



# Paw Prints

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WILSON'S PARENT TEACHER GROUP (PTG)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### WILSON TALENT SHOW

- April 21, 5 pm
- Wilson Gym

### DRESS LIKE MR. FRY DAY

- April 28, all-day

### TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

- May 1-5

### COFFEE CART ON THE PLAYGROUND

- May 4, 7:30-9:30 am

### MAY PTG MEETING

- May 9, 7-8 pm
- [Zoom link](#)

### WILSON CARNIVAL

- May 12, 5-8 pm



The Cake Walk is always a fav!



## WILSON CARNIVAL IS MAY 12 PLEASE SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

The much-loved **Wilson Carnival** returns on May 12 for an evening of fun, laughter, and games.

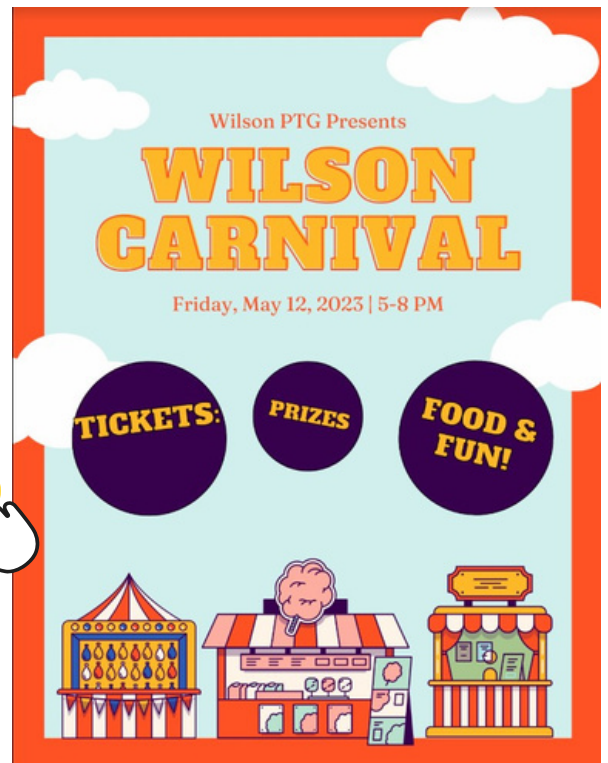
In order to make the event a success, over 100 volunteers are needed.

Please take a moment to donate supplies, prizes, and/or your time on the day of the event by clicking this link.

[SIGNUP TO VOLUNTEER](#)



Information on tickets, dinner options, and more will be coming soon. Thank you to Carnival Chair, Josie Dix, and Carnival Committee for your work getting this annual event up and running for 2023!



[Signupgenius.com/go/508094aa5a922a02-wilson17#](https://Signupgenius.com/go/508094aa5a922a02-wilson17#/)

Wilson Warehouse: Full of Souvenirs



Win a 2-liter Soda at the Pop Toss!



## COFFEE ON THE BLACKTOP: THURSDAY, MAY 4



Buy a cup of coffee and mingle with other families on the blacktop before heading off to your morning.

**Thursday, May 4**

**7:30-9:30 am**

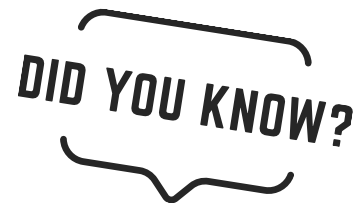
**Wilson Blacktop**

The coffee cart is on-site in support of Teacher Appreciation Week (teachers and staff get free coffee). Wilson is not benefiting from any of the sales.

Thank you to Hospitality Chairs, Emily Allen and Sarah Rodgers for organizing all of the details!



May 4th is referred to as Star Wars Day by loyal fans



## WILSON ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP - MAY 23 DEADLINE TO APPLY

**The Wilson Elementary PTG Alumni Scholarship** awards up to \$500 to high-school seniors who plan to continue their education after graduation. All students who attended Wilson during some or all of grades K-6 are eligible regardless of financial need, gender, race, ethnicity and origin, or sexuality.

**To apply, please submit:**

1. Completed application form (see Page 8)
2. A copy of high school transcripts
3. At least 1 letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or academic mentor.

**All applications must be received by Tuesday, May 23, 2023.**

Applications are accepted by email to:

Katie Glazier: [Katrina.glazier@gmail.com](mailto:Katrina.glazier@gmail.com)

The Scholarship Committee will review and notify applicants by May 31, 2023.



## WILSON NIGHT AT SPOKANE INDIANS BASEBALL - \$6 TICKETS

Get ready to watch baseball with your Wilson friends!

Spokane Indians versus the Eugene Emeralds.

Come celebrate the end of the year with a night of baseball and fireworks!

Tickets are \$6 each for a bench seat.



**Buy your tickets:**

[fevo.me/wilson-elementary](https://fevo.me/wilson-elementary)

**WILSON ELEMENTARY**

**GAME DETAILS**

**DATE:** Saturday, June 17th

**TIME:** 7:05pm, gates open at 5:35pm

**LOCATION:** Avista Stadium

**PROMOTION:** Fireworks Night

**JOIN YOUR GROUP!**

Tickets can be purchased at the link below:  
<https://fevo.me/wilson-elementary>

Call **(509) 343-OTTO (6886)** with any questions!

## RECAP OF APRIL PTG FUNDING APPROVALS

The PTG is pleased to report funding support for the following activities in April. Thank you to the community for your generous donations which make the following possible.

- Purchase of a Cricut machine for the school which will allow teachers and staff to cut all sorts of designs from materials like paper, vinyl, card stock, and iron-on transfers
- Spring Art After School in partnership with EWU Cooperative - EWU student interns will lead 2 different 4-week art electives after school for up to 40 Wilson students
- Lego Club requested additional funds to support the spring elective and purchase storage bins
- Additional funds to support Teacher Appreciation Week - funds will cover a coffee truck (free drinks for staff), gift bags for teachers, and a catered luncheon
- Additional funds to support the Wilson Carnival - due to inflation, event rentals and food costs have increased. Carnival is meant to be a break-even event so ticket prices will need to increase slightly

## MAY 9 PTG MEETING: VOTE FOR 2023-2024 PTG EXECUTIVE BOARD

At the May 9th PTG Meeting, held via Zoom, the community will vote for next year's PTG Leadership. There are 3 positions to be elected for next year's Board, some with multiple nominees. Please attend virtually and cast your vote for next year's leadership.

### Candidates for President

Creates meeting agendas; communicates with the membership regarding meetings; presides over meetings; works closely with Wilson office staff and principal; leads the Executive Board; ensures adequate volunteers to run events; maintains the PTG storage area; recognizes efforts of staff and volunteers; encourages widespread participation in PTG to make our school a better place for all.

- **Kendra Chapman** - Hello! I am Kendra Chapman: mom of three, teacher by training, and PTG Secretary for the last three years. Because I'll have Wilson children for six more years, I can serve with an eye toward the future. With me as President, you can expect:
  - Shared Power: Rather than strive for control, I regard fellow board and PTG members as teammates
  - Inclusion: Whether your family has been here for a decade or a day, I welcome your ideas and participation
  - Accountability: Fellow board members will speak to my forethought, organization, and diligence in planning and executing vital projects and tasks
  - Integrity: I approach others with kindness, respect, and gratitude, ask for help when I need it, and acknowledge my mistakes
  - Clear Communication and Organization: Evident through my agendas, minutes, and emails
  - Equity: Wilson events and goods should be made available to all Wilson students, regardless of their ability to pay



- **Josie Dix** - Hello. My name is Josie Dix. I love being an active volunteer parent at Wilson Elementary. I have happily volunteered for the Wilson PTG by attending monthly PTG meetings, helping at a variety of PTG events and chairing the Carnival! I remain committed to helping and serving our Wilson Elem. family. I have served in executive positions for the PTG in both the VP (2016-17) and President (2017-2020) roles.

My opinion is, it's unfortunate that we have lost the in-person connection that we had for so many years at Wilson elementary.

Next year, 2023-24, is my last year being a parent of a Wildcat and I want to leave Wilson Elem PTG how it welcomed our family with open arms, engaged parents, a solid bank account and a supported staff. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve again as PTG president in this coming school year to help keep the Wilson PTG strong.



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### Candidates for Vice-President

Assumes President's duties and possesses all legal powers in the event of the President becoming incapacitated; serves in any capacity as needed for the completion of the work of the PTG and helps to foster the harmonious relationship between staff, school leadership, and the Wilson community.

- **Tonja Brown** - I've enjoyed serving as Outreach Secretary these past 3 years, writing the Paw Prints Newsletter, telling the story of PTG through photos and children's writing.

If given the opportunity, I would like to serve another term, this time in the capacity of PTG VP. My passion is focused on developing a vibrant community. Two of my 3-year service as Outreach Secretary occurred during Pandemic restrictions when many of our beloved community activities took a pause. As we move into a more familiar normal, I bring energy to help implement community-focused activities that purposefully welcome all Wilson families.

Some of the initiatives I am excited about include starting family movie nights and organizing more opportunities for the Wilson community to engage in the greater Spokane community. I will lead by listening first to the needs of our community - teachers, kids, families, and school leadership - and acting with respect towards all in our community.



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### Candidate for Secretary

Attends all PTG meetings and keeps detailed notes; creates meeting minutes which serve as the official written record; collaborates with Executive Board on pressing PTG matters as the need arises and in preparation for monthly meetings; creates additional documents for the official record as needed.

- **Ana Ehrler** - The Wilson PTG needs to ensure we serve an inclusive Wilson Community and are advocating for ALL children. "Knowing is half the battle." Being informed and fostering communication within the Wilson Community is part of building a strong village and promoting involvement.

As part of the PTG, I'd want to ensure we are communicating effectively to all; especially those new at Wilson and particularly those with potential barriers. Being cognizant of these barriers, and continually working to ensure communication, availability of resources and activity participation is equitable to overcome these barriers. I do not want to see all of the progress and momentum the current PTG has worked so hard to foster; be gone. Thanks to everyone who selflessly volunteer at Wilson and to the Staff for their continued dedication.



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## FAMILY DIRECTORIES DELIVERED IN FEBRUARY

THANK  
YOU

In February all families received a spiral-bound 2022-2023 Family Directory. A HUGE thank you to Ana Ehrler for the many hours it took to compile this awesome resource and solicit local business donations to help offset the cost of printing.

We also send a HUGE thank you to Carly Howarth, Support Secretary, for her efforts to provide directory content and work with the district printing office.

If for some reason you did not receive a bright yellow directory, please contact the Wilson Front Office, at 509-354-4500

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## SAVE THE DATE: FALL WILSON ACTIVITIES

### Pizza in the Park

Friday, September 8, 2023

Comstock Park

This is a long-standing Wilson tradition where we welcome families to a new school year. Note the new venue and date for 2023!

### Wildcat Walk Fundraiser

Friday, September 29, 2023

Comstock Park

This is *the* primary fundraising activity for the Wilson PTG. Held once every 12-18 months, funds raised are used to support kids and classrooms.

## YOU ARE INVITED: MAY PTG MEETING

All are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in the monthly virtual PTG meetings.

We meet each month on the 2nd Tuesday.

Grab your favorite beverage and log in!

Agenda and supporting documents to be sent out via email the week prior to the meeting. The most recent meeting minutes follow at the end of the newsletter.

**May 9**

**7:00-8:00 pm**

**Online via Zoom:**

Meeting ID: 863 2266 5646

Password: 20222023

**[us02web.zoom.us/j/86322665646?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86322665646?pwd=Ymw3MnNYdEYzMGMxcWFCUVN3RW5KZz09)**

**[pwd=Ymw3MnNYdEYzMGMxcWFCUVN3RW5](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86322665646?pwd=Ymw3MnNYdEYzMGMxcWFCUVN3RW5KZz09)**

**[KZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86322665646?pwd=Ymw3MnNYdEYzMGMxcWFCUVN3RW5KZz09)**

## WANT TO ADD AN AGENDA ITEM TO AN UPCOMING MEETING?

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Please fill out a simple form to have your agenda item considered. Complete the form by the 1st Tuesday of the month in order to be added to the next PTG meeting agenda.

Form available at: **[forms.gle/9hPbPG6fBQ7CS73q6](https://forms.gle/9hPbPG6fBQ7CS73q6)**

## REQUEST PTG FUNDS FOR A PROJECT OR ACTIVITY

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If there is a project or enrichment activity that you would like to bring to Wilson students, please submit a mini-grant request. The idea will be reviewed and voted upon at an upcoming PTG meeting.

Complete the form by the 1st Tuesday of the month in order to be added to the next PTG meeting agenda.

Funding request form available at: **[forms.gle/Z5VEvRvtNCwHYVMQ7](https://forms.gle/Z5VEvRvtNCwHYVMQ7)**

## NEED A REIMBURSEMENT FROM PTG?

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There is a new and easier way to request reimbursement for a PTG expense via an online form.

The PTG will process reimbursements on the first day of each month. Reimbursement checks will be sent out by the 10th of each month. Reimbursement requests submitted after the 1st of the month will be processed during the next month.

Visit the form to upload your receipts and request your reimbursement: **[tinyurl.com/527vdrpb](https://tinyurl.com/527vdrpb)**



WILSON PARENT TEACHER GROUP  
911 W 25TH AVENUE  
SPOKANE WASHINGTON 99203

## Wilson Elementary PTG Alumni Scholarship Application

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[Katrina.glazier@gmail.com](mailto:Katrina.glazier@gmail.com)

Wilson Elementary PTG  
Attn: Katie Glazier  
911 W 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Spokane, WA 99203

**\*\*Deadline: All applications must be received by **Tuesday, May 23, 2023**\*\***

Following the application deadline, a Scholarship Committee of at least four Wilson PTG members will review all applications. Applicants will be notified of a decision by May 31, 2023.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Your Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Years Attended Wilson Elementary: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Your High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

On the following pages, please answer the four (4) questions provided so we may learn more about you. You may type answers on separate sheets of paper if you wish.

If you have any questions, please contact Katie Glazier at [Katrina.glazier@gmail.com](mailto:Katrina.glazier@gmail.com) or (801)830-7792.

Good luck!



**1. How have you stayed connected to and involved in Wilson Elementary?**

**2. What is your favorite memory of your time at Wilson Elementary?**

**3. In what extra-curricular activities are you involved?**

**4. What are your future educational and personal goals?**

# MINUTES

## Wilson Elementary School PTG

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*Tuesday, April 11, 2023 7:00 pm, Zoom | Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 pm by Alexis Padgham  
Minutes Submitted by Kendra Kimball Chapman*

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### PTG Officers in Attendance

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Alexis Padgham, President

Jeff Klein, Vice President

Dave Gilbert, Treasurer

Tonja Brown, Outreach Secretary

Kendra Kimball Chapman, Secretary

### Approval of Minutes

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The March 2023 Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Josie Dix. Dave Gilbert second. All in favor.

### Treasurer's Report (Dave Gilbert, Treasurer)

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- Remaining unallocated funds for this school year: approximately \$7,000
- We have already set aside \$13,000 to fund September expenses including teacher funds, Pizza in the Park & Wildcat Walk

### Funding Requests

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- Carnival (Josie Dix): Request to increase the budget from \$6500 to \$8000 due to inflation.
  - Carnival is meant to be a break-even event. Carnival will raise the cost of food in order to cover rising food costs. They will also eliminate costly and complicated burrito bowls and offer just pizza and hot dogs. All are in favor of raising the budget as long as these costs are covered through ticket sales. Alexis Padgham motions to approve. Kendra Chapman seconds. All in favor.
- Staff Cricut Machine (Janae Passinetti): \$375.
  - Mr. Hermanson says that maintenance parts will be funded by the building. Kendra Chapman motions to approve. Josie Dix seconds. All in favor.
- Teacher Appreciation Week (Emily Allen and Sarah Rodgers): Additional \$600
  - Funds will cover a coffee truck (free drinks for staff), gift bags for teachers, and a luncheon on Friday. Courtney Malone motions to approve. Jeff Klein seconds. All in favor.
- Art After School/EWU Cooperative (Jeff Klein): \$1,000
  - There will be two sections offered, each serving 20 kids. 4 weekly sessions led by EWU Art students. Funds cover supplies and stipend for teachers. Alex Brajcich motions to approve, Josie Dix and guests second. All in favor.
- Lego Club (Darci Smulkowski): \$200 for additional supplies
  - Jeff Klein motions to approve. Katie Fitzgerald seconds. All in favor.

- District Enrollment highest year on record
- Middle schools are preparing to help students navigate the transition from elementary and the 3 L's: Lockers, Getting Lost and Lunch. Middle schools aim to have 11 touch points with students before they begin middle school on the first day of sixth grade.
- CAC had breakout sessions focusing on equitable access to extracurriculars

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## Discussion Items

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- **PTG Board Nominations 2023-24:** all nominees officially accept their nominations. Voting will occur at the May PTG meeting.
  - Josie Dix – President (nominated by Ana Erhler)
  - Josie Dix – Vice President (nominated by Ana Erhler)
  - Ana Erhler – Secretary (nominated by Josie Dix)
  - Kendra Chapman – President (nominated by Alexis Padgham)
  - Tonja Brown – Vice President (nominated by Alexis Padgham)
  - Treasurer – Dave Gilbert will serve another year
  - Outreach Coordinator – No nominee to present yet but we have an interested party who we think will be wonderful. If we are unable to fill the role then we will have a four person Executive Board. Emily Allen and Sarah Rodgers have volunteered to write PawPrints if need be.
- **Open Chair Positions (2023-24):**
  - Monster Mash
  - Book Bingo
  - Scholarship Committee
  - CAC – 1 representative to partner with Sarah Rodgers
- **Teacher Appreciation Week** (Emily Allen and Sarah Rodgers, co-chairs of Hospitality):
  - May 1 – 5
  - Coffee Truck will be on the blacktop May 4 7:30 – 9:30 AM. PTG will purchase drinks for staff. Parents can buy coffee as well.
  - Teachers will be given gift bags and a catered luncheon on Friday
- **Missoula Children's Theater** (Sarah Rodgers):
  - Proposal to bring MCT to Wilson next school year.
  - Cost is \$3,7000. MCT provides 2 actor/directors and they bring all supplies. We supply the cast of 50 – 60 K-5 students. We also provide housing (home stay or hotel) and an accompanist.
  - Feedback from group: people like the idea. Winter (particularly mid-January – February) would be an ideal time considering potential sports and gym conflicts.
  - Sarah will find out what shows and weeks are available during that time frame and bring back a proposal.
- **Carnival** (Josie Dix):
  - Please sign up to volunteer and donate items
  - Carnival needs a Sign Coordinator
  - Contact Josie if you'd like to join the Carnival committee
- **Bricks** (Josie Dix):
  - Bricks will be engraved in the spring once they truly dry out
  - Once we have fulfilled all existing orders, we can begin accepting new orders

- **Paw Prints** (Tonja Brown): April edition coming out next week
- **Extracurricular Committee Update** (Jeff Klein):
  - Open to parent feedback on how to best coordinate calendars, finesse sign-up process, etc.
  - New session of Art After School (EWU partnership) beginning soon
  - Tennis to start soon. Volunteers will be needed!

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### Updates from Mr. Hermanson

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- Wildcat House Day on Wednesday, 4/19. Several text messages will go out reminding students to wear house shirts that day

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### Next Meeting

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Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 7:00 pm, via Zoom

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### Meeting Adjourned

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8:16 pm by Alexis Padgham