STILLWATER ELEMENTARY

PTSA Fall Recap

Hawks Highlights from September & October

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A Message from the PTSA President

Stillwater Community,

As we settle into the school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on what we've accomplished and share what's ahead for our PTSA.

This has been a rebuilding year, with much of our summer and fall focused on recruiting volunteers and filling open positions. Guiding our efforts has been the feedback from last spring's staff and family surveys, with two key priorities: improving communication and rethinking our fundraising strategy.

We kicked off the year with a fantastic Back-to-School Bash, complete with bounce houses, a petting zoo (yes, a petting zoo!), and a torrential downpour that couldn't dampen the fun! Huge thanks to our new social co-leads, Corrine Stein, Jenny Cockrell, and Katie Williams, for making it happen.

At our October 7 General Membership Meeting, we welcomed our new principal, Kyle Hutchinson, and shared plans for our February Boosterthon fundraiser. We also enjoyed another fantastic Trunk or Treat! Thank you to Stephanie Novin and all our creative trunk hosts for making it such a fun event.

And we're just getting started! Coming up, we have Pottery Night and our annual Reflections program, giving students opportunities to connect, create, and showcase their talents.

We still need volunteers to fill three roles: Membership Chair, Communications Support, and Spring Break Online Challenge Lead.

Between working full-time at Amazon and juggling four kids, life is plenty busy. So why did I come out of PTSA retirement this year? Because I genuinely believe there's no better way to be involved in my kids' school while making a difference for all Stillwater students. The friendships, connections, and memories we help create far outweigh the occasional chaos!

If you've ever thought about getting involved, I encourage you to give it a try. You don't need endless free time or all the answers, just a willingness to help. Our PTSA is only as strong as the community behind it, and we'd love to have you join us!

Thank you for helping make Stillwater such a special place for our kids!

Lindsey Tolson
Stillwater PTSA President

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Join the Flock!

We're **64%** of the way to our goal of **240 members.** Help us get there!

64%

0 Goal: 240

PTSA is its members. Every person who joins adds to our voice for Stillwater kids. Membership is individual, so **parents, grandparents, caregivers, and staff** can each join.

MEMBER PERKS

- $5 off yearbooks
- 10% off Pottery Night
- A vote at member meetings

Scan to join!
stillwaterptsa.givebacks.com/shop
Why PTSA? stillwaterptsa.org/whyptsa



Hawks in Action

Back to School Bash

Bounce houses, a petting zoo, the Cake Walk, and pizza, all in a classic Pacific Northwest downpour! Thank you to every volunteer and cake baker who helped kick off the year in true Hawks style.

Trunk or Treat

Thank you to our volunteers and to every family who fed the Candy Monster with candy donations. We loved seeing all the costumes and creative trunks!

Popcorn Tuesdays

Popcorn Tuesdays are back as a monthly treat for our Hawks. Keep an eye on our Facebook Group for upcoming dates.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Meet the Social Team!



Katie, Corrine & Jenny

Katie Williams, Corrine Stein, and Jenny Cockrell are moms of 2nd graders whose kids have been classmates since kindergarten.

As full-time working moms, they teamed up to share the load and bring our social events to life, starting with the Back to School Bash.

Coming soon: Bingo Night and the brand-new Winter Dance! Read their full spotlight at **stillwaterptsa.org**.

Your PTSA at Work



PTSA GRANT

$4,000

for our specialists!

In October, PTSA presented a $4,000 grant to our specialists. Thank you for the creativity and energy you bring to our Hawks every week!

$1,000	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
Art	Library	PE	Music

FUNDRAISER

$454.14

raised at MOD Pizza!

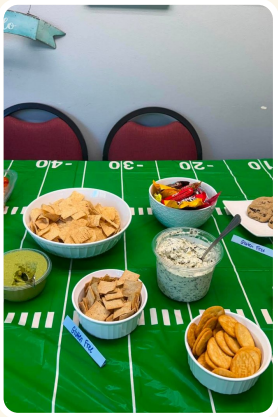


Thank you to every family who came out or ordered in on October 14, and to MOD Pizza for partnering with us.

STAFF APPRECIATION

Celebrating Our Staff Every Month

Each month, PTSA treats our amazing Stillwater staff. September brought a game-day tailgate spread, and October featured an apple nacho bar.



September tailgate



October apple nacho bar

Staff Favorites List: Want to show a staff member some love? Find their favorite snacks, drinks, and stores on our Staff Favorites list at **stillwaterptsa.org**, compiled by volunteer Kirsten Lewis.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

Your Voice in Olympia

Advocacy Chair Matthew Hayward represented Stillwater at the Washington State PTA Legislative Assembly in Bothell, October 14-15. Members from across the state voted on the priorities PTA will champion for kids and families this year:

- Support for students with disabilities
- Student mental health
- Literacy and math proficiency
- Student safety from gun violence
- Strategic investments in education
- Community school-building
- Climate-ready schools
- Limiting personal devices during school hours

This is what membership is all about: your voice, carried all the way to the state level.

Thank you for an amazing fall, Hawks families!

Every event, donation, and volunteer hour this season came from people like you.

Meet Your Board



Lindsey Tolson
President



Monique Linz
Vice President



Heidi Huibregtse
Treasurer



Matthew Hayward
Secretary



Leia Deak
Communications



Could this be you?
Membership Chair

Coming Up

Date	What's Happening
Nov 4	**Pottery Night preorders close.** Order at stillwaterptsa.givebacks.com/shop
Nov 11	No School (Veterans Day)
Nov 17	Free LEARN® Suicide Prevention Training for parents and caregivers, 6:30-8:00 PM, Cedarcrest HS Library. Register by Nov 13.
Nov 18	**Pottery Night,** 5:00-8:00 PM, Stillwater Gym. Members save 10% with code PTSAPOTTERY. Not a drop-off event.
Nov 19	Conferences, 12:45 PM release
Nov 20	**Reflections entries due!** Theme: "What My Culture Means To Me." No School K-5 (Conferences)
Nov 25	Half Day, 12:45 PM release
Nov 26-27	No School (Thanksgiving Break)
February	**Boosterthon** fundraiser. Save the date!

NEW!

Rep the Hawks!

Our new spirit wear shop is open year-round. Tees, hoodies, and crews in youth and adult sizes, shipped right to your door.



Scan to shop
socialclubz.com/pages/stillwater-elementary

GET INVOLVED

We Need You!

Open roles: **Membership Chair**, **Communications Support**, and **Spring Break Online Challenge Lead**. No experience needed, just a willingness to help. Email **president@stillwaterptsa.org** or scan for details.

Stay Connected

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Go Hawks!