

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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OCTOBER PTG MEETING

- October 12, 7-8pm
- ∘ Zoom link

WILDCAT WALK FUNDRAISER

- o Oct. 15, during school
- The primary PTG
 fundraiser this year
- o Details coming soon

MONSTER MASH

- o Oct. 30, 6:30-8:30 pm
- Wilson Blacktop

WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

The Wilson PTG Executive Board extends a warm welcome to you as the new school year kicks off. From our returning families to those who joined our community this year, we are so glad you are here and we hope you decide to become involved in the PTG. Perhaps this year you will attend a meeting, participate in an event, organize a Parent's Night Out, chair a committee, or help to launch a new tradition - we welcome it all!

The Wilson Parent Teacher Group (PTG) is made up of parents, guardians, primary caregivers, and those currently employed at Wilson as teachers, administrators, and staff.

The organization is focused on:

- Enhancing the educational experience of Wilson students, primarily through fundraising and tangible support to meet classroom and other school needs
- Encouraging and strengthening community through activities and events
- Improving communication between the PTG and families, teachers, and administrators
- Encouraging the participation of Wilson families by joining the PTG, attending events, and volunteering

Please contact us for general inquiries or to get involved: wilsonwildcatsPTGegmail.com

MEET THE 2021-2022 WILSON PTG OFFICERS

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: OCTOBER PTG MEETING

October 12 7:00-8:00pm Online via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 863 2266 5646 Password: 20212022 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86322665646? pwd=VXhRVHdla1RMd3Y1OUtha3IVRDZIdz09 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.

PTG MEETINGS RETURN TO VIRTUAL GATHERINGS



In October we return to conducting meetings online via Zoom. This is in an effort to keep things simple despite ever-changing Covid guidelines. Our hope is to meet in person for our last meeting of the 2021–22 school year.

A great deal of thought and consideration went into this decision. Rationale for the return to Zoom meetings can be found in the email sent on September 17 from PTG President, Carly Howarth.

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 https://forms.gle/Hu2g7dNGdUSmwwf26.

SUPPORT WILSON'S LIBRARY & A LOCAL BOOKSTORE

The Wilson community is excited to welcome the return of Library this year and we are equally delighted to have Mrs. Amy Barker serve as the Wilson Librarian.

Mrs. Barker has put together a wish list of books for stocking the library's shelves with wonderful reading materials for our kids. This year, every school in the district received 289 books focused on diversifying the collections, but this is not enough to fully support the library.

If you are able, please consider purchasing a book or two from the Aunties Bookstore wishlist. Support local!

https://www.auntiesbooks.com/wishlist/528

• Use coupon code Wilson20 at checkout for 20% off any of the books



UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS

PTG is excited to host two awesome events in October. We hope you are able to join us!

It is the goal for every Wilson family to fully participate in PTG events. If your family would benefit from assistance, please contact school counselor Melissa Alfstad at 354-4510, melissaaespokaneschools.org.

Wildcats Walk Fundraiser - Friday, October 15 during school hours at Cannon Hill Park

This is the primary PTG fundraiser for the year. Kids will be collecting pledges as they walk, run, hop or skip around Cannon Hill Park. Full details about the event and the fundraiser will be sent around October 1st.

For those that are used to a bi-annual auction - we will not be having an auction this year. We were not able to secure auction co-chairs and so the Wildcats Walk Fundraiser was born as an alternative. We aspire for this event to grow into a new Wilson tradition with the same fundraising power and without the high overhead costs or planning commitments as the auction required.







Monster Mash - Saturday, October 30 at the Wilson Blacktop

Family Costume Dance, pumpkin contest, photos, and more! More details will be coming home soon.

To help ensure everyone's safety, this annual event is moving outside onto the Wilson blacktop. There will be a DJ and stage, floodlights, and maybe even a large party tent to keep everyone protected from the elements while keeping plenty of fresh air circulating.

It takes a lot of parent volunteers to put on the Monster Mash each year. Please watch for the signup link in the coming weeks and volunteer to help so that we can bring this beloved Wilson back to life this year.

Looking forward to seeing you in costume!







AMAZON SMILE: SUPPORT WILSON

AmazonSmile donates 0.5% of all eligible purchases to your favorite charity.

Please consider Wilson School Parent Teacher Group as your charity of choice:

- 1. Join AmazonSmile If you are not already an AmazonSmile member, sign up at smile.amazon.com.
- 2. Select Wilson School Parent Teacher Group to start generating donations, at no cost to you.

To make it even easier, enable AmazonSmile in your Amazon mobile device app:

• Update your Amazon app by going to 'Settings' in the main menu (≡). Tap on 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

However you enable AmazonSmile, we appreciate the contribution.

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 MelissaAespokaneschools.org or 509.354.4510.



SIGN UP TO BE A PARENT VOLUNTEER

There are so many great opportunities to volunteer at Wilson. From ongoing commitment in your student's classroom to one-time events that require a small time commitment, volunteers are crucial to our success.

Volunteers must be vaccinated in order to enter a Spokane Schools building. If a volunteer is not vaccinated, they can still help out by doing home projects, but not in SPS buildings.

How to volunteer:

- Email a PDF, scanned photo, etc. of your proof of vaccination to <u>Volunteerservices@spokaneschools.org</u>
 Copies of vaccination cards are not kept on file, just verified and then the copy will be destroyed
- Complete the Volunteer Clearance Application and email it to <u>Volunteerservices@spokaneschools.org</u>
- · Connect with your classroom teacher or the Wilson Front Office about upcoming volunteer opportunities

KINDERGARTEN COFFEE SOCIAL A SUCCESS!

On September 24th the PTG welcomed the new kindergarten families with a coffee and donut gathering. We thank the kinder families for sticking around after morning drop-off to socialize, make connections, and learn more about the PTG. We are so glad you are part of our community!



CHECK OUT THE NEW KINDERGARTEN MURAL

Wilson alum and Eagle Scout, Alex Boyce, installed a new mural on the kindergarten playground wall this summer, funded in part by the PTG. Next time you are walking up Lincoln, take a peek at the incredible work done by Alex and a number of Wilson alumn assistants.

Alex collaborated with Wilson teaching staff and PTG members to formulate a plan to portray the four seasons, the frog cycle, and the two types of trees. He also hid numbers and letters throughout the mural. Alex was inspired to complete this project by his own fond memories of the mural present during his time as a kindergartener in Mrs. Fuller's class.







MINUTES

Wilson Elementary School PTG

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 7:06 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 June minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Josie Dix, seconded by Katie Glazier. All in favor of approval.

Treasurer's Report – Katie Glazier

- Last year our total income was just over \$19,000. Our expenses were just over \$39,000. This is pretty standard for a non-auction year.
- This year we are starting with just over \$37,000. We anticipate we'll end the year with approximately \$34,000. We really have no idea how much we'll make from the fund run so these are conservative estimates.
- Question from Zoom: What is the Community Fund?
 - Supports Wilson Families in need. Requests are typically made through Melissa Alfstad
 - Typically \$1,000 annually. Last year we also accepted donations specifically for the fund so we ended up with about \$1400.
- Question from Josie Dix: Did we lose money on Centennial Tshirts?
 - No. It was a big expense but it was all covered by Tshirt sales. Every student got an affordable tshirt. We have additional shirts for kinders and new students (\$3/each discounted price). We also have some remaining merchandise to sell at pure profit.
- Events the presented budget plans for a normal year of events.
- A few categories removed: Assemblies, Author Visits, and Field Trips. These line items have been in the budget but have been unused for a few years. We can add them back if needed.
- Credit Card Fees: a pretty significant expense last year. We will add a convenience fee to every purchase going forward so we can eliminate this expense.
- Classroom Supplies for Teachers: We gift money to teachers for classroom supplies. The amount varies
 from year to year depending on needs and auction profits. Katie suggests we give \$200 this year.
 Teachers can always come to us to ask for more.
 - Josie suggests that we award money on a volunteer merit system. The more parents volunteer, the more their classroom teacher gets.
 - Several members express concern that this would not be equitable.

- We do need receipts this year. Teachers will be given checks by the end of the month. Recipients will need to turn in receipts or return unused money by the end of the school year.
- All purchases are approved but please leave items at Wilson if you move to another school.
- Question: what is the scholarship fund? \$1,500 (awarded in amounts up to \$500) to Wilson alumni as they're graduating high school and preparing for college.
- Hospitality Expenses: Coffee on the first day of school, staff appreciation lunches, etc. Additional money is available for the principal to buy meals for staff during Learning Improvement Days.
- Dave Gilbert moves to approve the budget. Courtney Malone seconds. All are in favor. Teachers will receive \$200 this school year.

Old Business

- CAC Report Kaitlyn Hunt
 - Zoom/In Person format is creating technical complications. Kaitlyn will present her report next month.
- Outreach Update Tonja Brown
 - Paw Prints: Monthly newsletter with event updates. Please contribute.
 - New PTG Website: We are in the process of building our own website.
 - Invitation: Please share with us if you have a great community building idea. We are open to growing!
- Pizza in the Park Carly Pickering
 - Success! We had way more people than we expected. The turnout was similar to a "normal" year. We basically broke even with the event which is always the goal. This event is not intended to be a fundraiser.
- Mural Project Carly Howarth: It's all done. Thanks to Alex Boyce.
- Brick Engraving Carly Howarth: The company is backed up due to supply chain issues. Bricks purchased last year will hopefully be completed by winter.
- Directory Josie Dix: Josie is working on this. Please make sure your information is correct with the
 office. This effort pays for itself through ad purchase.

New Business

- Chair Positions for this year:
 - Book Bingo Stephanie Gronholz
 - Tech Liason Dave Gilbert
 - Carnival Josie Dix and Courtney Malone
 - Brick Sales Josie Dix
 - Talent Show Jennifer Holcomb and Courtney Malone
 - Pizza in the Park Carly Howarth
 - Monster Mash Benedettis
 - Art Night Bridget Sarfino
 - Pancake Breakfast Alex Evans
 - School Directory Josie Dix
 - 2022-2023 PTG Treasurer Dave Gilbert will shadow Katie this year in preparation
 - CAC Liason Sara Rodgers and Alex Evans thank you for volunteering to take over!
 - New PTG Website Ryan Serghini thank you for volunteering!

- Co-chairs for the next auction Emily Ketchel and ???
- Parent Night Out: Is there interest? Since we are not holding an auction this year, how can we build community for parents? Daryl Geffken offers to work on a Parent Night Out. Thanks, Daryl!
- Policies and Procedures: We'll add CAC chair to the document. No questions or suggestions offered from the community. Motion to approve by Kendra Chapman. Carly Pickering seconds. All are in favor.
- New Online Forms Tonja Brown
 - Agenda Request Form: Must be submitted by 1st Tuesday of the month.
 - Funds Request Form: Must be submitted by the 1st Tuesday of the month for the item to be discussed at the current month's meeting. If the request is pressing and for under \$500, the executive board can vote to approve. If it not urgent, we will likely hold until the next month so everyone can vote on it.
 - Links to forms will be on our website and in PawPrints
- Ken Hermanson Updates:
 - We can have volunteers this year. Must be fully vaccinated in order to volunteer. Bring the hard copy of your vaccine card to the office for submission.
 - Field Trips are back. They must follow all current Covid protocols. There will be an additional Covid Waiver form for parents to sign.
 - Wildcat Walk Fund Run:
 - This style of fundraiser is prevalent on the South Hill. Neighborhood schools are making \$20,000 40, 0000/ year.
 - October 15th, during the school day in Cannon Hill Park.
 - Coming soon: Explanation, details, electronic format for funds, etc.
 - Volunteers are not needed at this time but please stay tuned.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned

8:16 pm by Carly Howarth.



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Volunteer Clearance Application

Return to: Volunteer Services CONFIDENTIAL

Spokane Public Schools complies with all federal and state rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, marital status, race, color, creed, religion, national origin, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, or honorably discharged veteran or military status. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district's officers as follows: Title IX/Staff Civil Rights Officer, Ramon Alvarez, (509) 354-7344 • Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)/Student Civil Rights Officer, Jodi Harmon (509) 354-7344 • Affirmative Action Officer, Ramon Alvarez, (509) 354-7344 • Equal Opportunity Officer,

VOLUNTEER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In order to provide the safest environment for our children, all volunteers are required to complete this disclosure. Information provided will be kept confidential and will not necessarily bar you from volunteering in the district. If you prefer to place this sheet in a sealed envelope prior to submitting it with your volunteer application, please do so. It will be reviewed by Volunteer Services in the Administration Building and not by your building volunteer coordinator.



NAME:			DATE OF BIRTH:
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□ YES	□NO	1.	Have you ever held a teaching certificate? (If yes, please indicate what state the license was issued below.)
□ YES	□NO	2.	Have you ever had an educational or job related license, permit, or certificate revoked or suspended, or been subject to discipline, from a licensing or certification agency, such as the State Board of Education or Professional Educators Standards Board, in this State or any other jurisdictions?
☐ YES	□NO	3.	Have you ever been on a plan of improvement or placed on probation with any employer?
□ YES	□NO	4.	Have you ever been placed on administrative leave pending investigation of allegations of misconduct with any employer?
□ YES	□NO	5.	Have you ever been disciplined, discharged, non-renewed or threatened to be disciplined, discharged or non-renewed from any employment?
□ YES	□NO	6.	Have you ever resigned or otherwise separated from any employment in order to avoid discipline, discharge, nonrenewal, threatened discipline, discharge or nonrenewal, or perceived future discipline, discharge or nonrenewal?
□ YES	□NO	7.	Are you presently charged with or been arrested for, but not convicted of, any crime? (A pending criminal charge will not necessarily bar you from volunteering in the District.) If yes, include an explanation of the nature of the charge, place, date, and court.
□ YES	□NO	8.	Have you ever been convicted of any crime? (The term "convicted" means all adverse dispositions, including a finding of guilty, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, an Alford plea, a stipulation to the facts, a deferred or suspended sentence, or a deferred prosecution. Exclude civil infractions, such as minor traffic citations. DUI and DWI convictions are not minor traffic citations and must be reported.)
□ YES	□NO	9.	Have you ever been found by a court in a protection proceeding under Chapter 74.34 RCW to have abused or financially exploited a vulnerable adult? (Vulnerable adult means adults of any age who lack the functional, mental or physical ability to care for themselves.)
□ YES	□NO	10.	Have you ever been convicted of any crime involving the manufacture, delivery, or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance?
☐ YES	□NO	11.	Have you ever been found in any dependency action under RCW 13.34.040 to have sexually assaulted or exploited any minor or to have physically abused any minor?
□ YES	□NO	12.	Have you ever been found by a court in a domestic relations proceeding under Title 26 RCW to have sexually abused or exploited any minor, or to have physically abused any minor?
□ YES	□ NO	13.	Have you ever been found in any disciplinary board final decision to have sexually or physically abused any minor or developmentally disabled person, or to have abused or financially exploited any vulnerable adult? ("Disciplinary board final decision" means (a) any final decision by the director of the Department of Licensing for real estate brokers and salespersons and (b) any final decision by a disciplinary authority under Chapter 18.130 RCW of the secretary of the Department of Health for the following businesses or professions: chiropractic, dentistry, dental hygiene, naturopathy, massage, midwifery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, physical therapy, physicians, practical nursing, registered nursing, and psychology.)
□ YES	□NO	14.	Are you presently charged with, but not convicted of, any of the crimes or offenses described in questions 9 through 14 above?

Please provide a thorough explanation for each "yes" answer in the box provided on the following page.

Custodial Assault	☐ First or Second Degree Sexual Misconduct with Minor(
First, Second, or Third Degree Assault of a Child	☐ Patronizing a Juvenile Prostitute
First, Second, or Third Degree Assault	☐ Selling or Distributing Erotic Material to Minor(s)
Simple Assault	☐ Sexual Exploitation of Minor(s)
First or Second Degree Custodial Interference	☐ Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes
Incest	☐ First Degree Arson
First, Second, or Third Degree Rape of a Child	☐ First Degree Burglary
Child Abandonment	☐ Aggravated Murder
Child Abuse or Neglect as Defined in RCW 26.44.020	☐ First or Second Degree Murder
Violation of Child Abuse Restraining Order	☐ First or Second Degree Extortion
Child Buying or Selling	☐ First or Second Degree Manslaughter
First or Second Degree Kidnapping	☐ First, Second, or Third Degree Rape
First, Second, or Third Degree Child Molestation	☐ First or Second Degree Robbery
Indecent Liberties	☐ Criminal Abandonment
Felony Indecent Exposure	☐ First or Second Degree Criminal Mistreatment
Vehicular Homicide	☐ Promoting Pornography
Unlawful Imprisonment	☐ First Degree Promoting Prostitution
Malicious Harassment	☐ Prostitution
Endangerment with a Controlled Substance	☐ First or Second Degree Custodial Sexual Misconduct
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Forgery Please provide an explanation for all YES answer.	First or Second Degree Theft
Please provide an explanation for all YES answers #15: (Please indicate the question number above and location of the charge(s) and any further deta	

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct. If necessary to obtain volunteer status, I authorize Spokane Public Schools to conduct a background investigation into my past employment, education, vocational, and other activities such as my criminal background. To conduct this investigation, I authorize the District to obtain any information regarding me to evaluate my suitability for volunteer status. I understand that the information may include, but is not limited to, criminal background information. I further authorize any current/former employer, person, firm, corporation, educational or vocational institution, or government agency to provide the District to which I am applying to volunteer with any information regarding me. I further authorize the District to disclose any information they may have regarding me if such information is requested by a potential future employer of me. I hereby release and discharge said District and those who provide, receive or use such information from any and all liability as a result of furnishing and receiving this information. I understand and agree that false or misleading information, including omissions, in my application shall be sufficient cause to limit or remove opportunities to volunteer. References and personal information that become a part of this application will be regarded as confidential and shall not be revealed to me. I understand that any offer to volunteer that may be made to me is conditional and subject to the acceptable outcome of criminal history background information check; and the approval of the District's representatives.

Signature:	Print Name:	Date:
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Volunteer Program Application



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