



Paw Prints

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

1:45 PM EARLY RELEASE FRIDAY

- JAN. 28
- FEB. 4
- FEB. 18

NO SCHOOL

- JAN. 31

FEBRUARY PTG MEETING

- Feb. 8, 7-8pm
- [Zoom link](#)

80'S DAY

- FEB. 25

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AN "INTERESTING" START TO 2022

This month has been tough. Everyone is doing their best under the circumstances and making it through as they are able. Parents are tired, and teachers and staff are working harder than ever.

Please consider writing a 1-2 sentence note of thanks or praise to a Wilson staff member and submit it to us at wilsonwildcatsptg@gmail.com. We will include in an upcoming edition of Paw Prints. Let's follow the example of Mr. Rodgers and look for the helpers as we weather this difficult season. You are never alone.



TEACHERS: PTG WOULD LIKE TO HELP YOU FUND A FIELD TRIP

PTG has a budget line to assist teachers with the costs associated with classroom field trips. Teachers, if you are exploring the idea, please know that the PTG would like to help with the costs. The PTG Executive Board members are happy to answer questions about funding.

To request funds, **please complete the Funds Request form**. We are aware of a technical issue that prevented this form from submitting correctly during the first half of the year. This issue has now been corrected and we apologize for any delay in responding to prior requests.

2021-2022 WILSON PTG EXECUTIVE BOARD

Officers are elected by PTG membership in the spring and serve a 3-year term

- **President:** Carly Howarth, CarlyHespokaneschools.org - Laney (3rd) & 2 Wilson alumni
- **Vice-President:** Carly Pickering - Lauren (3rd), Benj (6th) & 2 Wilson alumni
- **Treasurer:** Katie Glazier, WilsonPTGTreasurer@gmail.com - Abram (4th) & a Wilson alum
- **Secretary:** Kendra Kimball Chapman - Norilee (1st), Jane (3rd) & an upcoming Wilson student
- **Outreach Secretary:** Tonja Brown - Helen (Kinder) & Brandon (3rd)
- **Treasurer-Elect:** Dave Gilbert - Henry (4th) & Locklin (2nd)

YOU ARE INVITED: FEBRUARY PTG MEETING

February 8

7:00-8:00pm

Online via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 863 2266 5646 Password: 20212022

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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 prior meeting minutes to be sent out via email the week prior to the meeting.

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 <https://forms.gle/Hu2g7dNGdUSmwwf26>.

A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO WILSON TEACHERS AND STAFF

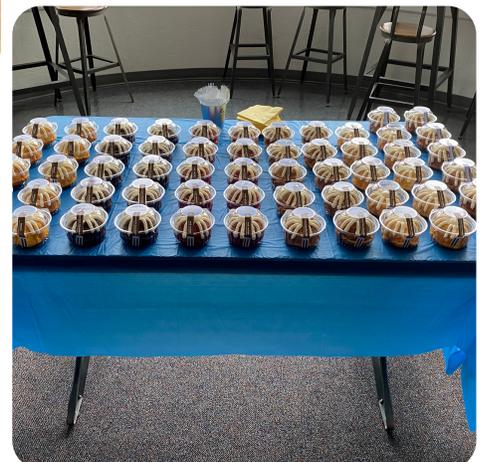
As a way to express gratitude to the Wilson Staff, PTG organized a lunch dessert treat on January 21st.

We can't emphasize enough how grateful we are for Wilson staff nurturing our children day after day during this challenging time.



Thank you to Nothing Bundt Cakes for providing these cakes at a 50% discount, and to Kendra Chapman for pulling this sweet treat together for staff! Next time you are in need of a dessert, consider supporting this locally owned franchise.

Spokane Trivia: one of the corporate founders of Nothing Bundt Cakes is a 1975 Lewis and Clark High School graduate.



1ST AND 2ND GRADERS: SUBMIT FOR PUBLICATION

Parents and Teachers, please encourage Wilson 1st and 2nd Graders to submit their creative pieces to Paw Prints for publication in February.

Art, poetry, photograph, short writings (less than 50 words), comics, or other mediums are encouraged.

Please submit to wilsonwildcatsptg@gmail.com by February 15th.



UPCOMING PTG EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE

A number of wonderful PTG events are coming up in the next few months. All will be planned in accordance with current School District and public health guidelines. More details and calls for volunteers will be communicated as the events come closer.

February 17: Book Bingo, 6:30-8pm

Come play bingo! Winners choose books to take home as a prize.

Cost: free - please consider bringing gently used books to place on the prize table.

March 18: Wilson Talent Show, 6:30-8pm

Cheer on your favorite Wilson student, teacher, and staff as they perform their many talents for the Wilson community. Cost: free.

April 29: Wilson Carnival

Join in the fun of an old-school, outdoor carnival with games, face painting, cotton candy, popcorn, food trucks, and a dunk tank! Cost: modestly priced pay-to-play games.

Other events in the early planning stages include a Parents Night Out and a possible International Fair.

More details as plans come together. If you have an idea, contact a PTG Executive Board Member or email wilsonwildcatsptg@gmail.com

STAY UP TO DATE ON WILSON EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Wilson has an easy-to-read online calendar that contains important school district dates, school-planned events, and PTG happenings. To view the calendar, visit spokaneschools.org/Page/220#calendar2365/

Import the calendar feed into any online calendar that supports iCal by [following these instructions](#).



Winter Break Fun

At the January PTG meeting we put out a call to our community for photos of Wilson students enjoying their winter break. The photos submitted bring us much needed joy. Enjoy these images of childhood fun! Didn't get a chance to submit? Send photos of your child to wilsonwildcatsptg@gmail.com. We will share in future newsletters.



Max Klein (1) getting air while sledding at Manito Park



2nd Graders Whittman and Hudson decorating holiday cookies



Helen (K), Cora (K), Norilee (1), Ellis (preschool), Brandon (3), Jane (3), Henry (preschool), & Brinkley (3) at a Spokane Chiefs game



Hadley (2) and Leighton (Kinder) rode the tubes at Silver Mountain



Trying on mom's new glasses brought a big smile to Daniel's (Kinder) face



Anthony Klein (4) sledding fast at Manito Park



5th Graders Bode, Finn, Pearce, Sam, & Sean made snow cones



Hudson (2) & brothers during a day of skiing



Kinders Juliette, Summer, & Henry B. in ski camp at Mt. Spokane

Winter Break Fun



Norilee (1), Haddie (1), & Evie (preschool) built a snowman



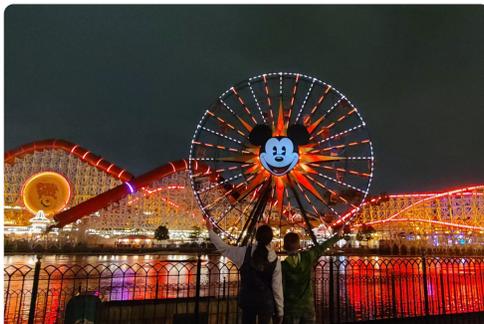
1st Graders Sloane, June, & Emmett enjoying the snow



Oliver (2), Bode (5), Finn (5), & Penny (K) x-country skiing at Mt. Spokane



Kinders Myles and Kasen building gingerbread houses



Liam (3) & Mia K. (5) making family memories at Disneyland



Helen (K) & Brandon (3) built "Bug Man the Snowman"



Members of Mrs. Fuller's Kinder class enjoyed snow play at recess



Santa...oops, Charlie D. (3), had fun snowmobiling



Laney (pre-school), Juliette (K), Summer (K), Emmylew (2), Reese (2), & Nora C. (2) @ Mt. Spokane

Winter Break Fun



Rori (K) & Kaiser (3)
rock climbing



Llewyn (K) & Ashley (preschool)
built a snowman



Ruby (K) ice skating on her
grandparent's yard ice rink



Beau (4) & sister Kaylea (K) at
Hutton) built a snowman



Max (5) & Kasen (K) enjoying
La Jolla Beach in San Diego



Jonah (1) playing in the snow
at Cannon Hill



Olive (K) sledding at
Cannon Hill Park



Mia I. (5), Chloe (3), & Alyse (1)
enjoyed Cabo San Lucas



Patrick (4) as Ball Boy during
Gonzaga vs. Merrimack game

MINUTES

Wilson Elementary School PTG

*Tuesday, January 11, 2022 7:02 pm | Meeting Called to Order by Carly Howarth
Minutes Submitted by Kendra Kimball Chapman*

PTG Officers in Attendance

Carly Howarth, President

Carly Pickering, Vice-President

Katie Glazier, Treasurer

Tonja Brown, Outreach Secretary

Kendra Kimball Chapman, Secretary

Approval of Minutes

The November 2021 Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Kendra Chapman, seconded by Alex. Evans.

All in favor of approval.

Treasurer's Report (Katie Glazier, treasurer)

- No update on our tax exempt status. Katie doesn't expect to hear anything before May. For this reason, she recommends we hold off on any fundraising efforts where donors would expect to write off their donation.
- Final numbers for the Wildcat Walk are in. \$52,639 in; \$6,484 out; Net: \$46,154
- Art night total expenses were \$500. The executive team had approved up to \$600 to cover costs for remote art night.
- We've only used \$1300 of our \$5000 total budgeted for field trips. Teachers should keep this in mind.
- Staff holiday expenses were just over \$700, that is approximately half of the budgeted amount, which puts us in a good spot for teacher appreciation.
- We have \$67,700 sitting in our accounts, so we're in a really healthy position.

Citizen's Advisory Committee (Sarah Rodgers presenting)

- Conferences: The district would like your feedback on timing and structure for future years.
 - Do we like November and March conferences?
 - What works better for families: a week of half days or a couple days of no school?
- Covid: There has been a rapid rise in cases and there are test shortages. Staffing remains a huge challenge.
 - Possibility of School Closures: Monday 1/10 the district had over 100 "fail to fill" positions. It's becoming increasingly difficult to fill in the gaps. If school were to be canceled, this is why. It would be short (a few days rather than weeks).

- District will follow CDC's updated quarantine guidelines

Information Items

- Paw Prints (Tonja Brown):
 - January edition will be out next week.
 - We hope for submissions from 1st and 2nd graders for the February edition.
 - Please send pictures of what your kiddos did over winter break to be included in the January edition. Text Tonja 206-769-8662
- New PTG Website (Tonja Brown):
 - Tonja is working with James Nelson. She will update us as more details come together.
- Parent's Night Out (Jeff Klein):
 - It was a great turnout! Thanks to all who helped put it together.
 - Jeff will work on another one. He liked having an activity (Ping pong at the last one. What's next?). He also liked not having to collect money. RSVPs were helpful.
 - Ideas for future events are Brickyard (outdoor cornhole tournament) or Flatstick Pub. He's aiming for the end of March or after spring break.
- Art Night (Recap via Carly Howarth)
 - Thank you to Bridget and Laura for making this possible! Pictures of some finished artwork were shared.
- Holiday Staff Breakfast (Carly Howarth reporting)
 - Thanks to everyone who brought food and volunteered to help. It was delicious and the staff was so appreciative. We've received several thank you notes. Pictures of the event were shared.
- Blessings Under the Bridge Partnership (Sarah Rodgers and 2nd grader Emmylew Rodgers):
 - We filled over 200 stockings with toiletries and gave out over 350 cards from Wilson students. We exceeded expectations!
 - Hoping to make this an annual event for Wilson
 - Thank you to Sarah and Emmylew for their leadership and big hearts!
- Upcoming Events (Annual Events will happen unless Covid restrictions change)
 - Book Bingo: February 17. Stephanie Gronholz chair
 - Talent Show: March 18. Jennifer Holcomb chair. Contact her jenniferhol@spokaneschools.org if you'd like to help
 - Drama Club Play- *Wizard of Oz*, Alexis Padgham directing
 - Carnival: April 29. Josie Dix chair. Pre-orders and volunteer sign up will go out a few weeks beforehand
 - International Fair: no date. Katie Broadbent and Stephanie Gronholz co-chairs
 - No firm details yet. This event is still in the planning phase. Stephanie is anticipating folk dances as part of the event.
 - Email Katie if you'd like to get involved or volunteer. klbroadbent@gmail.com
- Brick Fundraiser (Carly Howarth reading notes from Josie Dix):
 - Company finally has all the necessary supplies. Now they are waiting for a dry day and dry bricks. Engraving should happen in the spring.
 - Let's open Phase 3 of Brick engraving orders. Phase 2 & 3 orders will be printed at the same time.
- Family Directory (Carly Howarth):
 - The directory went out last month. Thanks to Josie Dix for putting them together.

New Business

- Funds Request for PA System (Ken Hermanson):
 - The District committee has been coordinating with Hoffman's. Hoffman's is working on a quote to meet our needs. They can bring the equipment out and try it on our playground to ensure it will meet our needs.
 - Ken is waiting for exact bids.
 - System will include speakers, stands, carrying cases, etc. He is also looking into flood lights.
 - Dave Gilbert suggests we also purchase a pop up tent to protect the gear during events. All in favor.
 - Katie Glazier motions we approve up to \$2500 for this system. Ana Ehrler seconds. All in favor of purchasing a sound system, flood lights, and a pop up tent and spending up to \$2500.
- Ken Hermanson Updates and Questions:
 - He has no information from the district regarding potential school closures due to staffing issues. Staffing shortages are a big problem.
 - Families who choice into Wilson must turn in a request this month or you will be turned down for next year (even if your child already attends Wilson and/or you are a teacher here). You must request to stay. This is a new district policy. Parents should be notified about placements sometime in May.
 - Alex Brajcich asks whether the district will require a negative Covid test for students to return to school after 5 days. Ken says that an email with updated Covid guidelines went out this evening at 6:30.
 - Tonja Brown asks whether we will be updated if there was a positive covid case in our child's classroom. Answer: Not unless you're deemed a close contact.
 - Jeff Klein asks whether the district still sometimes moves an entire class online if there are too many cases in a classroom. Answer: occasionally. The district nursing team makes this determination. Jeff suggests that increased parent coordination would be helpful when there is a case or outbreak in a classroom.
 - Ryan Kiely would appreciate more information about how a close contact is determined. Answer: Ken uses a tape measure to determine whether anyone sits within 3' of the positive child.
 - Jeff Klein wonders how we can support teachers and staff as numbers rise.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

Meeting Adjourned

8:06 pm by Carly Howarth.