

PAW PRINTS

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



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Happy New Year, Wilson families! 2024 is an important year for Spokane Schools - next month you will be asked to vote on bond and levy requests from the district.

The bond proposal includes the replacement of two elementary schools and remodel of six other schools. As recent beneficiaries of a school remodel, the Wilson community knows the importance of a fully functional school building.

The levy supports athletics, arts, nurses, counselors, custodians, special education, highly capable programs, librarians, technology and more.

These funding sources are vital to maintain current services and keep Spokane Schools strong moving forward. Please remember to vote by February 13!

DATES TO REMEMBER

BOOK BINGO

- January 18 (6 pm)

WILDCAT SHIRT SPIRIT DAY

- January 19

TALENT SHOW REGISTRATION CLOSURES

- January 22

CONFERENCES (no school)

- January 25-26

TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS

- January 29-31 (3:00-4:30)

SEMESTER BREAK (no school)

- February 2

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- February 5

HERCULES AUDITION REGISTRATION CLOSURES

- February 5

CLASS PICTURE DAY

- February 6

PTG MEETING

- February 6 (7-8 pm)

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATER

- February 12-16
- Performance Feb 16 (6:30)

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Book Bingo

Book Bingo is set to take place on Thursday, January 18 in the Wilson gym. The event is open to all students and their families. Please consider signing up to help with set-up, clean-up or serving snacks during the event. Donations of children's books in good condition are appreciated!

Missoula Children's Theater Presents Hercules

Missoula Children's Theater is gearing up for an action packed week of fun, February 12-16. All Wilson students are invited to participate, but please register by February 5. Tryouts and casting will take place on Monday, February 12. Rehearsals will begin on Monday after casting is complete, and will continue through Thursday. Hercules will be performed on Friday, February 16 at 6:30.

Wilson Talent Show

If your third, fourth or fifth grade student is interested in participating in the talent show, please register by January 22. Auditions will take place the last week of January, with the show set for March 1.

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



LEGO Robotics

In early December, both Wilson LEGO robotics teams advanced after competing in the Spokane regional. Launching LEGO Cats to Victory! won first place in core values and second place for their achievement in Robot Games. The Aquapanthers were awarded Breakthrough Team based on their overall performance. On January 27, both teams will compete against 26 other exceptional teams at EWU. Way to go Launching LEGO Cats to Victory! and Aquapanthers!

MAC Field Trip

Third grade classes visited the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture in December. Students toured the Campbell House, Minecraft: The Exhibition, and the museum's permanent collection.



LC Basketball

On December 12 Wilson students were invited to attend a basketball game at Lewis and Clark along with students from other elementary and middle schools that feed into LC. Students were invited onto the court at halftime. Look for more LC feeder events in the future.

The Gingerbread Man

Kindergarteners in Ms. Stailey's and Ms. Fuller's classes performed The Gingerbread Man on December 20. The costumes were varied, the backdrops were bright and the smiles were big!



Hooptown Youth League

Boys and girls from kindergarten through fifth grade were invited to participate in the second year of HYL basketball. K-2 wrapped up their season in December, and teams in the competitive division in grades 3-5 are continuing to play through January.

Holiday Concert

The week before winter break, first grade families and friends were treated to a wonderful holiday show. Thanks to Ms. Smulkowski and Ms. Padgham who spent many hours rehearsing with their students.



Squid Dissection

Third graders took to the gym to dissect squid last month. The project was an extension of a fall literacy unit on oceans.

Personalize a Brick

The PTG has reopened the sale of personalized bricks on the playground wall. Bricks cost \$100 and proceeds support the Wilson PTG, with an emphasis on maintaining a free extracurricular program for Wilson students. Details on how to purchase a brick can be found here: <https://buytickets.at/wilsonelementaryparentteachergroup/931396>.

Staff Holiday Breakfast

Thanks to everyone who volunteered and made the annual staff holiday breakfast a success, especially event co-chairs Emily Allen and Sarah Rodgers!

YOU'RE INVITED: FEBRUARY 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, February 6 from 7:00-8:00 pm

[Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 863 2266 5646

Passcode: 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/
- Subscribe to Wilson's online calendar:
<https://tinyurl.com/2pdfwjb5>

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