

# Hawk Talk

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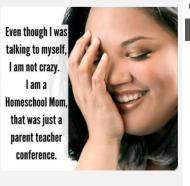
The mission of Stillwater Elementary PTSA is to work in partnership with parents, students, community members and school personnel to support Stillwater Elementary School. The PTSA enhances the curriculum and programs provided by the Riverview School District by providing safe, healthy, fun and educationally enriching programs and activities.



June
Thursday 6/4
Virtual Dads & Donuts
Wednesday 6/17
PTSA General Membership Mtg
6:30pm
Friday 6/19

Last Day of School

We can't wait until our calendar is full again! Have a safe and fun summer Stillwater Hawks!





Quick Tip



## Stillwater Community, A Message From Your PTSA President

It has been an interesting school year with remote learning due to COVID-19. Stillwater staff, parents, and our own PTSA have been pushed to unknown challenges. The PTSA still was able to accomplish many great things this year but not everything we planned. We missed some of our great events like Hawk Walk, Bingo, Spring Dance, and a few others but that did not stop our PTSA from trying to the make the best of it. The parents that serve on our board are dedicated, passionate and worked to get things accomplished via ZOOM meetings and constant communications to put together some virtual fun. We do not know what the 2020-2021 school year will bring yet but your Stillwater PTSA will be there and ready to face it. One of the highlights of 2019-2020 is that we did finish raising enough funds for a new playground and we even put down a deposit thanks to the unanimously voting that was held during our April General Meeting. This playground is going to be a volunteered based install so if you're interested in being a part of this amazing event please email me at m.linz@hotmail.com. We will be looking for help to rip out and install the new set. We'll have more updates soon. We hope everyone is staying healthy and safe during this time and can't wait to see everyone again in fall! Sincerely, Monique Linz

## Box Tops

Keep clipping and scanning (on the App) those Box Tops! We'll be picking up the classroom contests again in the fall. Thank you!



## THANK YOU PTSA VOLUNTEERS!

The Stillwater PTSA Board of Directors wanted to say THANK YOU to all of our fabulous volunteers. We had 81 volunteers this year (not including art docent) that made all our events and activities possible before school was closed. From Nuts & Bolts, to popcorn Thursdays, to Bake Sales, to Social Events, to Hearing & Vision, to Hop-a-Thon, to Picture Day and MORE! So many things that were all made possible because of our rock star volunteers. Then there is our 27 person PTSA Leadership Team working hard behind the scenes to make the magic happen. Crafting posters, updating the readerboard, translating flyers into Spanish, planning/running events, creating the Yearbook, updating the website, coordinating Reflections, providing hospitality at meetings, baking treats for events, popping popcorn, sorting spiritwear, crunching numbers, running the kiln, applying for awards, recognizing volunteers, creating a directory, counting Box Tops, counting cash at events, wrangling talent show stars, AND ON AND ON. We appreciate you all! Thank you for all you do to support our Stillwater community.

# Dads & Donuts - Virtual Style

When: Thursday, June 4th - All Day

PTSA President

June 4<sup>th</sup> was our scheduled Dads & Donuts event. While we are sad we can't be together for this always popular event, we want to be able to celebrate the event virtually! Dads, Grandpas, Uncles, Male Role Models – grab a treat with your kiddos: donut, cookie, ice cream, brownie, smoothie, popsicles, fruit (whatever your family considers a treat). And then play a game or do an activity together. We would love to see pictures of your family celebrating Dads & Donuts. Every family that posts a picture to the event invite on our Facebook group will be entered to win a prize. We will have 2 - \$20 Amazon gift cards to give away.

## June Virtual General Membership Meeting

Our last general membership meeting of the school year is on **Wednesday**, **June 17th at 6:30pm**. Please check our Facebook Group and website for meeting updates. In addition, PTSA Members will receive an email with the Zoom meeting link. During this meeting we'll be providing an update to the Playground Upgrade project, voting on the 2020-2021 PTSA Budget and the 2020-2021 Standing Rules. Everyone is welcome, only current PTSA members can vote. We will have a couple door prizes to give away!

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/

## Training Recap - WSPTA Virtual Convention

For the first time ever, WSPTA held a virtual convention. The convention was over 1.5 weeks in May with lots of opportunities for online classes, networking and general session meetings. Stillwater PTSA had 6 board members attend convention, they took 13 classes and had representation at all of the general sessions. For a full convention report please visit our website: https://stillwaterptsa.org/wspta-2020-virtual-convention-recap/.

## Incoming Board of Directors

At our April 7<sup>th</sup> Virtual General Membership Meeting, the following candidates were voted into office for the 2020-2021 school year:

President - Monique Linz

Co Vice Presidents - Lori Rush & Lindsey Tolson

Treasurer – Chelsea Krause

Secretary - Shannon Bennett

The board of directors will consist of the 5 executive board members listed above and Kirsten Lewis who is our co-membership chair with Lori Rush.

## Yearbook Distribution

Yearbooks can be picked up during your student's scheduled classroom/supply pick-up day/time. Please refer to the email from the school with the pick-up schedule. If you cannot attend your scheduled time, they will have make-up times available and your yearbook can be picked up then.

# Staff & Volunteer Awards

Staff & Volunteer Nomination forms went home in kidmail before the schools closed. We received 0 staff award nominations, but we know it was a crazy time for all so we look forward to picking those awards back up next year. We did have a couple volunteer nominations received and we are excited to celebrate the winners at our June general membership meeting.

## Staff Appreciation Week Recap

Staff Appreciation Week (SAW) looked a little different this year. But we were happy to sprinkle some cheer and appreciation towards our amazing staff members. We built and delivered goodie baskets/bags to every single staff member. Thank you Shannon Bennett for leading this project and to all of the volunteer delivery drivers. In addition to the goodie baskets, we challenged all families to show their appreciation with different pictures and videos throughout the week. Thank you to all the families that participated! The staff loved seeing your messages. Thank you to Amy McHenry for spearheading this.

We are extending the video deadline for Staff Appreciation videos and turning it into an end of year thank you. Please get them uploaded by June 10th to individual staff folders or make one general thank you video to the Stillwater staff (it's the very first folder). We challenge you to make 2 or 3 videos each week until the deadline! If your child is not interested in being recorded, feel free to upload a photo of them holding a picture they've drawn to thank staff. Check out our website for the OneDrive link.

# Award Winning PTSA!

Each year our PTSA applies for several awards through the WSPTA Awards of Excellence Program. Thank you to our Awards Lead, Michelle Berens who collects all the application materials and submits them each year. We applied for 4 awards this year: Standards of Excellence, Outstanding Website, Outstanding **Newsletter and Outstanding Communication** Strategy. We are so thrilled to have been recognized as a Gold Winner for Standards of Excellence (that is the most extensive awards application that encompasses all things PTSA's should/can be doing), and as a Silver Winner for Outstanding Newsletter, Outstanding Communication Strategy, and Outstanding Website.

In addition, we were recognized again for 100% Staff Membership. We greatly appreciate the strong partnership our PTSA has with the staff, thank you staff for your continued support!

## 2020-2021 PTSA Openings

We have several PTSA Leadership Team openings for next year: Art Education Chair, Staff Appreciation Leads, Popcorn Lead, and Reflections Lead. All of these positions range in time commitment. If you are interested in learning more about any of the positions please reach out to Monique Linz at <a href="mailto:president@stillwaterptsa.org">president@stillwaterptsa.org</a>. Additionally, if you want to be more involved but aren't sure if any of those positions fit your interests, still reach out to Monique. Throughout the year we always have ad-hoc volunteer needs that come up.

## Community News

Parent Input Forms for the 2020-2021 School Year are now available for pick up between 11-12 each day in the lunch pine pick up. The due date for these forms is Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and can be dropped off between 11-12 as well.

To order a FREE lunch for any child 18 years or younger, visit

https://www.engage.rsd407.org/foodservice.
Orders must be placed from 2-9:30pm the
day before and pick-up occurs between
11am and 12pm. The children must be
present during pick-up and meals are grab
and go.