



Hawk Talk

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A Message From Your PTSA President

Stillwater Community,

It has been an honor serving our wonderful community for the last two years, thank you for your support. For those who don't know, the WA State PTA Bylaws allow elected officers to serve two only terms, so it is time for me to turn over the reigns. It is a bittersweet time for me because there is so much to learn with this position, and just when I started to feel like I got it figured out, the two years are up BUT I am passing the baton to an AMAZING leader who is going to do great things for our school and community. Shelly Campbell came to Stillwater two years ago from Kirkland and has immersed herself in all things Stillwater. She was co-social chair this year and along with Stacy Reddy and Jenn Anderson coordinated social events nearly every month of the school year. She has a true passion for volunteer work and is dedicated to seeing the PTSA succeed in it's support of Stillwater.

The PTSA has accomplished many great things over the last two years, and it was the hardworking PTSA Board of Directors, our volunteers and the strong partnership with Mr. Madigan and the staff at Stillwater that made it all possible. **THANKYOU!!!** I have to say, the women that serve on our board are dedicated, passionate and kindhearted. They go above and beyond every week to support the various programs and events we have at Stillwater. Thank you fellow PTSA'ers for your time, support and leadership over the last two years, it's been a great pleasure working with all of you!

My ask to the community before I sign off is that next year, you volunteer for just 1 event or activity at Stillwater. If every parent or even half of the parents at Stillwater did that, then all of those dedicated parents on our Board or repeat volunteer list would be able to work a little less and maybe even attend an event with their family instead of volunteering at it.

Thank you Stillwater community!
Lindsey Tolson
Stillwater PTSA President



June:
Wednesday 6/7
Popcorn Wed (last recess)
Thursday 6/8
PTSA General Meeting 2pm
Thursday 6/8
PTSA Volunteer Apprec. Party
(by invite only)
Thursday 6/22
Kinder Graduation 9:30am
Field Day 1:00-3:00pm
Monday 6/26
Awards Assembly 10am
Last Day of School

HAVE AN AMAZING SUMMER!!!

Running of the Balls Success
Thank you Stillwater Community for coming out and supporting our first venture with Duvall Days. Per our gambling license, we had 1,000 balls to sell and we **SOLD OUT!** That means we made just over \$4,000!! Lucky ball #432 was the winner and went to one of our Stillwater parents! Congrats on winning \$500! Thank you to the Running of the Balls Planning Committee who coordinated all the festivities: Monique Linz, Shelly Campbell, Stacy Reddy & Lindsey Tolson. There were a lot of logistics to work out with this being the first year and they did a great job! See our Facebook post in the group for more details and the video!

Who won the year-end Cotton Candy Party?

The class that collected the most Box Tops & Labels for Education in May is Mrs. Skaug's class with 373! Super job!!!

The winner of the cotton candy party for collecting the most labels for the entire year is... Mrs. Morman's Class!!!

Here is the FINAL leaderboard for the year end competition:

- 1) Morman 1,356
- 2) Liljigren 1,299
- 3) Crouch 1,282



Thank you for collecting Box Tops, Labels for Education & Tyson Labels! We collected a total of 12,761!!! Don't forget that the Labels for Education program is ending in July so next year we will only be collecting Box Tops & Tyson Labels.

Yearbook!

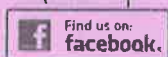
THANK YOU to everyone who submitted pictures for the yearbook! Your contribution makes our book so much more special for our Stillwater Hawks!! The Yearbook has been sent to the printer and the books will be distributed the last few days of school. Each teacher will distribute them at a time that's convenient for their class. Sales are officially closed, but there may be a few extras. If you are unsure if you purchased a book you can contact Dani Graham at yearbook@stillwaterptsa.org

HAWK WALK

Thanks to all the Amazing Stillwater Families, we were able to surpass our goal of \$10,000, with a total of **\$13,746.78!!**

In addition, we would like to thank our local business's that sponsored our Staff Laps: Nicole Ji at NJ Real Estate, Gayle Stevens from Remax, Dr. Glickman at Great Smile Dental and LeAnn Barret from Remax. Thanks to these amazing local businesses and the hard work from the staff walking/running 309 laps, we were able to bring in an additional \$909 to put our grand total to **\$14,655.78!** Wondering what we have planned for the extra income? During our last General Membership Meeting happening of the year (June 8th), we are going to be proposing an increase to the Teacher/School Grants line item! We would also like to thank Bae Bae Cakes for their donation to help fund Blitz's appearance at the Hawk Walk, which the children LOVED as well as The Irwin Group \$250 Donation that helped fund some of the obstacles and assembly relay race.

Quick Tip



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Meet our Featured Volunteer of the Month - Felicia Berg!

Congratulations to our May PTSA Featured Volunteer of the Month, Felicia Berg. Felicia was nominated by Lindsey Tolson and Jenn Anderson and voted on by the Executive Board. Here are a few things that Lindsey and Jenn had to say about Felicia:

"Felicia is our communication co-chair this year and has taken on the very taxing role of poster, kid-mail and reader board lead. With SOOOO many events and activities across all the different chairs this year, she is ALWAYS busy. There are often times when she is asked to put something together last minute and she not only obliges but with a smile on her face. Felicia has also volunteered for almost every event we've had this year. She is always willing to jump in and help out whoever and however. She has an amazing attitude and is a delight to work with, a true asset to Stillwater and the PTSA. Not to mention she spoils us all at general membership meetings with the tastiest cinnamon rolls ever! Thanks Felicia for all your hard work this year supporting Stillwater and the PTSA."

"Felicia is one of our PTSA Co-Communications Board Member. She helps oversee kid mail, the reader board and posters/signs for all of our PTSA events. Besides her role on the PTSA board she also volunteers for all of our events. If you go to any PTSA event you most likely will see Felicia helping in some role. She is a hard worker and is willing to jump in where needed. She is a very sweet person and is always so kind. After watching her at Pottery Night, I really feel she has earned a "Volunteer of the Month" nomination."

Felicia and her husband have one son at Stillwater; Xander is 7 years old and is in first grade. Felicia has spent the last two years volunteering at Stillwater. She really enjoys volunteering for all of the PTSA events but her favorite event this year has been pottery paint night. Felicia has been volunteering since she was 7 years old. Her parents belonged to several organizations and she would help them volunteer. One of her favorite programs was at her high school where they taught all ages to read through a program called Read Right.

When Felicia is not volunteering at Stillwater, she loves to craft. She says, "quilting is my favorite craft but I also enjoy scrapbooking and card making." Her latest obsession has been using her Cricut. You have probably seen several of her Cricut pieces on our sandwich board signs.

Felicia enjoys baking and has provided many treats to staff and to our PTSA General and Board meetings. One of her favorite baked goods to eat are Cherry Chip cupcakes.

Thank you Felicia, for all the things you have done for Stillwater and the PTSA. When you see Felicia putting out signs/posters or changing the reader board at the school, make sure to congratulate her and thank her for all she does for Stillwater Elementary.

If you would like to nominate a volunteer of the month, please go to our website
<http://stillwaterptsa.org/volunteer-month-nomination/>

General Member Mtg.

On June 8th at 2:00 pm we will have our last general membership meeting of the year. Some of you will receive this newsletter via kidmail after June 8th, which is why we put a blurb on the June General Meeting in May's newsletter as well. During the general meeting we will be presenting a preliminary budget for the 2017-2018 school year, voting on the standing rules, voting on a change to the 2016-2017 budget now that our last two fundraisers of the year are over and also have an update from our principal. We hope to see you there!

Lead Volunteers Needed

We have several lead volunteers still needed for next year. The positions have varying time commitments and some can even be done from home. These are NOT Board of Director positions. The lead volunteer positions we would like to spotlight are the Social Event Leads. These leads are NOT responsible for planning an entire social event by themselves, they would work with the Social Chair and VP of Events to plan an aspect of the event: food, decorations, pre-orders, etc. Spiritwear Lead, Readerboard Lead, Poster Lead, and Hospitality Lead are some of the others we have available. Contact president@stillwaterptsa.org for more information.

Convention Update

As mentioned in May's newsletter, Stillwater PTSA had 7 Board Members that attended Washington State PTA's 3 Day Convention over varying days. Convention is the largest training and networking tool available to local PTA's. There are so many facets to running a non-profit organization and the training provided at Convention is an invaluable resource. These 7 board members took over 25 training classes and came back inspired and full of ideas to improve the PTSA's support at Stillwater.

Another part of Convention is celebrating PTA's and their accomplishments at a Presidents Awards Reception. There are several awards local PTA's can apply for, we applied for 1 membership award and 4 standards of excellence awards. The awards applications are really a cumulative list of best practices that the Washington State PTA recommends local PTAs adopt to best support their schools. We are so excited to announce that we walked away with 5 awards at Convention: 100% Teacher Membership (thank you Stillwater staff), Silver Level Outstanding Newsletter & E-Blast, Gold Level Outstanding Communication Strategy, Gold Level Outstanding Website and Gold Level Standards of Excellence.

Greater PTA Spotlight

Did you know our district has a PTA Council? It's called Riverview PTSA Council. The Riverview PTSA Council helps oversee all the local PTSA's in the Riverview School District through training and mentoring. We are lucky to have a council, not every local PTSA has council support, some fall under a region only. The Riverview PTSA Council recently elected its 2017-2018 officers and we have 2 Stillwater parents on the board.

Congratulations to Riverview PTSA Council's newly elected 2017-2018 Executive Board!
President-Theresa Tenney
Vice President-Lindsey Tolson
Secretary-Lise Richardson
Treasurer-Amy Pitt



CONGRATULATIONS!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK!

Hawk Walk 2017 Results



Great job Stillwater Hawks, we surpassed our goal of \$10,000 for the Hawk Walk with a grand total of \$13,746.78 in donations (over \$400 came in after the Hawk Walk ended). **WOW!**

In addition, we had four local business pledge funds for staff laps: **Nicole Ji at NJ Real Estate, Gayle Stevens from Remax, Dr. Glickman at Great Smile Dental, and LeAnn Barret from Remax.** Because of their donations and the staff's hard work to complete 309 laps, we received an additional \$909 putting our grand total for the Hawk Walk at \$14,655.78.

We also want to again thank **Bae Bae Cakes** for their \$250 donation that helped fund Blitz's appearance at the Hawk Walk and **the Irwin Group's** \$250 donation that helped fund some of the obstacles we had at the Hawk Walk this year and the spirit assembly relay challenges.

Thanks to your fundraising efforts, we are able to propose an increase to the teacher and school grants budget (see additional details below) and the PTSA's budget for the start of next school year before the first fundraiser in November is set-up for success. For a larger picture of what your fundraising dollars support, you can visit our website to read an article that lists some of the contributions the PTSA made to Stillwater this year:

<http://stillwaterptsa.org/ptsa-contributions-stillwater-2016-2017/>.

Due to the amazing results of the Hawk Walk, at the June 8th General Membership meeting we will be presenting the following updates to THIS YEAR's budget:

* Increasing the 'Teacher and Staff Grants' line item on the budget by \$8,203.19 so that we can award \$14,203.19 of the spring grant submissions. *Please note, we already awarded \$6,612.93 to Stillwater in grants last December during the first grant season of the school year.*

Here are a few important reminders now that the fundraiser has wrapped and we hit our goal.

- 1) We had a spirit assembly on May 19th to celebrate the success of the fundraiser where 31 students and 6 staff members participated in a Super Relay Challenge and the 12 Top 2 Earners per Grade played Human Bowling.
- 2) Prizes were awarded to 11 students randomly selected from a pool of the students that fundraised \$30 or more.
- 3) We had 13 classes hit their classroom goal and they will be having a snow cone party in the coming weeks!
- 4) All donations to the PTSA are tax deductible, don't forget your donation next year during tax season. If you require a receipt for a cash donation please e-mail fundraising@stillwaterptsa.org.
- 5) While corporate matching is an integral part of our fundraising strategy plan, because we do not receive the matching funds until well after the event is over and we receive no breakdown with the lumped check(s), we do not count promised corporate matching funds towards the top earner numbers, classroom or school goals. But please still enter your corporate matches, they are built into the general fundraising plan, just not the Hawk Walk specifically.



If you have any questions please contact president@stillwaterptsa.org. Thank you again!



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