Art Docent program is back this year with some modifications. Stillwater's new art specialist is teaching 5 days a week, yay! But this means the Art Docent program needed to change. We will be teaching glass and clay lessons in each classroom since Portable D is now a full time classroom. Please contact Uli at <u>artedu@stillwaterptsa.org</u> with questions or to sign-up to be an art docent.

Greater PTSA Spotlight

The WSPTA President's latest newsletter talked about the Power of Connection and planning events with "intentional inclusion" in mind. If you have an idea for how we can improve our events to make them more inclusive for all families, please reach out to our FACE Chair, Tiffany Weinert, <u>outreach@stillwaterptsa.org</u> https://www.wastatepta.org/wspta-presidentspower-of-connection-september-2019/

Legislative Update

Amy McHenry will be attending PTSA Legislative Assembly on October 26th and 27th representing Stillwater's voice. We can send more then 1 delegate, so if you would like to attend the event with her, send her an email, <u>advocate@stillwaterptsa.org</u>. You can also learn more about the event on WSPTA's website: <u>https://www.wastatepta.org/events-</u>

programs/legislative-assembly/. Stay tuned for more details on the February 2020 Bond vote that is VERY important for Stillwater and our district.

Membership

Stillwater actually led the district in PTSA memberships last year, thank you for your support! We were 345 members strong and so far this year we are 239. PTSA membership is an annual fee and it is school specific. So if you have a student at Stillwater and Tolt, we hope you join at both schools. It is \$12 for a membership, \$20 for a two person membership and \$10 for a staff membership. By being a PTSA member, not only do you show your support of Stillwater but you save money too. PTSA members get access to many national and regional discounts. But here at Stillwater, we give discounts to members at our PTSA events and activities. There is a \$5 savings per yearbook for PTSA Members! You can sign-up at any of the back to school events or online: https://stillwaterptsa.org/membership/. Sign up in the month of October and be entered to win a \$50 Amazon gift card.

Community News

Save the dates!

Riverview Education Foundation (REF) Auction will be on Saturday, February 1st

Snoqualmie Valley Community Network (SVCN) Auction will be on Saturday, February 8th