



Paw Prints

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

STAFF HOLIDAY BREAKFAST

- Dec. 18
- Contribute to a potluck celebrating Wilson's awesome staff
- Details coming soon

TACKY HOLIDAY ATTIRE DAY

- Dec. 18
- Dress in fun holiday attire

JANUARY PTG MEETING

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

THERE IS NO DECEMBER PTG MEETING

PAW PRINTS NEWSLETTER WILL RESUME IN JANUARY

Enjoy the winter break!

WILSON TO HELP SUPPORT SPOKANE HOMELESS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Inspired and developed by 2nd grader Emmylew Rodgers, the Wilson Community is partnering with Spokane non-profit Blessings Under the Bridge to **fill 500-holiday stockings with toiletries and uplifting messages written by Wilson students**. The stockings will be distributed to those less fortunate at a community event on Saturday, December 18.

Each grade level has been invited to support this wonderful community partnership in the following ways. **Please bring items to school by Friday, December 3rd**. Your teachers will be able to receive your donations:

- Kinder/1st - toothpaste
- 2nd/3rd - shampoo
- 4th - soap
- 5th - lotion
- 6th - deodorant

Additionally, families can support the effort by preparing baked goods which will be served at the community event on December 18. Contact Sarah Rodgers at smenard9@hotmail.com to arrange delivery on December 17.

For questions about how you can support this community service project further, including volunteering your time to stuff stockings on Dec. 4 and/or assist with distribution at the Dec. 18th event, please contact Sarah Rodgers at smenard9@hotmail.com or 206-355-2035.

To learn more about Blessings Under the Bridge and additional opportunities to serve, visit butb.org.

We thank Emmylew Rodgers (2nd grade), Sarah Rogers (parent), Ms. Alfstad (counselor), and Mr. Hermanson (principal) for making this project possible during this season of thanksgiving and gratitude!



Wilson has heart

YOU ARE INVITED: JANUARY PTG MEETING



January 11
7:00-8:00pm
Online via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 863 2266 5646 Password: 20212022
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86322665646?pwd=VXhRVHdla1RMd3Y1OUtha3lVRDZldz09>

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>.

4TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO MAC MUSEUM

The PTG assisted with the cost of attendance so that our fourth-grade classrooms could visit the MAC Museum and Campbell House in early November.

Many students reported the Campbell House as being their favorite part of the trip!

Community members shared with teachers how well the students behaved. Well done students!



KINDERGARDEN WORKS OF ART!

This month Paw Prints features the work of kinder students in our school. We are delighted to share the following entries. Looking forward to featuring the work of 1st graders in January!

The Heart and the Stars
By Freya Donovan
Age 5
Mrs. Fuller's Class



'My Family' Picture Frames
By Students in Mrs. Fuller's Class



MONSTER MASH COSTUME AND PUMPKIN WINNERS!

Thank you to everyone for making Monster Mash a smashing success! Kids and parents alike enjoyed an evening of costumes and dancing on the Wilson Blacktop. In addition to record breaking attendance, the event raised about \$1000 in support of Wilson students.

Thank you to Event Chair Alanna Spencer and Event Managers Marilda and Khy Benedetti, as well as the numerous parent volunteers! We appreciate your leadership and hard work!

Costume Winners

- The Titanic Ship by Grace Van Stone**
- Black Plague Doctor by Patrick Malone**
- Scooby-Doo Family by Wyatt Nelson and Family**



Pumpkin Carving Winners

- Best of Show - Rory Bresson, 3rd**
- Most Creative - Conrad Baumgartner, 4th**
- Spookiest - Charlie Dix, 3rd**
- Funniest - Collette Holcomb, 5th**
- Coollest - Peter Curtain, 3rd**
- Cutest - Rori Whittaker, Kindergarten**
- Most Artistic - Brayden McGann, 3rd**

WILSON COMMUNITY FUND

As emergencies arise, the Wilson Community Fund is there to support students in need. Please consider donating a small amount to ensure that needs are met. All donations are used to support students in our community when hardships arise.

Community Fund Giving Portal: <https://wilsonptg.ejoinme.org/communityfund>



If you are a family experiencing a hardship, or if you know of a family in need, please contact **Melissa Alfstad**, Wilson Counselor, at MelissaA@spokaneschools.org or 509.354.4510.



1ST & 2ND GRADE FIELD TRIP TO WALTER'S FRUIT RANCH

The PTG funded the first and second-grade classrooms to visit Walter's Fruit Ranch in October. Every child enjoyed a tractor ride, farm games, and had the opportunity to bring home a pumpkin.

Opportunities like these are the reason PTG exists - to provide additional experiential educational experiences for our children. Thank you for your support!



MINUTES

Wilson Elementary School PTG

*Tuesday, November 9, 2021 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 October Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Alexis Padgham, seconded by Alex. Evans.
All in favor of approval.

Treasurer's Report (Katie Glazier, treasurer)

- We made about \$48,000 from the Wildcat Walk!
- Monster Mash we made just under \$1,000 profit
- Expenses paid out last month: PE equipment (a prior year's commitment), Walter's Fruit Ranch field trip, staff luncheon.
- Katie proposes we add the field trip line item back to the budget. It was always there in the past but never used so we axed it. This year we are getting teacher requests again but with an urgent need that doesn't always allow for a vote at the next meeting. This would allow us to fund future requests.
 - Katie motions \$5,000. We can always increase it later. Lindsey Pursley seconds. All in favor.
- Katie has completed the application to have our non-profit status retroactively reinstated. It could take up to six months to process and be approved.

Citizen's Advisory Committee (Alex. Evans presenting)

- Dr. Swinyard would like feedback on Parent Teacher conferences. Is the timing and format working for families? Send feedback to Alex.
- SPS is in the League of Innovative Schools. Great recognition.
- Covid Updates:
 - Vaccination clinics in the works. More information coming soon. Parental consent will be required.
 - The Test to Stay program should be coming soon. No details yet.
- Transition to 6,7,8 Middle Schools. Southside of Spokane will transition fall 2023. Construction at Sac should start in March.

- Accelerated Academics – the district is looking for feedback on how to offer these programs more equitably.
 - Daryl Geffken ask for more information. What does this mean?
 - Answer: One example is the percentage of students with disabilities is lower in the accelerated programs than it is in the neighborhood schools. Is there a barrier to entry? The district is looking to make the process more equitable.
- District Safety Model – Schools will have Campus Safety Specialists. 1 per every 4 elementary schools. They will focus on emergency planning, emergency drills, reviewing video footage, building relationships with schools and students. They are mentors rather than law enforcement. No arrests but focusing on social emotional wellness.
- Anyone can attend a CAC meeting. Just sign up!

Information Items

- Paw Prints (Tonja Brown):
 - Featuring Kinders this month. Please submit writing, artwork, etc.
- New PTG Website (Tonja Brown):
 - We are in need of someone to create this. James offers to help and will connect with Tonja.
- Forms (Tonja Brown):
 - Please use the Funds Request and Agenda Item forms. Links can be found in Paw Prints and will be on our website.
- Monster Mash Recap (Khy Benedetti):
 - Alanna hit it out of the park! Thanks to everyone who participated, attended, and volunteered.
 - Holding it outside was a success. Likely the start of a new tradition but with weather contingencies in place.
 - Record attendance numbers. Very positive feedback in the chat.
 - Sound and Lightening could improve and we are working on that for next year.
- Parent's Night Out (Jeff Klein):
 - 32 People RSVPd currently. Please RSVP to help vendors prepare.
 - Lobster Bar and Pasta/Panini Bar will be open. Come get food and play ping pong.
 - Hoping to have a microphone at the event. Jeff will make a slideshow that will play throughout the evening. Gonzaga game will also be playing
 - Please send pictures of Cross Country, Monster Mash, and Walk-a-Thon to Jeff: jrklein22@gmail.com
- Bricks (Josie Dix):
 - Brick engraving is still delayed but it will happen.
- Family Directory (Josie Dix):
 - We pay for it through advertisement sales. Know anyone who could purchase some advertising? Send them to Josie ASAP
- Art Night (Bridget Sarfino and Laura Cook-Crotty)
 - Art kits coming home soon. Should be before Thanksgiving. Artwork can be returned to be displayed at school. Thanks for increasing the budget!
- Field Trip Recap:
 - Walter's Fruit Ranch trip was wonderful. A video recap was shown. The 1st and 2nd grade teachers expressed their gratitude. We love supporting our teachers and kids!
- International Fair (Katie Broadbent):

- Will happen in the spring.
- We hope to have booths or classrooms representing different countries. Kids would visit everywhere with a “passport.” Expect music, décor, food, etc. Katie would love for families to participate and chair countries.
- Heidi Bresson will participate by helping kids learn folk dances by grade level.
- Email Katie if you’d like to get involved or volunteer. klbroadbent@gmail.com
- Blessings Under the Bridge Partnership (Sarah Rodgers and 2nd grader Emmylew Rodgers):
 - Emmylew proposes we support the homeless community in Spokane by helping with Blessing Under the Bridge’s winter event.
 - Goal is to fill 500 stockings with toiletries.
 - Grade levels will be encouraged to bring certain items. Example: K/1 – toothpaste
 - Kids are making cards that will be tucked into stockings.
 - Could the PTG help? Other needs are money for bus passes, cookies for the event, hats, gloves & hand-warmers.
 - Kendra motions we donate funds to purchase bus passes
 - Katie clarifies that tax law doesn’t allow us to donate our funds to another 501c3
 - We can encourage families to make monetary donations directly to Blessings Under the Bridge. Contact Sarah if you’d like to help. Baking cookies for the event will be really helpful.

New Business

- Funds Request for 4th Grade Field Trip to MAC Museum
 - This was a time-sensitive request and under \$500 so we approved it prior to the meeting.
 - Families paid \$5/student. PTG contributed \$2/ child for admission plus the cost of busses.
 - Lindsay Pursley attended and said it went really well.
 - Students saw full museum and Campbell House.
 - Other MAC visitors commented on how well-behaved Wilson students were!
- Purchases for future outdoor events:
 - People loved having Monster Mash outdoors but it highlighted our need for additional lighting and a better sound system. These events would be helpful for future Monster Mashes but also Carnivals, Wildcat Walks and Field Days.
 - Ken estimates we can purchase a portable PA system and outdoor lighting for the roof with about \$1500.
 - Ken will come back in January with specifics and an official fund request.
- Parent’s Night Out Fund Request (Jeff Klein):
 - Jeff proposes we purchase \$20 gift cards for eight people (total \$160) as thank you gifts for cross country coaches and Monster Mash chairs. Rose motions we approve the request. Krista seconds. All are in favor.
- Holiday Staff Breakfast (Carly Pickering):
 - Looks like we can return to the potluck model this year.
 - Sign-up sheet to contribute food will come from Carly Pickering soon.
- Ken Hermanson Updates and Questions:
 - Thanks for the treats and meal that PTG contributed during conference week. Staff was very appreciative.
 - Wildcat Walk prizes will come soon.

- 4/5/6 Testing is finished. Thanks to the kids for participating. We don't see reports or results from this. Purely for the state.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

Meeting Adjourned

8:15 pm by Carly Howarth.

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