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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

WILSON WILDCAT WALK

- **SEPTEMBER 29, 2023**
- **12-2:30 PM**

OCTOBER DINE OUT EVENT

- **Caruso's (Division)**
- **October 2, 4-8pm**

OCTOBER PTG MEETING

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

NO SCHOOL!

- **Friday, Oct. 13**

ORANGE & BLACK SPIRIT DAY

- **Oct. 27, all-day**
- **Dress in orange & black!**

MONSTER MASH

- **Oct. 27, 6:30-8:30 pm**
- **Wilson Gymnasium**

WELCOME TO THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR!

MEET THE 2023-2024 WILSON PTG EXECUTIVE TEAM

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

- **President:** Kendra Kimball Chapman - Jane (5th), Norilee (3rd), and Henry (Kindergarten)
- **Vice-President:** Tonja Brown - Brandon (5th) and Helen (2nd)
- **Treasurer:** Dave Gilbert - Locklin (4th) and Henry (6th), email: WilsonPTGTreasurer@gmail.com
- **Secretary:** Ana Ehrlar - Ryder (3rd) and Amelia (2nd)



And a huge thank you to Kelly Sittser (Charlie, 1st grade) for the sunflower heart! Such love went into this project and we want to thank her for her thoughtfulness and followthrough.

The Wilson PTG has successfully launched a new year! Perhaps you saw us tabling on the first day of school, joined the Kinder Family Welcome, read about our mission and events in the packets sent home during Launch Conferences, or attended the record-setting Pizza in the Park event, where nearly 550 Wilson community members came together to celebrate a new year. Or perhaps you joined us for the September meeting where we had the pleasure of finalizing the budget for the year, building excitement for the Wildcat Walk, and discussing our robust after-school extracurricular program that is being recognized by the Spokane School District as a model to implement at other schools. We are just getting started and we welcome you to join us!

Soon more extracurriculars will roll out to reach more students, you can join us for the first Dine Out Event at Caruso's, Monster Mash will delight us with spookiness on Oct. 27th, and additional community-building events are in the works.

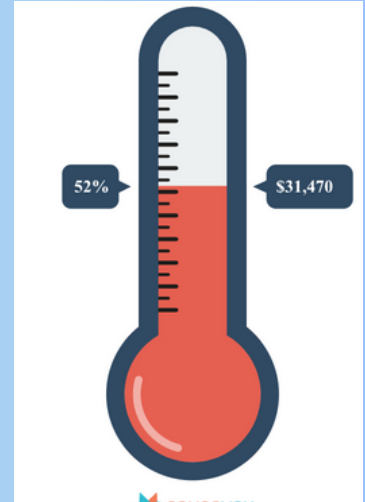
We appreciate all of the work families are dedicating to the PTG and we invite you to join in on the fun! Have a great idea or talent? WilsonWildcatsPTG@gmail.com. We look forward to chatting with you!

WILDCAT WALK

September 29th

12-2:30PM

Comstock Park



This is our biggest fundraiser of THE YEAR and we need your help to make it a success! Below is a list of all of the events, activities, etc. that YOUR donations have sponsored. We are so appreciative for your effort in raising these funds.

- Numerous Field Trips (all grades)
- Checks for teacher's classroom supplies (increased from \$300 to \$400- totaling \$8,320 for the 2023-2024 school year)
- Art After School
- Art Night
- Library's Maker's Space
- Book Bingo
- Drama Club
- Missoula's Children's Theatre
- Spring Talent Show
- PA System and Blacktop Lighting
- T-shirts for the New House System
- Pizza in the Park
- Pancake Breakfast (last day of school)
- Kindergarten Jumpstart

Please note-

Many corporations offer matching grants when their employees donate 501(c)3 organizations. This is an easy way to make your donation go twice as far. Check out this list of matching gift companies: <http://www.lehman.edu/alumni-friends/documents/matchinggiftcompanies.pdf>

Sign up to donate - pledgestar.com/wilsonptg and please scroll down to see what prizes are being offered!

Sign up to volunteer -

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30E0548A9AF28A3F58-wildcat>

YOU ARE INVITED: OCTOBER PTG MEETING

We would love to see you IN PERSON! It is a great way to meet other parents, bring new ideas and help sign up for volunteer opportunities.

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Wilson Elementary.

You are also welcome to log in from home.



October 10th

7:00-8:00pm

Online via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 863 2266 5646

Password: 20232024

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.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86322665646?pwd=c2xNOFJlcDNhYVZ4MHRMc2ZmUGRXQT09>

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/SzYajNnPCU4sgMLR8**

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/TK9ve4mVm5XS8Q9i8**

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

1. Visit our website - **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/**



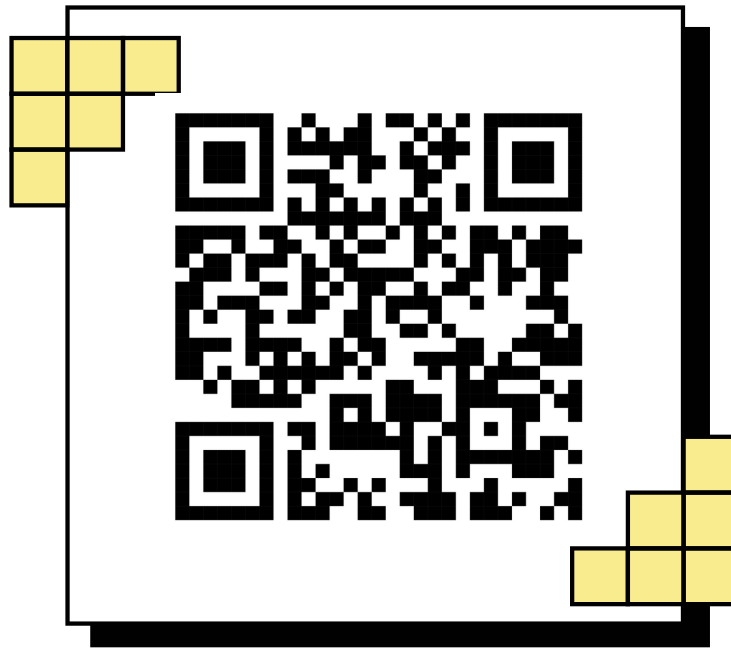
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STAY CONNECTED

Wilson Elementary - Home of the Wildcats



Wilson Elementary PTG Directory Needs Sponsors



Interested in promoting your business?

Purchase an advertisement in the

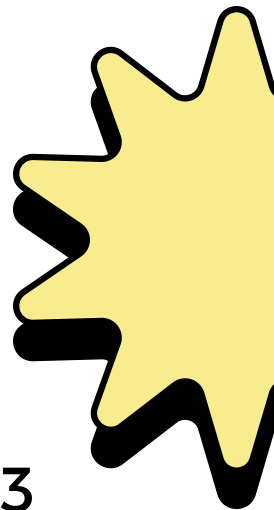
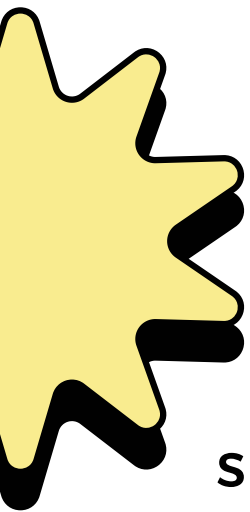
Wilson Directory

\$50 = 1/4 page ad

\$100 = 1/2 page ad

\$200 = FULL page ad

DEADLINE for purchase and
submission September 29, 2023



WILSON FAMILY DIRECTORY: ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS

Each year the PTG creates and distributes a Family Directory, free of charge, which allows connections across the school. This is a 20+ year tradition. Directories will be coming home in early November.

Wilson Elementary PTG is a 501 c3 organization.

Please contact Ana Ehrler; teamehrler@yahoo.com; 719-229-8368 for information or to provide a logo/business card to be used in printing.



KINDERGARTEN WELCOME

We hope you felt welcomed to Wilson Elementary and met some parents from your class.

Thank you to our hospitality team, Emily Allen and Sarah Rogers, for providing the donuts and coffee!

PIZZA IN THE PARK

Thank you to *Anna Ehrler* and *Kelly Olsen* for all of your hard work to put on this amazing first event of the school year! This year, **628** registered with 87% of those who purchased tickets, attended the event. Comstock Park was new to us this year and we hope that the use of the picnic tables was a welcomed change. Please let us know your thoughts! A special thanks to *Josie Dix* for making the signs, those who set up, served food and the clean-up crew - we could not have done it without you! Again, thank you for your donations as they allow us to keep this a **free** event for our Wilson families.



EXTRACURRICULAR UPDATES

- Lego Robotics for 4th and 5th graders started this Tuesday after school. We want to thank *Mrs. Smulkowski*, *Erik Fitzpatrick*, *Ethan Wolcott* and other volunteers, for dedicating their time to this amazing after school program. We will keep you up-to-date on their competition results as this is a yearlong program!
- Cross Country is up and running thanks to *Mrs. Bresson*, *Jeff Klein* and *Katie Nelson*. The Wilson PTG was able to provide new timing chips for time trials, giving runners weekly feedback. The first zone meet will be at Comstock Park on October 4th at 4PM. Please come cheer on these runners, it is a really fun event.
- Flag Football kicked off this week! Thanks to extra volunteers, we were able to expand this after school program to allow for more kids to participate as well as providing extra jerseys, flags and footballs.
- Bike train has moved to **MONDAYS!** Please follow the link for time and meeting information and Thank You to *Kate Smith* for leading this again.

<https://apptegy-alerts-attachments-production.s3.amazonaws.com/73dcfe39-5322-43ea-92ca-45e38435ced2/BikeTrain23.pdf>

THANK YOU FAMILIES FOR ALL OF YOUR TIME AND EFFORT!

PTG Dine Out Night

Take a night off from cooking!
Please mention WILSON ELEMENTARY when ordering and 20% of your bill is donated back to Wilson Elementary. Check your school calendar for more dine-out nights to come.

CARUSO'S

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MONDAY

October 2nd | 3:30 - 8PM

1120 N. Division, 99202

Info: groupraise.com/events/f256907

Dine-in, Pick-up, Carry-out orders

MONTSER MASH 2023!

Friday, October 27, 6:30-8:30 pm, Wilson Gymnasium

Please contact MM chair, **Josie Dix** at josiedix.msn.com if you would like to be a part of the planning committee or would like to volunteer in any capacity.

Hallway of Horror—Games—Crafts—Costume Parade—Doughnuts—Dance—Pumpkin Carving Contest



Monster Mash will be here before you know it! This fun Halloween-themed dance is open to all current families of Wilson Elementary and is a long-standing Wilson tradition.



Highlights:

Carved/Decorated Pumpkin Contest - please note, NO pumpkins will be carved at the Monster Mash.

Bring your pumpkins no later than **Friday, October 27th** to enter it into the contest. Both the Costume Contest and Pumpkin Contest will have winners and prizes announced at the event.

Ticket information coming soon. We strive for all families to join this event and scholarships are available through Melissa Alfstad, School Counselor:
MelissaA@spokaneschools.org.

We have lots of fun planned but we need your help to pull it off! **Please look for more information heading your way early-mid October on ways to volunteer, donate, etc.**



Want to stay up-to-date on all of the Wilson events and happenings?!



Find us on instagram [@wilson_wildcats_ptg](https://www.instagram.com/wilson_wildcats_ptg)



Facebook - [Wilson Elementary PTG \(Spokane, WA\)](https://www.facebook.com/WilsonElementaryPTGSpokaneWA).

or email us at wilsonptg@gmail.com