



## A Message From Your PTSA President

Hello Stillwater Families!

Among all the activities and events we sponsor in February, the PTSA Board is also focused on filling our team for the 2020-2021 school year. The PTSA team here at Stillwater is a great group of parents that come together to create the FUN experiences and opportunities for all students at Stillwater. Positions for the next school year don't officially start until July 1, 2020, but planning begins sooner. If you are new to Stillwater or new to the PTSA and don't know where to start, feel free to reach out to me and I can walk you through the ins and outs of the positions or connect you with the right person. A lead volunteer is a great place to start for someone new to the PTSA because you'll be paired with an experienced chair. We have positions with varying levels of time commitments, some that are once a year and some that are ongoing and some that are more at home vs in person. To apply for a lead volunteer position please e-mail me at [president@stillwaterptsa.org](mailto:president@stillwaterptsa.org). Thank you for considering giving back to Stillwater!

Thank You,

Monique Linz, PTSA President

## Advocacy Update - February 2020 Bond

The Riverview School District is running a 125 million dollar Bond on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Please visit the website [www.bond.rsd407.org](http://www.bond.rsd407.org) for more information. The Riverview Schools Committee is holding Meet and Greets to talk about the Bond. February 5, 5-6pm at Pickle Time in Duvall. February 8, 10-11am at Duvall Grill. February 8, 11am-12pm at Blake's Pizzeria in Carnation. This Bond is VERY important for Stillwater and our community. Our elementary schools are overcrowded, all the schools need security updates and all the schools need building modifications. Stillwater PTSA voted YES to endorse this Bond.

## Box Tops

The class that collected the most Box Tops for December was Skaug with 51 and in January it was Materi with 110!! Super job!!! Here are the classes in the lead for the end of year cupcake party: Rohrbach (397), Materi (345), Walter (258).

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](mailto: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 - HAWK EYES

On 1/30/20 we officially launched our new Hawk Eyes program. Thank you to everyone who came out! If you couldn't make it, it's not too late to sign up! We'd love to have as many adults as we can get to participate in this new volunteer opportunity! Registration forms will be coming home soon. You can also contact [racheldelcarmen@gmail.com](mailto:racheldelcarmen@gmail.com) if you have questions or would like to sign up.

## Valentine's Bingo & Silent Auction

**Where:** Stillwater Gym

**When:** Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> 5:15-7:30pm

Come celebrate Valentine's Day with our always fun Valentine's Bingo and Silent Auction! We will have around 1.5 hours of Bingo play, pizza for sale at the door, a bake sale and the ever popular 'Stillwater Experiences' Silent Auction. New this year, get one Bingo card and be able to play Bingo all night for \$5 (instead of buying separate cards for regular bingo and then blackout). 2 pizza slices will be \$4 for PTSA members, \$5 for non members, sold while supplies last. We need adult and teen volunteers for this event, please reach out to the email below if you can help.

Questions? [social@stillwaterptsa.org](mailto:social@stillwaterptsa.org)

## Greater PTSA Spotlight- Summer Resource Fair

The first Saturday of March, Riverview PTSA Council partners with Riverview School District to host a Summer Resource Fair at the district building. This year, the fair is on March 7<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm. This event makes it easy for families to plan their summer activities! Vendors with summer camps, classes, activities and even job opportunities for teens will be present. All the vendors bring amazing door prizes, some even camp gift certificates valued over \$250?!?! This event is FREE and everyone who attends gets a free door prize ticket, additional tickets are available for purchase. Check out their Facebook page for more information, 'Riverview PTSA Council.'

**February**  
**Saturday 2/1**  
 REF Auction  
**Thursday 2/6**  
 Popcorn Thursday  
**Friday 2/7**  
 Valentine's Bingo & Silent Auction  
**Saturday 2/8**  
 SVCN Auction  
**2/14-2/18**  
 No School  
**Thursday 2/20**  
 Talent Show Rehearsal  
**Wednesday 2/26**  
 Talent Show

**March**  
**3/2-3/6** Read Across America Week  
**Monday 3/2**  
 2020-2021 Kindergarten Packets Available  
**Thursday 3/5**  
 Popcorn Thursday  
**Thursday 3/12**  
 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Yearbook Stuff Due - baby pics & artwork cover contest  
**Friday 3/13**  
 No School  
**3/19-3/20**  
 Class Picture Day  
**Wednesday 3/25**  
 Hawk Walk

**April**  
**Thursday 4/2**  
 Popcorn Thursday  
**Friday 4/3**  
 Hawk Walk Assembly  
**Tuesday 4/7**  
 PTSA General Meeting - Elections  
**Thursday 4/9**  
 STEAM Night  
**4/13 - 4/17**  
 No School  
**Friday 4/24**  
 Yearbook Order Deadline  
**4/29 - 4/20**  
 Dance Lady!

Quick Tip



2019-2020  
Stillwater Elementary  
PTSA Board Members &  
Leadership Team

Board of Directors

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For Lead Volunteer contact info,  
check our website at:

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

December & January Volunteer of the Month

We would like to recognize and congratulate Kirsten Lewis as our December Volunteer of the Month and Erin Morris as our January Volunteer of the Month. Kirsten was nominated by Amy Pitt and Monique Linz and voted on by the PTSA Board of Directors. Kirsten is our yearbook lead and a frequent volunteer, including an ad hoc volunteer shift at Pottery Night when Kirsten saw the PTSA needed help. Erin was nominated by Lindsey Tolson and voted on by the PTSA Board of Directors. Erin is our new directory lead this year. She spent a painstaking amount of hours putting together the PTSA Directory. To read more about Kirsten and Erin and their nominations, please visit our website: <https://stillwaterptsa.org/volunteer-of-the-month/>.

We would also like to recognize Zoe Anderson who was nominated for December Volunteer of the Month and GhostStar Morgan, Carmen Love and Danielle Gilbreath who were all nominated for January Volunteer of the Month. Thank you for your time and dedication to our school!

Attn: 5<sup>th</sup> Graders - Yearbook

Calling all 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Families!

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Baby Photos and the Optional Yearbook Cover Contest are due March 12<sup>th</sup>! Reach out to [yearbook@stillwaterptsa.org](mailto:yearbook@stillwaterptsa.org) with questions.

Talent Show

The Stillwater Talent Show is almost here! Signups for the talent show are now closed. We held auditions on January 30-31. The dress rehearsal for the talent show is on February 20<sup>th</sup>, with the talent show itself on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Amy McHenry and Jen Coffey for returning as our talent show leads!

Reflections Recap

Thank you to all the students who participated in the National PTA Reflections contest. This year's theme was Look Within. We had 22 entries, 16 of which advanced to the council (district) level. At the council gala on January 10<sup>th</sup> we learned that 1 Stillwater student, Jaxon Nelson was advancing to the state level. Great job Jaxon! Also, we want to give a big thank you to our Reflections lead, Tessa Azami, thank you Tessa! Stay tuned for info on our NEW Spring Art Gala, where all Reflections pieces will be invited to be on display.

Playground Project Update

Playground Update! The project is moving along, so exciting! We sent the popular vote playground structure to the district for review. They are working through the design approval process with the playground company. We will have a final decision by the April General Meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> and the plan is a summer 2020 installation!

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 296 members. PTSA membership is an annual fee and it is school specific. 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 and is also posted on our bulletin board.

Nominating Committee

Every December, Stillwater PTSA elects it's nominating committee. The nominating committee is tasked with finding the best candidates for the PTSA's executive board. The 4 positions on the executive board are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. This year's nominating committee is Lori Rush, Danielle Gilbreath and Kirsten Lewis. If you are interested in applying for one of those 4 positions, there is a nomination form that can be found on our website and returned to Stillwater by February 28<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in being more involved in the PTSA next year, but in a role with less responsibility, we will begin advertising openings in our leadership team in the coming months. If you have questions for the nominating committee, their contact information is on the nominations form: <https://stillwaterptsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/PTSA-Nomination-Form.pdf>