



# Paw Prints

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### NO SCHOOL!

- Nov. 23 - Nov. 27

### PARENT MORNING MINGLE

- Nov. 29, 8:30 am
- Wilson Library

### PTG DINE OUT: CARUSO'S

#### SANDWICHES & PIZZA

- Dec. 6, 4-8 pm
- 1120 N. Division

### SPIRIT DAY: TACKY HOLIDAY

#### ATTIRE

- Dec. 16, all day 
- Wear your showiest winter or holiday-themed clothes

### NO SCHOOL!

- Dec. 17-Jan. 2

### JANUARY PTG MEETING

- Jan. 10, 7-8 pm
- [Zoom link](#)

## GRATITUDE FOR THE COMMUNITY

In this edition of the PTG newsletter, you will read about an array of exciting PTG-funded activities and field trips, and upcoming PTG-sponsored events. Many families have been working hard to organize opportunities to enhance our kids' educational environment and also bring the Wilson community together. We've seen quite a number of our new families joining in and we hope to see that energy continue throughout the rest of the school year.

As the calendar prepares to change, we pause to express gratitude to the teachers and staff who dedicate their days to our children. With this, we also pause and honor the life of Art Jacobson, teacher at Wilson the past 4 years, and teacher in the Spokane Public Schools for the past 25-plus years. Mr. Jacobson recently passed away from terminal NAFLD liver failure. To read more about Mr. Jacobson's life as an educator, please visit his obituary at [tinyurl.com/4ub2v9y5](https://tinyurl.com/4ub2v9y5).

In closure for 2022, we leave you with the words of Mr. Fred Rodgers, "Anyone who does anything to help a child in his life is a hero to me."



## MEET THE 2022-2023 WILSON PTG EXECUTIVE TEAM

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

**President:** Alexis Padgham, AlexisPespokaneschools.org - 1st & 2nd-grade multi-age teacher & 4th-6th grade drama coach

**Vice-President:** Jeff Klein - Anthony (5th) and Maxwell (2nd)

**Treasurer:** Dave Gilbert, WilsonPTGTreasurere@gmail.com - Henry (5th) & Locklin (3rd)

**Secretary:** Kendra Kimball Chapman - Norilee (2nd), Jane (4th) & one soon-to-attend Wilson

**Outreach Secretary:** Tonja Brown - Helen (1st) & Brandon (4th)

## UPCOMING PTG SPONSORED EVENTS

### Parent Morning Mingle

Tuesday, November 29, 8:30 am, Wilson Library



Drop off the kiddos, then join us for coffee, donuts & conversation during our 1st "Morning Mingle" in the Library as we continue to build community across grade levels. Stay for as little or as long as you are able.

Thank you to kindergarten parent, Jillian Farland, for arranging this family gathering!

### PTG Dine Out Evening: Join us at Caruso's Sandwiches & Pizza

Tuesday, December 6, 4 - 8 pm

1120 N. Division location only

More details: [groupraise.com/events/239247](https://groupraise.com/events/239247)



Take a night off from cooking and donate money to Wilson! Caruso's donates to Wilson **20%** of all receipts affiliated with our school. The donation amount will not include sales tax or alcohol sales.

#### To participate:

- Dine-in, carry-out, or pick-up at the 1120 N. Division location
- When placing your order, mention you are with Wilson Elementary
- Bring your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers

Thank you to kindergarten parent, Ken Ebner, for arranging this fun evening out!

### Parent's Night Out at Brick West Brewing

Thursday, February 23, 2023

1318 W 1st Ave, WA 99201



Find a sitter for the kids and enjoy a night out for yourself. More details coming in the new year, but for now, plan to swing by for a beverage of your choice with dinner or an appetizer. Great conversation with other Wilson parents is guaranteed.

Thank you to parents, Erik Makinson, Jillian Farland, and Kate Smith for arranging this adult-only gathering!

Mark  
YOUR  
Calendar

## YOU ARE INVITED: JANUARY PTG MEETING

We love seeing so many of you each month. Come join us in **January** with your favorite winter beverage.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in the monthly virtual PTG meetings. We meet each month on the 2nd Tuesday.

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.



**January 10**

**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=Ymw3MnNYdEYzMGMxcWFCUVN3RW5KZz09](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 agenda at the next PTG meeting.

Agenda request form available at: **[forms.gle/MQPMtALBeQ9MbS5s6](https://forms.gle/MQPMtALBeQ9MbS5s6)**

## 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](https://forms.gle/Z5VEvRvtNCwHYVMQ7)**

## 3 WAYS TO STAY UP TO DATE: WILSON EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

1. Visit our website - **[spokaneschools.org/domain/1253](https://spokaneschools.org/domain/1253)**
2. Subscribe to Wilson's online calendar: school district dates, school-planned events, and PTG happenings.
  - a. Copy and paste the URL into any calendar that supports the iCal format:  
**<https://www.spokaneschools.org/site/handlers/icalfeed.ashx?miid=2365>**
  - b. For help, **[follow these instructions](#)**
3. Connect with us on Facebook - **[facebook.com/groups/293107240685/](https://facebook.com/groups/293107240685/)**



## DECEMBER STAFF & TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Every December, the PTG hosts a holiday-themed breakfast for Wilson staff and teachers as a way to show our thanks for their hard work and dedication. This year's breakfast will happen on December 16. Additionally, every staff member and teacher will receive a holiday gift from the PTG as a token of the community's gratitude.



Thank you to parent and PTG officer, Kendra Chapman, for arranging this year's event!

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



At the end of October, Wilson's 1st and 2nd graders visited Walter's Fruit Ranch in Greenbluff.

After a long bus ride, students enjoyed learning about the farm and farming. They then had time to play in the sand pit and spend time with the farm animals.

Many students reported that picking apples off the trees, sampling fresh pressed apple cider, and selecting a special pumpkin from the field to bring home were highlights of the trip.

Thank you families for your financial support of PTG, which made this field trip possible!



## LAST CALL: RESPOND BY 11/29/22 IF YOU WANT TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN THE WILSON FAMILY DIRECTORY

We are in the final stages of getting the Wilson Family Directory ready to send to print. If you are looking to advertise your local business please contact Ana Ehrler ASAP. Directories will be coming home in December.

To help defray costs, we invite you to consider:

- ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES for the inside front and back covers - Wilson neighborhood and local businesses encouraged
- All advertising is printed in monochrome (black/white print)

Wilson Elementary PTG is a 501 c3 organization.

Please contact Ana Ehrler; [teamehrler@yahoo.com](mailto:teamehrler@yahoo.com); 719-229-8368 for more information.

## PTG FUNDED ART NIGHT RECAP

On November 17 the Wilson Gym was packed with kids eager to create art.

About seven stations were set up where students could engage in various art projects from creating their own trading cards to designing a bird's nest to creating tile coffee coasters.

Big thanks to parents Bridget Sarfino and Laura Crotty who have spearheaded this event for many years. As their children move on to middle school we take a moment to thank them for the endless creativity and fun they have helped create at Wilson over these years.



## MONSTER MASH WAS A SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone for making Monster Mash a smashing success! Kids and parents alike enjoyed an evening of holiday-themed activities, a Hallway of Horror, costumes, and dancing throughout the Wilson halls. Attendance was record-breaking and the event raised additional funds to support Wilson students.

Thank you to Event Chair Janny Kiely, as well as the massive number of volunteers who stepped up to help the event go super well! We appreciate your leadership and hard work!



### Pumpkin Carving Winners

30 pumpkins were entered into this year's contest!

- Best of Show - Emmett, 2nd**
- Most Creative - Madeline L., 4th**
- Spookiest - Beau N., 5th**
- Funniest - Collette Holcomb, 6th**
- Coollest - Gaston B., 2nd**
- Cutest - Ruby, 1st**
- Most Artistic - Hadley J., 3rd**
- Spooky Too - Conrad B., 5th**
- Happiest - Alex & Angela Y, 2nd & 3rd**
- Principal's Choice - Ava A, kinder**
- Honorable Mention - Victoria B., 3rd**

## NEW EXTRACURRICULAR: ART ENRICHMENT

During November, approximately 60 3rd through 6th graders participated in three 90-minute after-school art sessions, at no cost to families.

Each session featured a different artist from The Center for Children's Book Arts, [theccba.org](http://theccba.org), and focused on bookmaking, Japanese ink art, and a hand-sewing project.

This year PTG is dedicating funds to extracurricular activities that enrich the Wilson experience.

Thank you to parent Kate Smith who dedicated many hours to organizing and hosting these three afternoons, and to Jeff Klein for leading the extracurricular efforts. We look forward to providing more art opportunities in the future!

