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Month of March 2020 • www.stillwaterptsa.org • Carnation, WA •Editor: Lindsey Tolson 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.



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 5th Grade Yearbook Stuff Due baby pics & artwork cover contest Friday 3/13 No School 3/19-3/20 Class Picture Day Thursday 3/19 Screenager's the Next Chapter

Friday 3/20 Spring Bingo 5:30pm Wednesday 3/25 Hawk Walk

#### April

Thursday 4/2 Popcorn Thursday Thursday 4/2 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 – 4/30 Dance Lady!

May

Friday 5/1 Dance Lady & Spring Dance 5/4 – 5/8 Staff Appreciation Week (SAW) Tuesday 5/7 Popcorn Thursday Thursday 5/14 Moms & Me 8:15am Friday 5/22 Arts Day & Art Gala Thursday 5/28 Spring (incoming), Kinder Social Quick Tip

# A Message From Your PTSA President

Hello Stillwater Families! Spring is Almost Here! I hope everyone enjoyed their mid-winter break and is ready to tackle the second half of the school year. In February we passed the halfway mark and had some crazy flood days. PTSA Talents show was a GREAT success thanks to our co-leads, Amy McHenry & Jen Coffey, and many volunteers. It was so fun to watch all of our student's many talents! We also had our showing of the first chapter of SCREENAGERS sponsored by Riverview PTSA's in February. **The next chapter will be showing on March 19th, 6-9 pm at the Riverview Educational Center. Remember, this event is free to attend.** March will bring our next largest fundraiser, the Hawk Walk! We will have elections for our 2020-2021 board of directors at the next General Membership Meeting on April 9th at 6:30 pm. We still have many lead volunteer positions available, all with varying degrees of time commitment. Some are more geared towards work from home. Please contact me ASAP if you are interested in giving back to Stillwater and taking on a lead volunteer role. Thanks, Monique Linz PTSA President

#### Box Tops

The class that collected the most Box Tops for February was Mauldin with 142!! Super job!!! Here are the classes in the lead for the end of year cupcake party: Rohrbach (413), Materi (361), Mauldin (282).

We are collecting clipped Box Tops and NEW this year, digital box tops! Download the app to Digital Box Tops for Stillwater. To participate in the classroom contest, forward your confirmer email from the app to <u>boxtops@stillwaterptsa.org</u> 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

The Hawk Eyes program officially launched in January and we've had a few volunteers come through the program so far! Are you asking yourself what is Hawk Eyes? This is a new program at Stillwater. You might have heard of friends at other schools doing Watch DOGS – this is our spin on that. Hawk Eyes is a flexible schedule volunteer opportunity. You come for a half day based on your schedule – you'll be with your student's class, visit a specialist class, help at recess and attend lunch. Reach out to Rachel DelCarmen at <u>racheldelcarmen@gmail.com</u> to sign up or to ask questions.

# Spring Bingo (Rescheduled Valentine's Bingo)

Where: Stillwater Gym When: Friday, March 20<sup>h</sup> 5:30-7:45pm

Come enjoy some family fun playing Bingo! We will have around 1.5 hours of Bingo play, pizza for sale at the door, and a bake sale. **Please note the Silent Auction that was scheduled to be at Valentine's Bingo will now be at the Spring Dance in May.** 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

# 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.'

# 2019-2020 Stillwater Elementary PTSA Board Members & Leadership Team

#### Board of Directors

President: Monique Linz president@stillwaterptsa.org

#### Vice President:

Chelsea Krause vicepresident@stillwaterptsa.org

#### Secretary:

Lori Rush secretary@stillwaterptsa.org

#### Treasurer: Lindsey Tolson tres@stillwaterptsa.org

#### Co-Membership:

Carmen Love & Lori Rush membership@stillwaterptsa.org

#### Leadership Team Chairs

Art Education Chair: Uli Staerk artedu@stillwaterptsa.org

Advocacy Chair: Amy McHenry advocate@stillwaterptsa.org

#### Co-Social Chairs: Carmen Love & Danielle Gilbreath social@stillwaterptsa.org

Special Project Chair: Karen Wright projects@stillwaterptsa.org

FACE Chair: Tiffany Weinert outreach@stillwaterptsa.org

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

# February Volunteer of the Month

We would like to recognize and congratulate Danielle Gilbreath as our February Volunteer of the Month. Danielle was nominated by Carmen Love and voted on by the PTSA Board of Directors. Danielle is half of our fabulous social team, Danielle and Carmen are behind all those fun social events: Back to School Bash, Winter Festival, Spring Bingo and Spring Dance. Here is a little bit of what Carmen had to say about Danielle, "She has put in countless hours of prep for each event we do, whether its hand making 30 2-3 ft snowflakes until 3am, or traveling all over Redmond and Woodinville trying to find the right party accessories and things the kids would like...she never gives up, and she strives to make each event better than the last...Thank you Danielle for putting the kids of Stillwater and their events so high up on your list!..."

To read more about Danielle and their nominations, please visit our website: https://stillwaterptsa.org/volunteer-of-the-month/.

### 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 with questions.

# Yearbook

Yearbook order forms went home in February. You can order yearbooks until April 24<sup>th</sup> via the paper order form or on our website. If you can't remember if you've ordered a yearbook yet this year, check out our NEW orders checklist, <u>www.stillwaterptsa.org/yearbook-2020/</u>. Also, please keep sending in classroom party photos to <u>yearbook@stillwaterptsa.org</u>. Every time you email you get entered to win a free yearbook!

# Staff & Volunteer Awards

Staff and Volunteer Awards Nomination Forms are going home in kidmail in March. Nominations are due March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please take a few minutes to show some love to the amazing staff and volunteers we have by filling out a nomination form. Everyone who is nominated gets recognized. Nominations can be done online on our website as well.

# 2020-2021 PTSA Openings

Stillwater PTSA has MANY volunteer opportunities. There is a lot of love and work that goes into all the fabulous things our PTSA does, and they all require volunteers willing to share their time and talents. If you are looking to take on a lead volunteer position and get more involved next year please contact our president, Monique Linz,

president@stillwaterptsa.org and she can discuss
your interests with you and what openings we have.
We know it can be scary getting involved in
something new, but we promise we don't bite!!!

### 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! Attend the general meeting to be able to vote on the color of the playground!

# Membership

Stillwater actually led the district in PTSA memberships last year, we were 345 members strong! So far this year we have 302 members. Since we are short of our goal we are opening another membership contest. Sign up by March 13<sup>th</sup> and get entered to win a gift card. There will be 6 winners! 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

# Hawk Walk

in kidmail and is also posted on our bulletin

board.

Whoop, whoop! Our 2<sup>nd</sup> largest fundraiser of the year is coming up at the end of March. The students always have a blast walking/running around the track with the entire school. Sadly this year we won't be able to bring back Blitz for the Hawk Walk, he has a prior engagement. But we'll still have fun while raising money for our awesome school! Our goal for the Hawk Walk is to raise \$13,000. PTSA fundraisers support the PTSA budget in it's entirety. This includes staff and school grants, field trip stipends, field day, all arts day, art docent, start of year supply funds for teachers, PE, Music, Library, Art enrichment funds, playground upgrades, AND MUCH MORE! Our budget can always be found on our website,

www.stillwaterptsa.org/budget. If the school hits their goal of \$13,000 we'll have a spirit assembly to celebrate where Mr. Madigan and Mr. Hammons will lead 2 teams in a game of Say Whaaat? (a game from Ellen's Game of Games).