

# PAW PRINTS

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



The PTG is welcoming winter with a beautiful and wonderfully functional new [website](#) thanks to Wilson parent and owner of Jack Pine Media, Jed Whittaker. The [extracurriculars page](#) hosts a wealth of information about current and upcoming offerings, you can find PTG meeting minutes and information, and the swag store is the perfect place to shop if you're looking to prepare for spirit day on January 19.

Welcome to the newest member of the PTG Executive Board, Gretchen Cleveland; she was voted in as treasurer during the November meeting. Gretchen is a Wilson parent - her daughter Abby is in fourth grade.

On December 22 the PTG is sponsoring a potluck holiday breakfast for staff. Please [sign up](#) to bring an item and help us show the staff how much we appreciate them. Please deliver all items to the Wilson library by 7:30 am.



## DATES TO REMEMBER



### STAFF HOLIDAY BREAKFAST

- December 22
- [link to signup genius](#)

### TACKY HOLIDAY ATTIRE SPIRIT DAY

- December 22

### WINTER BREAK

- Dec 25 - Jan 5

### DINE OUT AT CARUSO'S

- January 8 (3:30-8 pm)
- 1120 N Division Street

### PTG MEETING

- January 9 (7-8 PM)
- [Zoom Link](#)

### MLK DAY (NO SCHOOL)

- January 15

### BOOK BINGO

- January 18 (6-7:30 pm)
- Wilson gym

### WILSON SHIRT SPIRIT DAY

- January 19

### TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS

- January 29-31
- register by 1/22

### CONFERENCES (NO SCHOOL)

- January 25-26

# WILSON EXTRACURRICULARS

*Registration is open for winter and early spring extracurricular opportunities:*

Art After School will return with offerings in ceramics and mixed media in January, February and March. Students in first through fifth grade who have not yet participated in a workshop this academic year will be prioritized for enrollment. Registration forms can be found [here](#).

Registration and auditions for the annual talent show will kick off after the holidays. Students interested in participating should register [here](#) by Monday, January 22.

Missoula Children's Theatre will be on campus for a whirlwind week long production. Interested students will audition on Monday, February 12, then rehearse nightly until their performances on Friday, February 16. Get ready for Hercules! (registration [here](#))

Read on to for highlights from our fall programming.

## Choir

Third, fourth and fifth grade students continue to meet under the direction of Ms. Knapp, the Wilson music specialist. More than forty students are rehearsing weekly, and the group recently performed at the Veterans Day Assembly. Their next performance will be a winter concert.



## Art Night

Wilson students and families came together on the evening of November 16 to create art in many forms. One large-scale painting was recently displayed in the hallway between the fourth and fifth grade classrooms,

Thanks to Raederle Swanson for chairing this event, and the many parent volunteers who helped make it happen!



## Cross Country

The cross country season concluded with the All City meet on October 24. Fifty Wilson runners qualified to participate, and many placed in the top ten for their grade level. Thanks to coaches Heidi Bresson, Katy Nelson and Jeff Klein, along with the many parent volunteers who made the season so successful! We hope you will join us in the fun next fall!

## Monster Mash

Monster Mash 2023 was a huge success - thanks to the team of parents that stepped up to put it on! A lot of fun and time went into prepping for this annual costume party- the decor, music, games, costumes, jack o'lanterns, photo booths and snacks - all made for a fantastic fall family event! Thank you to all who came and participated!

Many thanks to Joise Dix and the enormous team of volunteers who made this event possible. If you're interested in chairing this event in 2024, please reach out to the PTG leadership.



## Flag Football

Flag Football concluded its season on October 11. 42 second through fifth grade students participated in the program, with many of them playing in optional scrimmages on Sundays.

Thank you to coaches Jed Whittaker, Mike Dix, Ryan Ehrler, Ryan Pursley, Chris Gilliam and Kelly Olsen, and the many parent volunteers who made it possible to offer this sport to four grade levels this fall (up from one grade last year).

# Art After School

The fall Art After School session wrapped up on November 16 after four weeks of art workshops. Students in first through fifth grade were led by EWU student artists and supported by Amy Barker, Jeff Klein, Tiffany Adams and Lisa Smith. If your child is interested in participating, but was not selected for a fall workshop, there are more opportunities this winter and spring.



# LEGO Robotics

The LEGO robotics teams are gearing up for the regional qualifier competition on December 9. The teams were challenged to create an invention that would increase participation and interest in their hobbies. The Aquapanters created an in-home virtual triathlon machine, and the Launching Lego Cats to Victory! team designed Soccer in the Air, a floating soccer field.

Teams were able to sit down with amazing Wilson parents to get their professional opinion on the designs—thanks to Kara Kruse, Grant Lundberg, Erick Fitzpatrick, Joel Barbour, and Samantha and Adam Knapp!

We are so proud of all the hard work the kids have put in this season. They have learned and grown so much and we can't wait to see them share their wonderful accomplishments at competition!

# Fall Field Trips

Many of our students were able to attend class field trips this fall. Kindergarteners visited Mobius, first graders ventured to Green Bluff just before Halloween, and second grade students journeyed to the Finch Arboretum. More adventures are to come this winter!



## YOU'RE INVITED: JANUARY PTG MEETING



Joining our monthly PTG meeting is a great way to 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 also offer a Zoom option for those who prefer to join from home.

Watch for the agenda in your inbox during the week prior to each meeting.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 9 from 7:00-8:00 pm**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86322665646pwd=c2xNOFJlCDNoYVZ4MHRMc2ZmUGRXQT09>**

Meeting ID: 863 2266 5646

Password: 20232024



## HOW TO: ADD AN AGENDA ITEM OR REQUEST PTG FUNDS



Want to include an item on our next agenda? Fill out the request form here: <https://tinyurl.com/2ctbjfyt>.

Need financial support for a project or activity for Wilson students? You can find our mini-grant request form here: <https://tinyurl.com/fhn238x9>. The idea will be reviewed and voted upon at an upcoming PTG meeting.

Agenda and funding requests must be submitted by the first Tuesday of the month in order to be considered for the next PTG meeting.

## STAY CONNECTED

- Visit the new PTG website: <https://wilsonwildcatsptg.com>
- Find us on Facebook: [facebook.com/groups/293107240685/](https://facebook.com/groups/293107240685/)
- Subscribe to Wilson's online calendar: <https://tinyurl.com/2pdfwjb5>

## PTG LEADERSHIP 2023-2024

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