

PAW PRINTS

A Newsletter from the Wilson PTG (Parent-Teacher Group)



by Kash Kuhn, 2nd grade

As we brace for winter weather, district leadership has shared that they will prioritize keeping schools open during weather events to the degree it is possible. In the case of significant snowfall or icy conditions, a 2-hour delay may be implemented. Closure or delay information will be communicated by 6 a.m.

For many students, school is the safest place to be during inclement weather as it provides a warm, supervised environment. However, parents are always encouraged to consider the conditions of their neighborhood and the well-being of their students in deciding whether to keep their child home.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DINE OUT AT FERRARO'S

- November 20; 4:00-9:00 pm
- 3022 N Division Street

THANKSGIVING BREAK (no school)

- November 27-29

PICTURE RETAKES

- December 3

DEI COMMITTEE MEETING

- December 4; 6:00-7:15 pm
- Klein home

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

- December 9-13

WILDCAT WAKE-UP

- December 13; 8:30 am

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Calendar Updates

The Wilson calendar has been updated to include two previously unpublished events. Wilson Skate Night will take place at Roller Valley on Monday, February 3 from 6:00-8:00 pm, and Wilson Night with the Spokane Indians will take place on Saturday, May 10 at 6:35 pm. You can view and download the updated calendar [here](#).

Wilson Wellness Wagon

The Wellness Wagon is a new initiative created by school counselor, Ms. Campbell. The wagon is stocked with snacks, drinks, and office supplies which are distributed to staff members every Wednesday morning. Please consider [donating an item](#) or two to show your appreciation for Wilson staff. Donations can be delivered to Ms. Campbell.

Volunteer Coordinator Needed

The Wilson office staff is looking for a volunteer coordinator to assist with volunteer database maintenance and reporting. Please contact Office Manager [Shawna Allen](#) if you are interested in this volunteer position. Anticipated commitment is five hours per week.



Thinking Green: Holiday Edition

by Bre Orcasitas

Interested in joining the Green Committee? Contact Bre at bre434@gmail.com.

The holiday season is upon us! With all the joy and excitement can also come additional waste, so here are some ideas to help lessen our impact during the holidays.

Holiday Cards: Holiday cards are a great way to connect with friends and family, but if they're glittery or printed on photo paper they cannot be recycled.

Solution: One great option is to consider ordering holiday cards from a company called [Paper Culture](#). They plant a tree with every order, use sustainable materials, and are committed to earth-friendly practices. Regardless of where you buy your holiday cards, try to keep the earth in mind when making your selections.

Wrapping Paper: Gift wrapping can help make a gift look fun and festive, but similar to holiday cards there are many styles that are not recyclable. Metallic and shiny papers along with glitter infused wrapping cannot be recycled.

Solution: There are plenty of great earth-friendly wrapping options out there to consider. Eco-friendly wrapping paper companies like [Tutu's Green World](#), and [Wrappily](#) have lots of different designs. Other options to consider are gift bags (who doesn't reuse gift bags??), or opting for [fabric wrapping](#); both options offer the ability to reuse the gift wrapping many times over.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



Green Bluff

Wilson first graders (and K/1 combo students) visited Hidden Acres farm in Green Bluff for their annual fall field trip.



Monster March

Monster March was a hit thanks to chairs Sarah Rodgers, Kate Smith, Kelli Wright and many volunteers!



Arts After School

Arts After School has engaged students in first through fifth grade this October and November. Thanks to Benjamin Maixner for piloting the 1st grade drama program and our EWU visiting artists!



Farm Stand

Special thanks to the Wolcott family for their generous donation of \$420.50 to the Wilson PTG through their pop-up farm stand. We are grateful for our creative community!



Meet a Wildcat: Anne Park, principal assistant

What's your favorite thing to do in Spokane? Anything that involves my little family unit. We tend to go to the park a lot with my toddler, but anything outside is great. Spokane offers a lot of amazing nature.

Where did you go to elementary school? McDermoth Elementary in Aberdeen, Washington.

What's your favorite children's book? My favorite children's book is one that I read regularly to my son, *The Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown.

What do you order at Hidden Bagel? I usually do a breakfast-y bagel on the pickle cheddar with bacon, garlic cream cheese and sprouts.

YOU'RE INVITED: JANUARY PTG MEETING

Meet other parents, bring new ideas to the school community, and learn about opportunities for volunteering and supporting our school! We meet the second Tuesday of each month in the Wilson library, and on Zoom. Watch for the agenda in your inbox during the week prior to each meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 14 from 7:00-8:00 pm

[Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 863 2266 5646

Passcode: 20242025

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Want to include an item on the next agenda? Fill out the request form here: <https://tinyurl.com/2ctbjfyt>. (due the first Tuesday of the month)

Need financial support for a project or activity for Wilson students? Find the mini-grant request form here: <https://tinyurl.com/fhn238x9>. The idea will be reviewed and voted upon at an upcoming PTG meeting. (due the first Tuesday of the month)

Know of a Wilson event or activity that should be highlighted in the newsletter? Send photos and/or event details to [Stephane Newman](#). (due the first Friday of the month)

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<https://wilsonwildcatsptg.com>
- Find us on Facebook:
facebook.com/groups/293107240685/
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