

PAW PRINTS

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



Thank you to everyone who completed the first annual Wilson PTG survey. We received 105 responses and will use this feedback to improve our practices. Here are some of your insights, summarized:

PTG extracurriculars are extremely popular. Jeff Klein has spent the past several years building this programming. In an effort to sustain this progress, we are looking for committee members who can assist with planning and implementation. Additionally, if you have an interest in leading a new extracurricular (chess, foreign languages, music, math, science and dance were all requested, along with others) we would love to hear from you! Please contact wilsonPTGextracurricular@gmail.com to learn more.

Many of you suggested that we fundraise via the Wildcat Walk every two years, not every year and a half. We agree, and will take this recommendation to our new principal in hopes of minimizing donor fatigue and saving on fundraiser-associated expenses.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

SILLY SOCKS SPIRIT DAY

- May 17

WILSON GROUP AT SPOKANE INDIANS

- May 18 at 5:09 pm

1ST AND 2ND GRADE CONCERT

- May 23 at 6:00 pm

MEMORIAL DAY (no school)

- May 27

LISTENING AND RESTORATIVE HEALING SESSION 1

- May 30 from 3:30-5:00

LISTENING AND RESTORATIVE HEALING SESSION 2

- June 6 from 4:30-6:00

PTG MEETING

- June 6 at 7:00 pm

WIZARD OF OZ

- June 7 at 5:00 pm

5TH GRADE PROMOTION

- June 12

FIELD DAY

- June 13

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

- June 14 from 7:45-8:30

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Spokane Indians Game

Wilson families are invited to attend the Spokane Indians game this Saturday, May 18 at 5:09 pm. Tickets can be purchased [here](#) for \$8, with \$2 of each ticket donated back to the PTG.

Listening and Restorative Healing Sessions

In order to facilitate dialogue and healing for the Wilson community in the wake of a difficult school year, the district is offering two listening and restorative healing sessions. These sessions will be held Thursday, May 30 from 3:30-5:00 and Thursday, June 6 from 4:30-6:00. Be on the lookout for more information coming soon, including a link to RSVP.

Building Bridges to Beloved Community

Wilson staff, parents, and caregivers will have the opportunity to participate in the Building Bridges to Beloved Community series during the 2024-2025 academic year. During three sessions, participants will be offered tools and dialogues that honor the wide-ranging perspectives and insights of community members. The goal is to create pathways for growth while taking an active role in shaping a beloved community. More details to come next fall.

PTG Volunteers Needed

The PTG is in need of a chair and planning committee for a new multicultural fair next year. If you have an interest or expertise in this area, we would love to hear from you! We hope to represent as many diverse voices and perspectives as possible.

We are planning to add a STEM night to the '24-'25 activities calendar. Please reach out to our science teacher, [Ms. Helms](#), if you have ideas, resources, or the drive to help make a STEM event a reality.

Additionally, we are looking for a technology support volunteer. This position encompasses running the digital portions of the monthly PTG meeting - Zoom, Canva and the owl cam. Training is available. This is a great way to become more involved with PTG!

Please contact the PTG board at wilsonwildcatsptg@gmail.com to learn more about these opportunities or to volunteer!

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Wilson Carnival



Thanks to the many volunteers who made this joyful event possible, especially chair Josie Dix and the planning committee. Because of the Wilson community's generosity, over \$650 was donated to the carnival scholarship fund and \$800 in tickets and dinner vouchers was distributed.

Drama Club - The Wizard of Oz



Drama club will present The Wizard of Oz on Friday, June 7. Students will be treated to the matinee showing during school, and families are invited to attend the evening performance at 5:00. Come support Ms. Padgham and our fourth and fifth grade thespians!

Pickleball and Ceramics



Students in grades 3-5 have been meeting weekly to build their pickleball skills. K-2 students were given the opportunity to participate in a ceramics workshop. Many thanks to Ms. Bresson, Ms. Holcomb, and our parent volunteers!

Girls on the Run



A team of fourth and fifth grade girls have been participating in Girls on the Run this spring - building confidence, making connections and having fun!

Spring Concerts



April and May have been full of music performances. Third graders kicked things off with a recorder concert, followed by fourth and fifth graders performing on drums. First and second graders will wrap up the season with a concert on May 23 at 6:00 pm. Thanks to Mr. Gronewold for the tremendous effort he has put into preparing our students for these events.

Field Trips



Spring has been bursting with field trip opportunities. Recently fourth graders headed downtown to visit Expo '74 sites, and first graders were treated to *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* at Spokane Children's Theatre.

Lego Explore



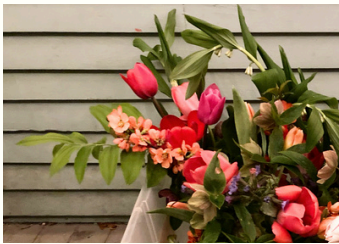
Lego Explore teams have been hard at work building models incorporating technology into their favorite hobbies. Models were motorized and programmed by the Explorers, and on May 16 projects will be presented at the Wilson Explore Expo!

Parents Night Out



In April, Wilson parents gathered at Lumberbeard Brewing for an adults-only evening of socializing. Thanks to Jake Rodgers for organizing this event, and for agreeing to plan another event this fall.

Staff Appreciation



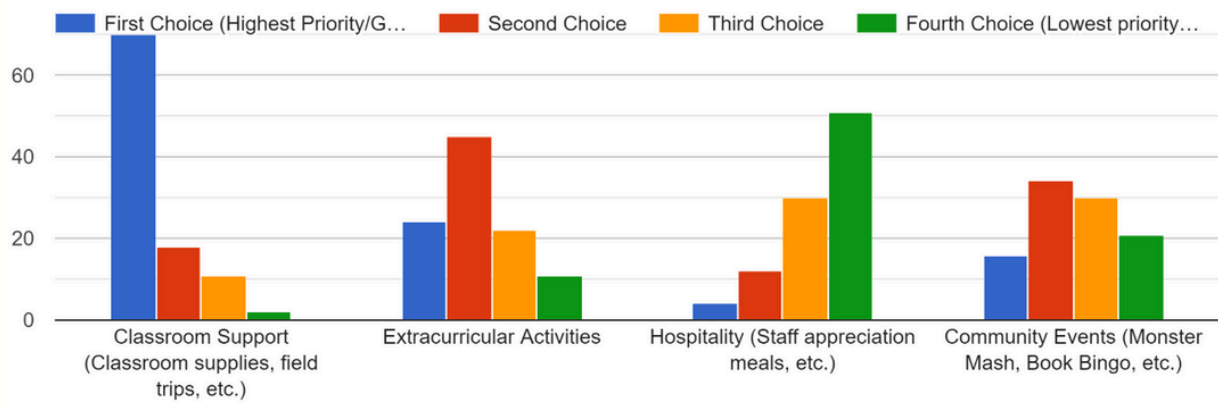
Thanks to everyone who contributed to make Staff Appreciation Week special. Thanks especially to hospitality chairs Emily Allen and Sarah Rodgers for organizing, and to Kelli Sittser for her beautiful flower arrangements.

Survey Results

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Survey respondents were clear that they prefer communication via text and email. Paper newsletters and social media were no longer rated highly. The new PTG website, Paw Prints newsletters, and teacher newsletters were valued as secondary information sources.

Included below are respondents' priorities for the expenditure of PTG funds:



Thank you for your feedback. Your insights will help us better represent our community!

YOU'RE INVITED: JUNE 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, June 4 from 7:00-8:00 pm

[Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 863 2266 5646

Passcode: 20232024

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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