

A Message From Your PTSA President

Hello Stillwater Families!

We hope you had a fun chilly October! We had our first Popcorn Thursday and we held one of our Open Basketball nights. Thank you to those volunteers that helped!

Coming up in November is some exciting things for the PTSA. We have our largest fundraiser of the year as well as Pottery Night! It's going to be a fun-filled month.

Make sure you've read all about the Large Playground Replacement Project update (it has been emailed out, posted to FB and a short recap is on the reverse side).

Our first general meeting of the year is December 3rd from 6:30 -7:45 PM in the Library. All are welcome, including littles.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Monique



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

Tuesday 11/19

Picture Retake Day

11/19-11/26

Book Fair

Friday 11/22

Pottery Night 5:30-8:00pm

11/22-11/27

Conference Days 12:45pm release

11/28-11/29

No School

December

Tuesday 12/3

General Mtg 6:30pm

Friday 12/13

Winter Festival

12/23-1/3

No School

January

1/6-1/31

Read-a-Thon

1/13-1/16

Talent Show SignUps

Friday 1/24

LEGO Night

Wednesday 1/29

No School

1/30-1/31

Talent Show Auditions

Hop-a-Thon

Our largest fundraiser of the year, the Hop-a-Thon is on Wednesday, November 6th! As of November 4th we have raised \$6,198. Thank you everyone for your support!!! The spirit assembly to celebrate the Hop-a-Thon is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13th. As long as we hit our \$14,000 goals students who fundraised any amount of money will be able to sign up for a chance to play Food War. Sign-up forms are due by November 8th, paper copies are in the front office and they can also be found on our website: www.stillwaterptsa.org/forms/.

Box Tops

The class that collected the most Box Tops for October was Mrs. Epp's class with 142! Super job!!! Here are the classes in the lead for the end of year cupcake party: Rohrbach (243), Walter (184), Dr. F (176)

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.



Stillwater Community News

Stillwater Student Council is running a community food drive through November 15th. Grade levels have been assigned specific, non-perishable food items. (K/1st – breakfast, 2/3-lunch, 4th-drinks, 5th-snacks). The specific item list was sent home in kidmail and posted to Facebook. For every food item a student turns in, they will be given a blue ticket. Tickets are entered into a school-wide drawing for a class pizza party. Call the front office at 425-844-4680 with any questions.

Pottery Night

Where: Stillwater Gym

When: Friday, November 22nd 5:30-8pm

Join us for Stillwater PTSA's Pottery Paint Night on November 22nd from 5:30-8pm. The window to pre-order bisques has closed, there will be a small amount of bisques available to purchase at the door (while supplies last). All items will be sent home with students or available for pick up on December 20th. 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

Save the Date – NEW Event – Winter Festival

Our social team is excited to offer a NEW event to Stillwater this year, Winter Festival! So save the date for Friday, December 13th. Carnival games, holiday crafts, photobooth, yummy treats, and more!

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!!

Quick Tip



2019-2020
Stillwater Elementary
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Leadership Team

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check our website at:

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

October Volunteer of the Month

We would like to recognize and congratulate Karen Hendrickson as our October Volunteer of the Month. Karen was nominated by Karie Cato and voted on by the PTSA Board of Directors. Here is what Karie had to say about Karen: "Karen has been our reader board and kid mail person for the last 2 years and we are so appreciative of the help she provides in the communication process at Stillwater. There is always a lot of events going on here at Stillwater and one way of communicating to families just does not work - her consistency is such a gift to us, and we know that the reader board and kid mail make a difference. Thanks Karen so much for mastering this job for us - we are grateful!" Karen has 2 daughters, Sidney (10) and Aisling (7). She has been the PTSA's kidmail and readerboard lead for 2 years now and we so appreciate her help behind the scenes! Thank you Karen! <https://stillwaterptsa.org/volunteer-of-the-month/>

We would also like to recognize, Zoe Anderson, who received a nomination as well. Thank you Zoe!

Training Update

Chelsea Krause completed a PTA & the Law Webinar on October 21st. She learned about board member legal duties and how to identify and handle scams and fraud. She shared her learnings with the Stillwater PTSA Board of Directors.

Never say no to free training!

Reflections

Thank you and congrats to those students who submitted artwork for Reflections. This year's Reflections contest theme was "Look Within." Families will be notified via email in December if their student's artwork has been selected by our judges to move onto the district level. The district level Reflections Gala will be on January 10th. District judges decide which entries move onto state, and state judges decide which entries move onto Nationals. All Stillwater Reflections entries (whether they advance in the contest or not) will be celebrated at a Stillwater Spring Art Gala in May. More details to come soon. There will not be a Reflections specific gala in December this year, the spring gala is replacing that. If you have any questions please contact our Reflections co-chairs, Tessa Azami and Felicia Berg at reflections@stillwaterptsa.org

Art Docent

Art Docent time is upon us and we are up and ready to go. Please get in touch with your teachers and set up the times for your lessons. We only need three lessons for this year - or five, if you want to add another clay lesson. The lessons will be held in the classrooms! If you did not have time to come to our training or we missed your sign up, please send an email to artedu@stillwaterptsa.org and we will get in touch with you.

Greater PTSA Spotlight

WSPTA has secured two NEW membership discounts that we want to highlight. You can check out the benefits and discounts page of WSPTA's website for more information.

Papa John's Pizza - 30% off regular menu price for online orders.

Tacoma Venues - Monster Jam discounted tickets for January 10-12, 2020

Legislative Update

October 26th-27th Amy McHenry attended the 2019 Legislative Assembly of the Washington State PTA (WSPTA). Washington is one of the few state PTA's that actively involve their local PTSA's on this level. The purpose of the assembly is to determine the legislative priorities of WSPTA, to educate and mobilize advocates, and to advance WSPTA's legislative program. In addition to six general sessions in which resolutions were voted on, there were panels, education sessions and classes with varying topics. Mental health and the well-being of students, gun violence prevention, digital and internet safety and child abuse prevention supports were some of the larger issues discussed, but there were many others. I'm continuing to work on summarizing everything I learned at this assembly, so look for more information soon!

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 259 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 we will be sending out a paper membership form next week. Sign up by November 27th to be listed in the Stillwater PTSA Directory AND get entered to win a \$50 Amazon gift card!

Playground Project Update

We have had some recent updates surrounding the Large Playground Replacement Project. There are 3 options being proposed that are listed in a survey that we posted to Facebook and emailed out to members. If you did not receive the link and wish to take the survey, email president@stillwaterptsa.org. If you are new to Stillwater and curious about the background of this project, we have added a FAQs page to our website: <https://stillwaterptsa.org/playground-upgrade-project-faqs/>