

A Message From Your PTSA President

Happy Holidays!!

Thank you Stillwater community for a fantastic 2019! We had our first General Membership Meeting on December 3rd, thank you for joining us! Our Superintendent, Dr. Anthony Smith, was our guest speaker. He shared a lot of important information in regards to the 2020 Bond coming up. We voted in the nominating committee and changes to our 2019/20 budget. Our membership, volunteer, and advocacy chairs also provided important updates. Some upcoming events to look forward to are our Winter Festival on Dec. 13th and our Family Lego night on January 24th! These will be super fun Social and Family and Community Engagement (F.A.C.E.) activities that everyone is invited to attend. We hope everyone has a great holiday break and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Monique Linz, PTSA President



Hop-a-Thon Recap

Our largest fundraiser of the year, the Hop-a-Thon was on Wednesday, November 6th! We raised \$25,788.16!!! Thank you Stillwater community! We had so much fun celebrating the success of the fundraiser with a spirit assembly on November 13th. 18 top earners and/or wild card winners competed in a food themed relay race. Mr. Madigan, Mr. Hammons and 3 students were brave and faced off in Food War. All classes hit their goal so we are scheduling Purple Cow parties for December. Our next fundraiser will be the Stillwater Experiences Silent Auction in February.

Box Tops

The class that collected the most Box Tops for November was a tie between Mauldin and Hintzke/Bauer with 67! Super job!!!

Here are the classes in the lead for the end of year cupcake party: Rohrbach, Materi, Walter

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



Stillwater Community News - HAWK EYES

Coming Soon! Stillwater Hawk Eyes! In January/February, we'll be launching a new volunteer opportunity for adults in our Stillwater community. Hawk Eyes will be a half-day opportunity to come get a sneak peek into all that goes on during a day in the life of Stillwater - classes, specialists, lunch and recess. It's also an amazing opportunity for our children to have even more positive role models in their school. If an on-going volunteer opportunity doesn't work for your schedule this might be just the thing for you! Just one half day - morning or afternoon! Kick-off event January 16th. Keep an eye out for more details to come on the PTSA Facebook page and in the weekly school emails!

Winter Festival

Where: Stillwater Gym

When: Friday, December 13th 5:00-7:00pm

Come celebrate the holidays at our NEW event, Winter Festival. There will be games, crafts, snacks, holiday merchandise, cake walk, photobooths and a movie. Snacks and crafts will range in price from \$1-\$2 per item. Cash/Check/Card accepted. Suggested entry fee is a new, unwrapped toy for a community toy drive. Our FACE team is planning a sensory friendly room at Winter Festival, see article to the right for more information. This is not a drop off event. An adult must accompany children.

Questions? social@stillwaterptsa.org

Save the Date - LEGO Night

Our FACE team is hard at work planning our second annual LEGO Night on Friday, January 24th! LEGO Night is a partnership with Bricks & Minifigs in Monroe.

Winter Festival - Sensory Friendly Room

Stillwater's FACE team is planning a sensory friendly room for the NEW Winter Festival. We know our large events can be overwhelming for students with sensory sensitivities so we are trying to help with that. The sensory friendly room will have carnival games, a craft and photobooth. The sensory friendly room will be in Room 6, which is across the hallway from Mrs. Sprague's room, down the Kindergarten hallway. Reach out to Tiffany at outreach@stillwaterptsa.org if you have any questions.

Quick Tip



2019-2020 Stillwater Elementary PTSA Board Members & Leadership Team

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[http://stillwaterptsa.org/board-
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November Volunteer of the Month

We would like to recognize and congratulate Amy McHenry as our November Volunteer of the Month. Amy was nominated by Lindsey Tolson and voted on by the PTSA Board of Directors. Here is what Lindsey had to say about Amy: "Amy is our advocacy chair, she attended Legislative Assembly in the past month and also joined the Riverview Schools Committee to bring Stillwater's voice to the 2020 bond vote prep. When we needed a last minute volunteer to create the Hop-a-Thon tracking poster she stepped in and did a FABULOUS job! She also volunteered during the Hop-a-Thon assembly helping the 4th and 5th graders complete the Taste Buds challenge during the relay race. She is one of our core volunteers that always comes through in a pinch and we so appreciate her! Thank you Amy!!" To read more about Amy please check out the VOM article on the website: <https://stillwaterptsa.org/volunteer-of-the-month/>

We would also like to recognize Rachel DelCarmen and Chelsea Krause, who received a nomination as well for their work counting during the Hop-a-Thon. Thank you both!

Attn: 5th Graders - Yearbook

Calling all 5th Grade Families!

5th Grade Baby Photos – It's time to take a trip down memory lane and find your favorite baby photo of your 5th grader. In the back of the yearbook we will feature baby pictures of all the 5th graders and a fun game of "Guess Who!" Submit the baby photos by January 24th.

Yearbook Cover Artwork – 5th Graders it is time to get the creativity flowing and work on your submission for our 2019-2020 cover! Every 5th grader can submit a drawing or painting for their 5th grade class to vote on their favorite to be our new yearbook cover! Submit your yearbook covers by January 24th.

Talent Show

The Stillwater Talent Show will be here before you know it! Make sure you are working on those acts over winter break! The sign-ups for the talent show will be January 13-16th. Other important dates to note, auditions will be January 30-31, dress rehearsal on February 20th, with the talent show itself on February 26th.

Directories

Student directories will be going home right before winter break! All PTSA members who signed up on or before November 27th will be receiving a copy of the directory. Thank you to our directory lead, Erin Morris for putting the directory together.

Greater PTSA Spotlight

Save the date for Riverview PTSA Council's Summer Resource Fair on Saturday, March 7th from 11am – 2pm at the Riverview District Building. Vendors from Western Washington with summer activities and camps for youth will be at the fair.

Playground Project Update

In October we surveyed the community and students regarding 3 playground upgrade options. The "green" option won the popular vote and has been sent to the district for consideration. The district will work with the playground company to approve a final design. Once we have the approved design we can get an updated quote and move forward with purchasing the equipment.

Legislative Update

October 26th-27th Amy McHenry attended the 2019 Legislative Assembly of the Washington State PTA (WSPTA). Please check out our website for her full report: <https://stillwaterptsa.org/legislative-advocacy/>

Membership

Stillwater actually led the district in PTSA memberships last year, thank you for your support! We were 345 members strong! So far this year we have 284 members. 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 online: <https://stillwaterptsa.org/membership/> or via the paper membership form that has gone home in kidmail (copies can also be found on our bulletin board).

2020 Bond Vote

In February of 2020 a VERY important bond will be presented for a vote in our community. The bond will address overcrowding issues, safety and security and facility improvements. Please follow "Riverview Schools Committee" on Facebook for more information.

General Meeting

Thank you for attending our 1st general membership meeting earlier this week on December 3rd. We voted in our nominating committee: Carmen Love, Danielle Gilbreath and Kirsten Lewis. We also voted on changes to our 2019-2020 budget and welcomed Dr. Anthony Smith as a guest speaker. He spoke about the hugely important 2020 bond. Check out our website for a full recap.