

PAW PRINTS

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



This February, the Wilson community has been invited to participate in the SPS Building Bridges to Beloved Community program which is centered on embracing and celebrating our unique tapestry of backgrounds and cultures. Through this course series, participants will be offered tools and space to dialogue while honoring the wide-ranging perspectives and insights of Wilson staff, students, and community members. The aim is to create pathways for growth, enabling everyone to take an active role in shaping a beloved community.

- Monday, 2/3 - staff only
- Tuesday, 2/4 at 6:00 pm - parents/caregivers only
- Thursday, 2/6 at 6:00 pm - staff and parents/caregivers with a shared meal

Child care will be provided. Please join us!

DATES TO REMEMBER

STAFF HOLIDAY BREAKFAST

- December 20

TACKY HOLIDAY SPIRIT DAY

- December 20

WINTER BREAK

- December 23 - January 3

WILDCAT WAKE-UP

- January 10; 8:30 am

PTG MEETING

- January 14; 7:00-8:00 pm

DINE OUT AT CARUSO'S

- Jan 15; 11:00 am-8:00 pm
- 1120 N. Division Street

CONFERENCES (no school)

- January 16 - 17

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Staff Holiday Breakfast

The annual staff holiday breakfast will take place on Friday, December 20. Join us in showing the Wilson staff how much we appreciate them by signing up to bring a breakfast item [here](#). Please deliver food to the library between 7:15 - 7:30 on the morning of the event.

Winter Extracurriculars

Winter extracurricular offerings are here! The full directory, including links to registration, information about student eligibility and ways to volunteer, can be found on page 4. Many thanks to the tireless Extracurricular Committee for continuing to facilitate an ever-expanding variety of excellent clubs, arts and athletics for Wilson students!



Thinking Green: Wear It or Share It!

by Bre Orcasitas

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

Did you know that the fashion industry is the second largest polluter behind the oil and gas industry? Making textiles is a dirty business and it keeps on growing due to fast fashion trends. The fast fashion industry currently produces twice as much as in the year 2000, and is projected to increase from today's level another 63% by 2030. The fashion industry is already responsible for 20% of the world's waste water. Beyond that, it takes 2,700 liters of water to make just one t-shirt. To make matters worse, approximately 85% of used textiles are thrown in the garbage rather than being donated, reused, or recycled. Let's try to avoid contributing to throw-away culture.

Here are some solutions:

1. Donate clothes to thrift stores, or create hand-me-down clothing groups for kids' clothes.
2. Turn stained clothing into rags, or repurpose the fabric.
3. Focus on quality, not quantity. Look for companies that offer [guarantees](#).
4. Buy what suits your style rather than trying to keep up with fast fashion.
5. Remember, new doesn't always mean better. [Patagonia Worn Wear](#), [The North Face Renewed](#), and Hanna Anderson's [Hanna-me-downs](#) have "like-new" options and local resale shops like Once Upon a Child have a huge selection to choose from. It's a great way to spend less while wasting less.

Together we can keep the earth from being our latest fashion victim.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



Wilson artists of all ages engaged with a variety of art mediums and activities at the annual Art Night. Thanks to event chairs Raederle Swanson and Kate Smith for planning an evening full of creative energy!



Students in kindergarten through fifth grade have been participating in Hooptown Youth League through their partnership with SPS.



Meet a Wildcat: Sandee Williams, school nurse

What's your favorite thing to do in Spokane? My favorite thing to do in Spokane is hike by the Spokane river with my family.

Where did you go to elementary school? I grew up in Cheney and attended Salnave Elementary School.

What's your favorite children's book? My favorite kids book is *The Perfect Square* by Michael Hall. I read it to my two boys many times.

Do you have any pets? We have a 7 year old English Bulldog named Otis who we love dearly.

WINTER EXTRACURRICULARS	DATES	GRADES	REGISTER	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
<u>Drama Workshops</u>	Wednesdays, 1/8 - 1/29	3 - 5	<u>11/25 - 12/13</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Arts After School</u>	Mondays, 2/3 - 3/3	1 - 2	<u>11/25 - 1/21</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Talent Show</u>	February and March	3 - 5	<u>11/25 - 1/27</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Ultimate Frisbee</u>	Mon/Wed, 3/24 - 4/2	3 - 5	<u>11/25 - 3/10</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Fit-for-Bloomsday Run Club</u>	Tue/Thurs, 3/18 - 5/1	K - 5	<u>11/25 - 3/11</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Minecraft Build Challenge</u>	Mon/Thurs, 1/13 - 2/27	3 - 5	closed	<u>yes</u>
<u>Sacajawea Art Collaborative</u>	TBD, Feb/March	5	1/6 - 2/5	<u>yes</u>
<u>Science Fair</u>	Tuesday, 2/25	3 - 5	1/6 - 2/11 in science room	<u>yes</u>
<u>Drama Club: Peter Pan</u>	March - June	4 - 5	3/10 - 3/21 Ms. Edwards' room	<u>yes</u>
<u>Robotics: Explore</u>	Tues/Wed, 4/15 - 5/22	3	3/17 / 3-28 Ms. S's room	<u>yes</u>
<u>Girls on the Run</u>	begins week of 4/14	3 - 5	more info to come	<u>yes</u>

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)

STAY CONNECTED

- Visit the PTG website:
<https://wilsonwildcatsptg.com>
- Find us on Facebook:
facebook.com/groups/293107240685/
- Follow us on Instagram:
[@Wilson_Wildcats_PTG](#)

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