



Paw Prints

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

OCTOBER PTG MEETING

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

NO SCHOOL!

- Friday, Oct. 14

ORANGE & BLACK SPIRIT DAY

- Oct. 28, all-day
- Dress in orange & black!

MONSTER MASH

- Oct. 29, 6:30-8:30 pm
- Wilson Blacktop

WELCOME TO THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR!

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 400 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 funding field trips, teacher classroom supplies, an after-school extracurricular program, and equipping every child at Wilson with a pair of headphones. All of this engagement happened in the first 4 weeks of school. We are just getting started and we welcome you to join us!

In the coming weeks and months, more extracurriculars will roll out to reach more students, Monster Mash will delight us with spookiness on Oct. 29th, and additional community-building events are in the works. PTG is committed to providing quality enrichments to Wilson students and teachers.

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? Come talk with Alexis, Jeff, Dave, Kendra, or Tonja on the blacktop, or send us an email, WilsonWildcatsPTG@gmail.com. We look forward to chatting with you!

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, WilsonPTGTreasurer@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)

YOU ARE INVITED: OCTOBER PTG MEETING

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 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.



October 11

7:00-8:00pm

Online via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 863 2266 5646

Password: 20222023

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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**

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**

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/**



MONTSER MASH 2022!

Saturday, October 29, 6:30-8:30 pm, Wilson Blacktop

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. Bring your child's pumpkin to the school on Friday, October 28 to enter it into the contest. No pumpkins will be carved at the Monster Mash.
- Costume Contest. Winners and prizes are 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 sign up to volunteer and/or donate or loan the items listed. THANK YOU!! This is going to be FUN!

→ [Sign up to volunteer at signupgenius.com/go/508094AA5A922A02-monster2](https://signupgenius.com/go/508094AA5A922A02-monster2) ←

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.

To help defray costs, we invite you to consider:

- ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES for the inside front and back covers - Wilson neighborhood and local businesses encouraged
- DONATIONS ACCEPTED to help offset directory printing costs

All advertising is printed in monochrome (black/white print).

The advertising submission deadline is 10/21/2022

- \$200 donation for full page (approx 8 ½ x 11)
- \$100 donation for half page (approx 4 x 5)
- \$50 donation for quarter page (approx 2 x 3)



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.

2ND GRADE FLAG FOOTBALL UPDATE

The 2nd grade Flag Football Pilot Program was a success! 18 Wilson 2nd graders participated in a Flag Football camp in the month of September. The program started the first week of school and ran through the end of September, practicing after school 2 days a week at Comstock.

The students learned the rules of Flag Football, ran passing routes, learned to swarm on defense, and of course, had lots of fun. The team's favorite game was (of course) Sharks & Minnows.

Big thanks to all the support from Wilson (Mr. Hermanson, Mrs. Bresson & Coach-Mr. Fry) from the PTG (The PTG for financial support and Jeff Klein for the behind-the-scenes help), and the volunteer parents (Kristin Floyd & Tommy Durnan).



4TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO CENTRAL PRE-MIX "MODEL MINE"

4th graders recently visited the Central Pre-Mix sand and gravel quarry in the Valley to learn about the "Life Cycle of a Mine." They learned about how sand and gravel are used to make asphalt and cement and saw first-hand how the mining dredge works. They also learned about 4 other stations: "Rock-to-Products," "Gold Panning," "Mine Safety," and "Reclamation."

The PTG assisted with the cost of attendance. Thank you families for your financial support of PTG!



MONSTER MASH NEEDS ITEMS DONATED OR LOANED

Janny Kiely and team are actively organizing the October 29th Monster Mash event. They need a lot of help from the Wilson Community.

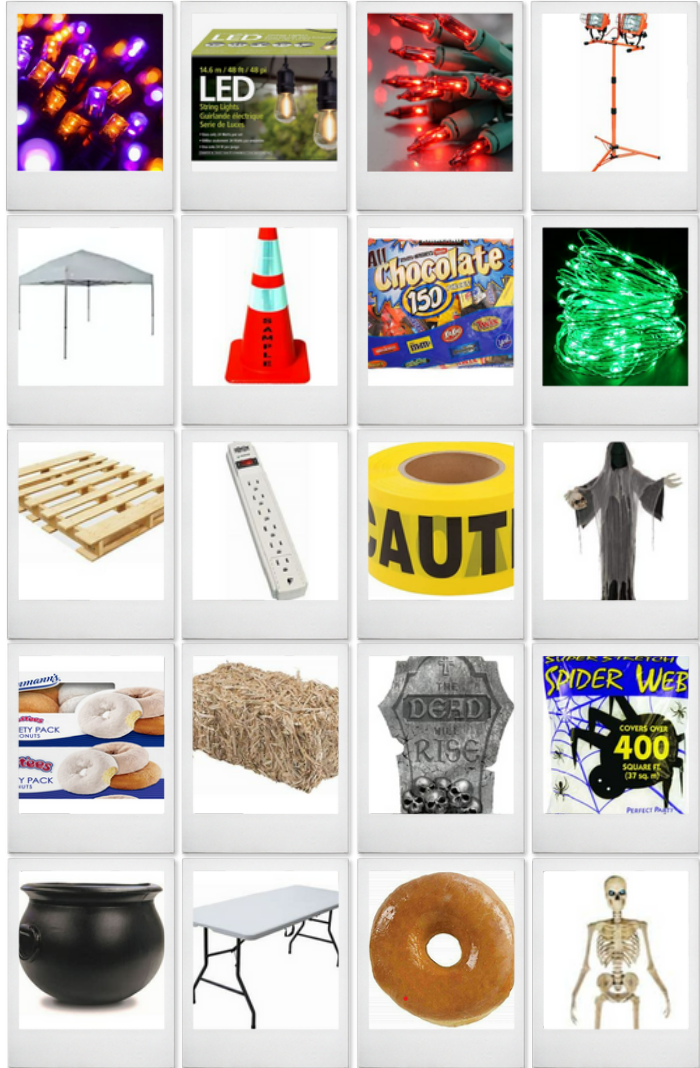
Please take a moment to sign up for one of the many volunteer positions available: signupgenius.com/go/508094aa5a922a02-monster2.

Additionally, there are many items that need to be loaned or donated in order to make the event run well. The SignUp Genius link contains a full list of needed items and directions on how to deliver the items.

Here you will see some images from the "needs list" in order to inspire you as you consider how you want to help contribute to the success of this spooktacular Wilson event.

Sign up:

signupgenius.com/go/508094aa5a922a02-monster2.



Happy Halloween



MINUTES

Wilson Elementary School PTG

*Tuesday, September 13, 2022 7:00 pm | Meeting Called to Order by Alexis Padgham
Minutes Submitted by Kendra Kimball Chapman*

PTG Officers in Attendance

Alexis Padgham, President

Jeff Klein, Vice President

Dave Gilbert, Treasurer

Tonja Brown, Outreach Secretary

Kendra Kimball Chapman, Secretary

Introduction

- 2022-2023 PTG Executive Board Introductions
- Wilson PTG Mission Statement
- Review of Robert's Rules of Order and meeting norms
- Reminder to use the Agenda Request Form so we can allocate time for you in future meetings

Approval of Minutes

The June 2022 Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Kendra Chapman, seconded by Josie Dix. All in favor of approval.

Treasurer's Report (Dave Gilbert, Treasurer)

- We are starting the year with almost \$57,000 and we anticipate spending about \$52,000. Some events will bring in modest amounts of money and pay for themselves.
- Suggests we need to do a fund run about every 18 months.
- Dave made a few small changes to the budget:
 - Added \$350 for 5th Grade Promotion
 - Rounded up a few line items
 - Added to some line items to keep up with inflation.
 - Removed Greater Giving as we no longer need it.
- Suggested changes from the community:
 - Rather than round it up, keep the Community Fund at \$1491 as that is the exact amount generated by the flower basket sale
 - Remove the Popcorn Maker line item as it was already purchased
 - Remove Event Equipment Expenses as lights and sound system were purchased
 - Kaitlyn Hunt will chair another plant sale if we designate those profits to the community fund. All in favor.

- Teacher Funds for Classroom Supplies
 - Last year we gifted \$200/teacher
 - Kendra suggests we give the teachers a raise this year
 - Corey Newman motions we give \$300/teacher. Jake Rodgers seconds. All in favor. Actual amount to each teacher will be prorated based on FTE. Receipts will be required.
- Corey Newman motions to approve the 2022-23 budget as amended. Seconded by several in attendance. All in favor.

Citizen's Advisory Committee – Lara Nybo

- No CAC meeting yet this month.

Information Items

- Paw Prints (Tonja Brown):
 - Please submit ideas for upcoming edition
 - This is Tonja's last year as Outreach Secretary. Is anyone interested in taking over PawPrints next school year? Please reach out.
 - Is anyone interested in chairing Parents Nights Out, Restaurant Fundraising Nights, a March Madness bracket fundraising event?
 - Eric Makinson will work on Parent's Nights Out
 - Ken Ebner will work on Restaurant Fundraising Nights
 - Jillian Farland will organize some quarterly parent morning coffees
 - Anyone interested in chairing a March Madness Bracket? Reach out to Tonja.
- Links to the Funds and Agenda Request Forms can be found each month in PawPrints.
- Bricks (Josie Dix): The engraving company lost the employee who was capable of engraving bricks once they've already been installed. Josie is unsure when they'll get engraved but we're still on the company's radar. You can still buy a brick. Does anyone want to research another company who might be capable of doing the engraving? She would like someone else to take over Bricks. Please email wilsonwildcatsptg@gmail.com if you're able to help.
- Pizza in the Park (Anna Ehrler & Kelly Olsen):
 - Estimated over 400 attended but over ¼ of people didn't RSVP. We needed way more pizza than anticipated and there were long lines.
 - They recommend we hold the event 5:00 – 7:00 next year so that the clean up crew isn't working in the dark.
 - How can we have accountability for RSVPs even if we make the event free next year? Tickets? Bracelets?
 - About \$500 was donated during the event
 - PTG members heaped thanks and praise. People loved that it was free. It's an awesome tradition.
 - Please thank Tom at Pizza Rita. They gave us a 30% discount and kept working with us even when we doubled the original order.

New Business

- Extracurricular Update (Jeff Klein):
 - Flag Football Pilot Project:

- Happening this month. 2nd graders meet twice a week after school. They are piloting all the transportation, funding, volunteer, etc. details that future extracurriculars will require.
- Jeff motions we budget \$200 for Flag Football. Alexis Padgham seconds. All in favor.
- Lego Robotics:
 - District is devoting a lot of funds to this. Ms. Smulkowski will run the event. 2 – 3 teams per school with 2-10 kids per team. 2 parent volunteers needed per team. Reach out to Jeff to volunteer. Oct. 6 is the hard deadline to submit teams of 4th – 6th graders. Younger grades will have a club opportunity in the spring.
- Hooptown:
 - Sponsored by district rather than PTG. More questions than answers. Contact Hooptown if you're available to coach a team.
- First and Second Grade Field Trip Funds Request (Alexis Padgham):
 - Requests \$1,487 for six classes to go on a field trip to Walter's Fruit Ranch.
 - Kendra motions we approve \$1500. Carly Malone seconds. All in favor.
- Principal Ken Hermanson Updates:
 - Requests that the PTG fund \$1700 + tax for 360 sets of headphones. The headphones would be given to students and follow them throughout their time at Wilson. We would fund enough for new kinders in subsequent school years. Buying in bulk provides a good price/quality balance and gives a three year warranty.
 - Kendra motions we fund \$2000 for headphones this year. Courtney Malone seconds. All in favor.
 - Kids are eating in the gym once again for the first time since before Covid. Kids have about 22 minutes in the cafeteria (State legislation requires at least 20 minutes). Teachers allow kids to finish lunch in the classroom when needed.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 7:00 pm, via Zoom

Meeting Adjourned

8:15 pm by Alexis Padgham