



Paw Prints

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

BRING YOUR FAV STUFFED ANIMAL TO SCHOOL DAY

- March 24, all-day

SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL

- April 3-7

APRIL PTG MEETING

- April 11, 7-8 pm
- [Zoom link](#)

WILSON TALENT SHOW

- April 21, 5 pm
- Wilson Gym

DRESS LIKE MR. FRY DAY

- April 28, all-day

WILSON CARNIVAL

- May 12, 5-8 pm

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We've reached the time of the year when we have a lot of opportunities, big and small, for parents and caregivers of Wilson's kiddos to volunteer their time. Please consider your schedule and volunteer where you are able!

On the next page, you will see information about PTG Executive Board needs.

Larger Time Commitment:

2024 Monster Mash Committee Chair - love Halloween and dancing?! Step up to be the next Chair (or Co-Chairs) of the Monster Mash Event. There are many experienced community members who will be part of your committee! Contact WilsonWildcatsPTG@gmail.com to learn more.

Smaller Time Commitment:

2024 Book Bingo Chair - Love bingo and books?! This is a fun event to run and doesn't take a lot of time. Contact WilsonWildcatsPTG@gmail.com to learn more.

More info coming soon!

WILSON CARNIVAL - MAY 12

The much-loved Wilson Carnival will return for some amazing fun on May 12.

In order to make the event a success, LOTS of volunteers will be needed. In the coming weeks, you will learn more about the opportunities to help set up, clean up, and run each of the 25+ game booths. There will also be a call to donate supplies, cakes, and soda.

It takes over 100 people to make the Carnival a success. Without YOUR help this event will not be possible.



PTG EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITIONS FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

We are at the time of the year when we identify next year's PTG Leadership. There are 4 positions to be elected for next year's Board. Nominations will occur at the April 11th PTG meeting with elections taking place at the May 9th PTG meeting.

Current PTG Executive Board members, Alexis Padgham, Jeff Klein, Dave Gilbert, Kendra Kimball-Chapman, and Tonja Brown are available to answer any questions you may have.

If you are interested in nominating someone (or yourself) for one of the following, please first speak with the person to make sure they are interested, and email WilsonWildcatsPTG@gmail.com to further discuss.

All nominees MUST be present at the April 11 & May 9 PTG meetings.

- **President**
 - Creates meeting agendas; communicates with 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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Outreach Coordinator**
 - Writes the Paw Prints Newsletter; coordinates with PTG Executive Board and Wilson staff to determine distribution schedule and content. Responsible for maintaining the PTG email, updating content on the PTG website, and providing backup support for the Secretary if needed.

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.

JUNE 17 WILSON GROUP OUTING: SPOKANE INDIANS BASEBALL AT \$6 PER TICKET

Get ready to watch some baseball! Wilson PTG has secured 100 bench seats at the cost of \$6 per ticket to the Saturday, June 17th Spokane Indians versus the Eugene Emeralds. This is sure to be a fun night of baseball and celebrating the end of a great school year. It is a fireworks night as well!

More info and a link to buy tickets coming in late April or early May.



RECAP OF RECENT PTG FUNDING APPROVALS

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

- Mrs. Staley's kindergarten class took a field trip to The Scoop in celebration of their hard work on an alphabet challenge
- A 4-week tennis camp for 4th-6th graders will occur in May and June. PTG-funded indoor nets, a case of balls, handle grips, and a ball hopper
- The entire kindergarten class will go on a field trip later this spring to see the play, *Frozen* at Lewis and Clark High School
- 10 6th graders will participate in a 5-week spring Book Club led by Ms. Edwards. PTG funded the books and snacks for this activity
- PTG funded the cost of 438 tee shirts to be used in the Wilson School House System, a new community-building initiative launching in April. We will tell you more about this in the April edition of Paw Prints, once the House System is announced to students at the kick-off assembly

PHOTOS FROM FEBRUARY'S BOOK BINGO

Thank you to the entire Wilson community for a wildly successful Book Bingo event. Kids enjoyed selecting many wonderful books as prizes for their BINGO wins. Thank you to Stephanie Gronholz for chairing this event over the past few years. We are searching for new leadership for next year. Contact WilsonWildcatsPTG@gmail.com to learn more.



YOU ARE INVITED: APRIL 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.

April 11

7:00-8:00pm

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?



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**

REQUEST PTG FUNDS FOR A PROJECT OR ACTIVITY



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**

NEED A REIMBURSEMENT FROM PTG?

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**

MINUTES

Wilson Elementary School PTG

*Tuesday, March 14, 2023 7:00 pm, Wilson Library | Meeting Called to Order at 7:03 pm by Alexis Padgham
Minutes Submitted by Kendra Kimball Chapman*

PTG Officers in Attendance

Alexis Padgham, President

Jeff Klein, Vice President

Dave Gilbert, Treasurer

Tonja Brown, Outreach Secretary

Kendra Kimball Chapman, Secretary

Approval of Minutes

The February 2023 Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Ana Erhler. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report (Dave Gilbert, Treasurer)

- Remaining unallocated funds for this school year: approximately \$12,748.70
- The Scholastic Book Sale was very successful. We anticipated making \$1,000 but brought in over \$3,000 for the school
- We will attempt to clean up the budget document and remove outdated items

Funding Requests

- Kinder Field Trip to see *Frozen* at LC: \$305 was already approved by PTG board this month
- 6th Grade Book Club: \$200 was already approved by PTG board earlier this month
- The Extracurricular Committee had hoped to present a new Art after School opportunity and request funding but were thrown a last minute curve ball. Will present at the next meeting.

Citizen's Advisory Committee (Sarah Rodgers and Lara Nybo)

- Doom and gloom regarding the state education budget. Membership is urged to contact our state representatives and ask them to prioritize general education.
- The district continues to work on campus security and limit police on campus.
- Parents want to access home schools for special education students. It's a burden to have children at multiple schools depending on services offered.
- Vape alarm update: all middle and high schools are getting new vape sensors in bathrooms
- The district wants to standardize the naming of all PTO/PTG/PTA-type groups to minimize confusion

Discussion Items

- **Drama Club** (Alexis Padgham): Audition sign-ups opened on Monday. Auditions are next week. Drama club will present *Peter Pan* in June.
- **PTG Board Positions 2023-24:** There will be several open positions on the board next school year. Formal nominations for the following positions will be made at the April PTG meeting. Please get support from potential nominees before naming them and also communicate any potential nominees with the board prior to the April meeting.
 - Secretary (Kendra Chapman has served 3 years in the role and is ineligible to serve another)
 - Outreach Secretary: We will rename this position *Outreach Coordinator* to better align with the responsibilities of the role and reduce confusion. (Tonja Brown has served 3 years in the role and is ineligible to serve another)
 - Vice President: (Jeff Klein would like to step off the board in order to invest fully in his position as chair of the Extracurricular Committee)
 - President: (Alexis Padgham is beginning a PhD program and will be unable to serve another year)
- **Alumni Scholarship** (Katie Glazier):
 - We offer up to \$500/alumni (total \$1500). This is available to any student who attended Wilson for any number of years. Applications are going out to high schools this week.
 - We need 3-5 additional committee members to review applications and award scholarships. Small time commitment and a very fun way to serve the PTG. Email Katie if you'd like to join the committee (Laura Baumgardner, Stephanie Gronholz and Lara Nybo volunteered to join)
 - We need a new chair for this committee next school year.
- **Extracurricular Committee Update** (Jeff Klein):
 - More Art after School to be presented next month
 - Check the weekly emails from Wilson for extracurricular updates and schedules.

Guest Speaker: Jeremy Ochse, Southwest Zone Area Director (All LC feeder schools)

- Middle schoolers tend to tell their parents not to come to school events but, in reality, they'll be looking for parents in the stands. He encourages parents to stay connected with kids and the school during middle school years.
- Watched "School Boundary Changes" video: [spokaneschools.org/boundary change](http://spokaneschools.org/boundary%20change)
- Watched video about 6th grade cohorts: spokaneschools.org/stories
- Aim for new middle school construction: architecture to align with cohort goals. Lots of natural light. Architecture that builds community.
- 6th grade: kids will be kept in a tight pod for four of their six classes. The aim is to have just two teachers for core subjects: one for math/science, another for social studies/language arts
- 6th graders will have access to all clubs and organizations
- 6th grade sports will be intramural sessions 6th grade sports will most likely be limited to fall cross country, winter Hooptown, and spring intramurals. More sports opportunities will become available in 7th grade, once they've mastered middle school.
- "Just right balance" for 6th graders: the idea is to learn how to do school first
- March 31st: 6th grade teachers will officially be assigned to middle schools
- Kids will start in 6th grade courses but there will be opportunities for differentiation and accelerated learning. Example: some 6th graders taking a 7th grade math course

- Sac has the smallest footprint among district middle schools. Old Sac will be torn down over the summer to make way for parking lot and play field.
- Middle schoolers go outside almost every day. Lunch 15 minutes, 15 minutes outside with access to basketball courts, playfields, developmentally appropriate climbing structures
- Questions: contact jeremyo@spokaneschools.org

Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 7:00 pm, via Zoom

Meeting Adjourned

8:11 pm by Alexis Padgham

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