



Paw Prints

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

JUNE PTG MEETING

- 7, 7-8 pm
- In-person

HAT DAY

- June 3, all-day

WIZARD OF OZ PRODUCTION

- June 10, 5:00 pm
- Wilson Gym

6TH GRADE PROMOTION

- June 15

FIELD DAY

- June 16

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

- June 17, 7:30-8:15am

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

- June 17
- Early Release at 11am

PTG PANCAKE BREAKFAST JUNE 17, 7:30AM-8:15AM, PLAYGROUND

*Enjoy pancakes and sausage before school on the final day of the year!

*Ride your bike as part of Friday Bike Train

*Cost: free



*We are excited to bring this Wilson tradition back after a 2 year hiatus



FAREWELL TO 3 MEMBERS OF THE PTG EXECUTIVE BOARD

As June arrives, Carly Howarth (President), Carly Pickering (VP), and Katie Glazier (Treasurer) will retire from their PTG Executive Board roles. The next time you see these individuals, please take a moment to thank them for their service to PTG and Wilson at large. The amount of dedication and service they put in behind the scenes is awe-inspiring.

There are a stunning amount of details that go into running the PTG - thousands of texts, phone calls, emails, late hours at the school organizing and planning for events, management of PTG funds, processing t-shirt and yearbook sales, and so on.

These three have served with grace, humor, stunning organization, and an unwavering commitment to making decisions with integrity - keeping the best interest of our kids, and the school, in heart and mind. They leave the PTG in a strong position as we head into next year. Thank you, Carly, Carly, and Katie!

YOU ARE INVITED: JUNE IN-PERSON PTG MEETING

Join us in person for the final PTG meeting of the year. Beverages and light snacks are provided. We will be **electing the PTG Executive Board positions** and celebrating all that was accomplished this year.

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.

June 7
7:00-8:00pm

In-Person at Katie Glazier's home!
3259 S. High Dr. 99203

ORDER WILSON YEARBOOKS BY MAY 31

The cost for this year's yearbooks is \$22.67 after tax & online convenience fees. Order via website: wilsonptg.ejoinme.org/yearbook22.

Yearbooks will be delivered to your child in the final few days of the school year.

If you are having financial difficulties, please contact Melissa Alfstad, MelissaAespokaneschools.org, and we will help ensure your child receives a yearbook.



END OF THE YEAR GIFT: BUY A WILSON PLAYGROUND BRICK

Ever wondered about the engraved brick wall on the Wilson blacktop? This summer an engraver will be on-site to personalize playground bricks.

Now is your chance to add your memory to this beautiful wall! Order your brick today in honor of your kids, your family, a favorite Wilson staff member, or Wilson alumni.

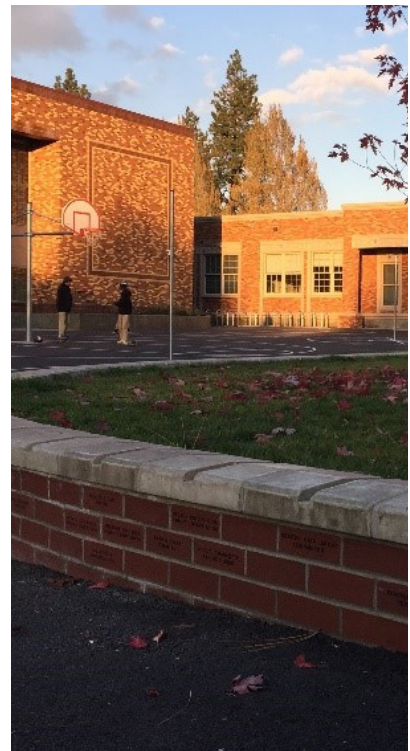
Bricks are available for a \$100 donation to Wilson PTG. The funds raised support our PTG and are used towards student experiences, classroom enhancements, and continuing education for our staff.

To order your brick:

1. Complete the Brick Personalization form on page 5. Either print & submit to the Wilson Front Office or email to Josie Dix at josiedix@msn.com
2. Pay the \$100 donation one of two ways:
 - a. Online (includes an additional \$4 processing fee):
wilsonptg.ejoinme.org/bricks22
 - b. Write a \$100 check payable to Wilson PTG, and submit it to the Wilson office

The Wilson Office is open Mon-Fri, 8 am-3:30 pm

Questions: josiedix@msn.com



BIKE TRAIN - RIDE EVERY FRIDAY

Now that the weather is finally warming up, plan to ride your bike to school every Friday on the Wilson Bike Train.

Train Departure Times

8:10:

- Madison and 18th
- Post and Shoshone
- 28th and Division

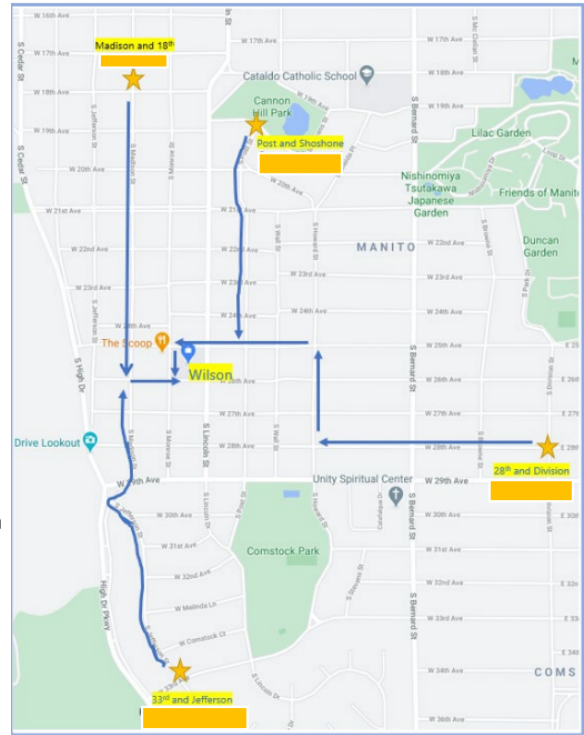
8:15:

- 33rd and Jefferson



Join the train as the groups roll past checkpoints, gradually picking up more and more students until we reach the Wilson gates together.

If you live beyond the bounds of the map please consider bringing your bike and joining the train at an outlying point—we'd love everyone to participate!



WILSON CARNIVAL A SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone for making the Wilson Carnival a HUGE success! There was a record turnout, the weather held, and the kiddos had a fabulous time. Thank you to Josie Dix, Courtney Malone, and the rest of the Carnival committee for all their hard work and organization. We are so thankful to have this annual tradition back at Wilson. See pages 6 & 7 for a full list of cakewalk decoration winners and those kiddos who won raffle prizes.



WILSON TEACHER LOUNGE BEAUTIFICATION



We extend gratitude to Tricia Miller, Wilson's Head Custodian, for beautifying the outdoor teacher lounge and the front of the building on 25th Ave! With funding support from PTG, Trisha refreshed the lounge and added numerous plants and flowers for both the lounge and school grounds. Thank you, Tricia! We appreciate all you do!

MINUTES

Wilson Elementary School PTG

*Tuesday, May 10, 2022 7:03 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 April 2022 Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Gretchen Farley, seconded by Tonja Brown. All in favor of approval.

Treasurer's Report (Katie Glazier, Treasurer)

- April was a big month because of carnival. If you have additional receipts that need to be submitted for reimbursement, please do so right away. Final numbers are not in but at this point it looks like carnival brought in \$8600. Approximately \$7400 of that has been paid out.
 - Ken envisions walkathons every 18 months so families aren't being asked too often. He's dreaming up a large family event next April.
 - Anticipates ending the year with approximately \$55,000 which puts us in a good position (we went into non-fundraising years with this same amount two and four years ago). Going into a non-fundraising year we typically want to start with around \$40,000.
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Citizen's Advisory Committee – Sarah Rodgers

- Board update from Reilly Smith: some schools will see an expanded walk zone. The district will partner with STA for some transportation needs.
 - Long-range planning is being done by a large committee. They're looking at where bond money has been spent and where to spend next. The board has the ultimate say on this. They are looking to improve or replace Adams, Balboa, Indian Trail & Madison and considering an additional elementary school near Qualchan to meet growth in the area. They are considering improvements to facilities for The Community School, Pratt, Libby Center, Apple K-8, Map, FROC, Step, and SVA as well.
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Information Items

- Paw Prints (Tonja Brown):
 - Please send submissions from 5th and 6th graders for the final edition. Text submissions to Tonja 206-769-8662 or email tonjalbrown@gmail.com

- Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Thank you, Katelyn Hunt! Marvelous job! It went over budget a bit. Katie proposes moving leftover funds from the family hospitality budget to cover expenses. Carly Howarth motions to approve. Lara Nybo seconds. All in favor.
- Carnival
 - Carnival was super fun! Thank you to Josie Dix and the Carnival planning team. Everyone agreed that it was wonderful to have this important community-building event back. Feedback offered from the community:
 - Praise:
 - It was awesome having 6th graders rather than teachers in the dunk tank. Let's continue that!
 - It's great to see so many Wilson alum back to help.
 - Lots of families came.
 - Things to adjust to make next year even more successful:
 - Too many events. Let's cut some of the less popular events so we can use more volunteers to reduce long lines on the very popular events.
 - Can we add music throughout the event space next year?
 - Games/Events to cut: tattoos, chopstick ball, frog racing, fishing line over the curtain, many of the "little kid" games in the classrooms inside.
 - Favorite Games & Events to place more volunteers next year: facepainting, soda pop toss. Those lines were way too long!
 - Can we bring back the preschool area with a juice box ring toss and cupcake walk? That was awesome in past years.
 - Let's survey kids to learn which events they love and which we can cut. Carly H. will give a survey to teachers.
 - Parents could use more guidance ahead of time on how many tickets to buy. Tell families specifically how much food will cost so they can prepare. Suggested ticket amount of 100/family of 4 didn't seem to be enough.
 - Jayden Roberts wants to do fortune telling next year. Fun idea!
 - Goal of the event is community building rather than fundraising. The goal is for it to be a "break even" event.
 - Is the event perhaps too long? Lots of tears by the end.
 - Bricks – will be engraved soon.

New Business

- Funds Request for Paraeducator Gifts (Kendra Chapman):
 - Asking \$150 to gift all six of our paraeducators \$25 gift cards
 - We have lost several paraeducators this year and the positions remain unfilled. Our paras are overworked and underpaid. They've all taken on extra responsibilities without receiving any extra pay. Let's recognize their hard work and dedication by offering a gift.
 - The group loves the idea but thinks it should be more
 - Carly Howarth motions we gift \$50 per paraeducator. Tonja Brown seconds. All are in favor.
 - Kendra will buy six \$50 Amazon gift cards and write thank you notes to accompany them. To be delivered later this week.
- Funds Request for Cross Country Trackers (Heidi Bresson and Jeff Klein):

- Asking for \$175/year for subscription to service that will let kids scan trackers as they run laps. This will help Bloomsday Training, Cross Country, PE, Girls on the Run. No additional equipment has to be purchased but may be needed at a later time. They've gotten great feedback on this system. Should be easier and motivational.
- Kendra motions to fund \$175. Alexis seconds. All in favor.
- Nominations are in for next year's PTG Officers. Thank you for being willing to serve. All have accepted the nomination:
 - President: Alexis Padgham
 - Vice President: Jeff Klein
 - Treasurer: Dave Gilbert
 - Secretary: Kendra Chapman
 - Outreach Secretary: Tonja Brown
- 2022-2023 Event Chairs
 - Art Night: Bridget Sarfino and Laura Crotty
 - Book Bingo: Stephanie Gronholz
 - Carnival: Josie Dix
 - Monster Mash: Janny Kiely
 - Pancake Feed: Meghan McLaughlin
 - Talent Show: Tammy Knapp and Kaelyn Perry
 - CAC: Sarah Rodgers and Lara Nybo
 - Pizza in the Park:
 - Wildcat Walk:
 - Directory:
 - Hospitality:
 - We need to fill a few more chair positions. Please volunteer or send nominations.
- Ken Hermanson Updates and Questions:
 - Volunteer Appreciation Brunch will not happen this Friday but will happen on another Friday coming up. Ken will send information on this.
 - Teacher and Combination class feedback forms are due this Friday.
 - Art dedication was awesome
 - Gretchen Farley thanks the PTG for today's Mobius visit for 3rd graders today.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 7:00 pm in person in Katie Glazier's backyard

Meeting Adjourned

8:09 pm by Carly Howarth.

Wilson Carnival ~ CAKEWALK AWARDS ~ 2022

THANK YOU TO ALL THE OUTSTANDING CAKE ENTRIES THIS YEAR!

JUDGES HAD A VERY DIFFICULT JOB SELECTING THE WINNERS

STUDENT	GRADE	TEACHER	AWARD	CAKE DESCRIPTION
Ella Davis	6th	Krotzer	Most Creative	Bunny in Garden
Ruby Branham	6th	Krotzer	Best of Show	Stacked owls – 3
Emma Stolz and sister Madison	5 th (and 7 th)	Sarfino	Most Beautiful	Flowers
Jaden Roberts	4th	Mejia/Kovarik	Most Delicious Looking	Pudding cake
Rory Bresson	3rd	Reilly	Best Sports	Soccer Field
Mia and Liam Knapp	3 rd and 5 th	Farley Sarfino	Best School Spirited	Large W cupcakes
Ruby Hastings	1st	Holcomb	Best “little” Kid created	Butterfly
Justin Geffkin	6th	Krotzer	Best “kid” created	Peeps playing soccer
Keaton Lohermeyer	4 th	Burke	Most Festive	Doughnut cake
Locklin Gilbert	2nd	Padgham	Cutest	Cookie Monster
India Simson-Shauvin	3rd	Farley	Principle’s Choice	Bee hive with flowers

Wilson Carnival ~ CAKEWALK Awards ~ 2022

STUDENT	GRADE	TEACHER	AWARD	CAKE DESCRIPTION
Charlie Dix	3rd	Reilly	Very Creative	Army battle
Lila Baumgardner	1st	Pasinetti	Honorable Mention	Wilson Cake
Ellie Gilliam	4th	Burke	Honorable Mention	Yellow and Blue sprinkled cake
Ava Brattebo	6th	Conrad	Honorable Mention	Animal cookie cake
Patrick Malone	4th	Burke	Honorable Mention	White and Blue cake
Louie Kovarik	2nd	Padgham	Honorable Mention	Pirate flag cake
Emerson Jenkins	2 nd	Bozo	Delicious looking	Berry Cheesecake

Thank you to all who donated!

Over 100 homemade, locally baked, delicious sweets!

Wilson Carnival 2022

CakeWalk Award Winners – Raffle drawing

Head lamp – Mia and Liam Knapp

Kick -ball Indie Simonson-Shauvin

Kick-ball Charlie Dix

Water bottle – Elli Gilliam

Dunk Tank participants – Raffle drawing

Large floaty – Justin Geffkin

Camp light – Charlie Sarfino

Kick-ball – Maddox Sheffer

Kick-ball – Haylo Dana

Basketball Challenge – Raffle drawing

Drawn and giving Kick Ball prizes at Carnival

Kennedy Taylor and Tony Lapin

Spin and Win Raffle drawing – carnival mishap sorry no winner drawn this year

1 v 1 basketball Raffle drawing - carnival mishap sorry no winner drawn this year

THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING – THE WILSON PTG TRADITION is BACK

See you next year 2023 – Last Friday in April