

PAW PRINTS

A Newsletter from the Wilson PTG (Parent-Teacher Group)



Many thanks to head custodian, Tricia Miller, for beautifying the playground area with an abundance of flowers!

Welcome (back) to Wilson! Each September brings a return to the routine of school, and for many families, a wave of activities.

Wilson is bustling with activity. Over 100 students and volunteers are meeting in the gym three times each week to participate in cross country. Flag football and LEGO robotics will both be up and running by the end of September. The PTG held its first meeting, hosted the annual Pizza in the Park event, and greeted new families at the Welcome Coffee. What a busy month!

We hope that you will join us this year as we strive to create opportunities for our students to learn and grow, and for our community to come together!

DATES TO REMEMBER

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

- Lumberbeard Brewing
- September 19; 6:30-8:30 pm

WILDCAT WAKE-UP

- September 20; 8:30-9:30 am

DRAMA CLUB PLANNING SESSION

- September 23; 3:00-4:00 pm

DEI COMMITTEE MEETING

- September 25; 6:00-7:15 pm
- email janelleclouser@gmail.com to join

EXTRACURRICULAR COMMITTEE MEETING

- September 30; 2:00-3:00 pm

PTG MEETING

- October 8; 7:00-8:00 pm

NO SCHOOL

- October 11

DINE OUT AT MOD PIZZA

- October 17
- 3104 E Palouse Highway

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Parents' Night Out

Mark your calendars for our first Parent's Night Out of the school year; join us at Lumberyard Brewery on Thursday, September 19 from 6:30-8:30. This no-host event is a great way to meet other Wilson caretakers and nurture connection within our community. Thanks to Jake Rodgers for planning this event!

Directory Advertisements Available

Do you have a business and a desire to support the Wilson PTG? Consider purchasing ad space in the annual Wilson student directory. Ads cost between \$50-\$200 and include a listing on the sponsorship page of the PTG website. For more information, contact [Ana Ehrler](mailto:Ana.Ehrler@wilsonwildcatsptg.com) or visit <https://wilsonwildcatsptg.com/sponsors>.

Volunteers Needed

Looking for a way to get involved this fall? Consider signing up for one or more of the opportunities below:



Did you know? The average school-age child creates 67 pounds of trash each year. Multiplied by three hundred, Wilson students have the potential to produce 10 tons of trash in a single school year. **Solution:** One way to reduce single use packaging is by using a bento box style lunchbox which offers compartments, reusable silverware, and lidded containers that eliminate the need for baggies, etc. (some examples: [Sistema](#), [Monbento](#), [MaMix Bento](#), [Bentgo Kids](#))

Did you know? 30.63 million tons of food ends up in landfills each year. **Solution:** Ask your child if they finish their lunch at school or if they throw away their leftovers. This might be an opportunity to pack less food, or to encourage your child to bring home the excess food for an afterschool snack.

Thank you for thinking green! If you'd like to join the new *Wilson Goes Wild Green* Committee, please contact Bre Orcasitas at bre434@gmail.com.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Pizza in the Park

PTG volunteers served hundreds of slices of pizza during the annual Pizza in the Park event at Comstock Park. Many thanks to event chairs Ana Ehrler and Kelly Olson, and the volunteers who made this gathering possible!



Cross Country

Cross country is back in season! Students are training three mornings a week at Comstock and Cannon Hill Parks. Runners will have the opportunity to compete in zone meets next month.



Meet a Wildcat: Mike Syron, principal

light-hearted interviews with the people who keep Wilson running

What's your favorite thing to do in Spokane? Attend local high school and college sporting events with my family. We also like to participate in the fair and livestock shows in town.

Do you have any pets? We have three dogs: Lolo, an Australian Labradoodle, Ripp, a German Shorthair Pointer, and Beth, a Springer Spaniel/Golden Retriever mix. We have three cows, two goats, one horse, two pigs, six barn cats, and 13 chickens!

Where did you go to elementary school? Clearwater Valley Elementary School in Kooskia, Idaho.

Do you have plans to dress up on Barbie spirit day? OHHHHHHH YEAH!

YOU'RE INVITED: OCTOBER PTG MEETING

Meet other parents, bring new ideas to the school community, and learn about opportunities for volunteering and supporting our school! We meet the second Tuesday of each month in the Wilson library, and on Zoom. Watch for the agenda in your inbox during the week prior to each meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 8 from 7:00-8:00 pm

[Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 863 2266 5646

Passcode: 20242025

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Want to include an item on the next agenda? Fill out the request form here: <https://tinyurl.com/2ctbjfyt>. (due the first Tuesday of the month)

Need financial support for a project or activity for Wilson students? Find the mini-grant request form here: <https://tinyurl.com/fhn238x9>. The idea will be reviewed and voted upon at an upcoming PTG meeting. (due the first Tuesday of the month)

Know of a Wilson event or activity that should be highlighted in the newsletter? Send photos and/or event details to [Stephane Newman](#). (due the first Friday of the month)

STAY CONNECTED

- Visit the PTG website:
<https://wilsonwildcatsptg.com>
- Find us on Facebook:
facebook.com/groups/293107240685/
- Follow us on Instagram:
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