



September
Tuesday 9/3
 First day of School for 1st-5th Grades
Wednesday 9/4
 Kindergarten Curriculum Night
Friday 9/6
 First Full Day for Kindergarten
Tuesday 9/10
 Curriculum Night 5:30-7:30pm
Tuesday 9/10
 PTSA Meet & Greet 5:30-7pm
Friday 9/27
 Back to School Bash 4:30-7:30pm

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

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
11/28-11/29
 No School

Quick Tip



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A Message From Your PTSA President

Welcome Back!!

The PTSA is excited for another great year at Stillwater. We have 6 board members and 15 Leadership chairs ready to do their best to help enhance the learning experience of all our Stillwater Hawks. Last year was another record-breaking year for fundraising and we're looking to carry that momentum into this year! Last year we held 3 General PTSA meetings in the evenings and that seemed to work great for a lot of families so we will continue to do the same this year. Our general membership meetings are scheduled for December 3rd, April 9th, and June 11th, all at 6:30pm at Stillwater. We are planning some fun events this year but ALL events depend on volunteers. Check out the volunteer section below to find out how to get on our PTSA volunteer email list. The PTSA will be hosting a Meet & Greet during Curriculum Night on September 10th from 5:30-7:00pm, drop in style. This is a great opportunity for you to come, meet us and ask questions about how you can get involved at our school. Dates, times, and details can change so it's important to stay connected to what's going on at Stillwater but don't worry, we make it easy with many different ways to stay informed! • Our website: www.stillwaterptsa.org • Facebook Group –'Stillwater Elementary PTSA' • Kidmail (papers that come home weekly with your kids) • PTSA Membership Emails • Weekly newsletter email from Stillwater front office staff – Sign up on the school's website • Monthly newsletter. We're always looking to increase our membership numbers every year and with that, you get to support Stillwater, help provide a voice to children across the nation, receive MANY great discounts to national companies and PTSA events at Stillwater, have a vote at our general membership meetings, and did we already say SUPPORT STILLWATER?! Last year we led the district with PTSA Memberships and we want to do it again! If you ever have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at president@stillwaterptsa.org. Sincerely, Monique Linz

Box Tops

The winner of last year's hot cocoa party for collecting the most labels for the entire year was Mrs. Heinson's class!! Our back to school Box Tops Ice Cream Sandwich contest ends on September 10th. The class that collected the most Box Tops over the summer will win Ice Cream Sandwiches. Stay tuned here and our Facebook Group for the monthly leader board updates.

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.



Spiritwear

Spiritwear is on sale NOW! Don't miss out, there will not be another spiritwear sale until the spring!!!! This year we have fun accessories! You can check-out spiritwear samples at all of the back to school events, but you can only order items online: <https://stillwaterspiritwear-cmt1006.itemorder.com/sale>. You must order by September 29th.

Please note that spiritwear is a breakeven service we provide, it is NOT a fundraiser for the PTSA

Back to School Bash

Where: Stillwater Playground

When: Friday, September 27th 4:30-7:30pm

Who: Everyone welcome

Its that time of year again, we are all very excited to be back, seeing our friends, meeting new ones and gearing up for our back to school bash! We hope you and your family will join us and the rest of the Stillwater staff in welcoming back the students with a carnival theme bash.

There will be Food Truck vendors, bounce houses, face painting, feather painting, and of course our awesome bake sale table, and much more. If you want to bring your own picnic lunch, chairs or a blanket, please feel free.

We look forward to seeing you!

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!! We need 4 volunteers every time we do popcorn, contact Karen Wright at projects@stillwaterptsa.org if you are interested in helping out.

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!

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For Lead Volunteer contact info,
check our website at:

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

Have some time to volunteer?

Interested in offering some time for your school? The PTSA has so many opportunities to volunteer! Provide an hour or a day! Are you a full time working parent with little time to spare? We have options for you. Are you a stay at home parent with little time to spare? We have options for you. Are you our next PTSA President or popcorn server? We have options for you! Fill out the volunteer portion (at the bottom) 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 when there is a volunteer opportunity.

The same form can also be filled out online, <https://stillwaterpts.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 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!!!

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/humanresources/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/events-programs/reflections/> or contact our Reflections co-chairs, Tessa Azami and Felicia Berg at reflections@stillwaterpts.org
Final artwork submissions are due November 5th.

Art Docent

PTSA's beloved Art Docent program will be back this year with some modifications. Stillwater's new art specialist will be teaching 5 days a week, yay! But this means the Art Docent program needed to change. We will be teaching glass and clay lessons. How we'll teach them since the art portable is now a full time classroom is still being discussed. Please contact Uli at artedu@stillwaterpts.org with questions. There is a spot to sign-up as an art docent volunteer on the volunteer form.

Greater PTSA Spotlight

WSPTA changed their membership database this year. They are now working with memberplanet. Once we learn the new system, be on the lookout for your new PTA membership card that will be emailed out from memberplanet.

Legislative Update

Amy McHenry is our new PTSA Advocacy Chair. She has two sons at Stillwater, a 1st grader and a 4th grader. She will be attending PTSA Legislative Assembly in October representing Stillwater's voice. If you have any thoughts or questions about issues or policy affecting Stillwater Elementary on the local level, please reach out to her at advocate@stillwaterpts.org. 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! 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://stillwaterpts.org/membership/>. Sign up by Sept 30th and get entered to win a gift card basket valued at \$130. A two person membership gets you two entries into the drawing!

Community News

Valley Power Packs is gearing up for a new year of weekend food packs for Stillwater students in need. They depend on food (packaged "power packs") and monetary donations. They do not have an updated signup link yet, but once they do we will let everyone know on our Facebook group. You can also find their organization on Facebook @WPPDuvall. If you are a family that wants to learn about receiving weekend food packs, please contact our school's counselor, Danielle Peters and she will be able to assist you.