

# PAW PRINTS

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



As we begin to prepare for the upcoming academic year, we invite all Wilson community members to consider stepping into a volunteer role within the PTG. Your time, skills, and perspective can make a meaningful difference in shaping our programs and supporting our students. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or looking for a new way to contribute, we'd love to hear from you!

Details of open positions are listed on page 3. Please email [WilsonPTGpresident@gmail.com](mailto:WilsonPTGpresident@gmail.com) if you're interested in taking on a new role or have any questions. Past volunteers are available to answer questions and serve as a resource for anyone taking over a new event or committee. We hope to fill all open chair positions by June 9 in order to be able to include these events on the 25-26 calendar.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### WILDCAT WAKE-UP

- April 18; 8:30 am

### PTG BOOK DISCUSSION: THE ANXIOUS GENERATION

- April 22; 6:00 - 7:30 pm

### PAJAMA DAY

- April 25

### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

- April 25; 6:00-8:00 pm

### TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

- May 5 - 9

### WILSON BALLPARK NIGHT at the SPOKANE INDIANS

- May 10; 6:35 pm
- 602 N. Havana Street

### PTG MEETING

- May 13; 7:00 pm

### DINE OUT at ROUND TABLE PIZZA

- May 15; 4:00 - 8:00 pm
- 4510 S. Regal Street

# UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

## Book Discussion: The Anxious Generation

Join us for a discussion around Jonathan Haidt's book, moderated by Wilson parent, Kurt Heineman on April 22 at 6:00 pm. Wilson has several copies of the book available to loan; stop by the office to access a copy. Once again, free childcare is available. Please register early to ensure a spot.

## Family Movie Night

Bring a blanket or low chair and join us in the gym for Moana 2 from 6:00-8:00 on Friday, April 25. The event is free, and popcorn will be provided. Additional concessions will be available for \$1 (cash only). Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## Teacher Appreciation Week

Show your appreciation by participating in the PTG's week-long celebration of the wonderful Wilson staff, May 5-9. Be on the lookout for more information on how to contribute.

## Wilson Alumni Scholarship

The Wilson PTG Alumni Scholarship of up to \$500 will be awarded to one or more high school seniors who plan to continue their education after graduation. All students who attended Wilson during some or all of grades K-6 are eligible for this award regardless of financial need, gender, race or ethnicity. The deadline for application is Friday, May 23. Full details and the application can be found on the PTG website.



### Thinking Green

by Bre Orcasitas

Interested in joining the Green Committee? Contact Bre at [bre434@gmail.com](mailto:bre434@gmail.com)

Earth Day is April, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Wilson is going to celebrate by having a “No Waste Lunch Day.” How does it work? The goal is for each student to bring a lunch free of packaging, wrappers, and plastic baggies. For students who eat school lunch, the goal would be to reduce the amount of single use packaging items that they take, such as ketchup packets, etc. Whether it's a home packed lunch or a school lunch, the secondary goal is for students to eat all of their food or pack the excess home rather than throwing it away. Let's work together on Earth Day to reduce our impact on the planet!

# OPEN VOLUNTEER ROLES

**PTG President Elect:** The President Elect will participate in board activities and partner with the President to learn the position. The President Elect would then move into the President position for the 2026-27 school year. Kendra is eligible to serve as president for just one more year and would love to partner with someone next year to facilitate a smooth transition.

**Monster Mash/March:** The chair(s) should feel empowered to follow their vision for this annual event (ie - Mash, March, Harvest Festival... )

**Book Bingo:** Plan and promote this annual event. This event is super easy to chair!

**Extracurricular Committee Chair:** Work with members of the committee to plan and organize extracurricular opportunities throughout the school year.

**Talent Show:** Organize the talent show rehearsals and performances. The chair will also serve on the committee of 3-5 people who will select Talent Show acts. Easy chair position!

**Directory:** Handle the layout for the annual Wilson family directory. Work can be done on your own time in early fall.

**Dine Out:** Work with local restaurants to schedule periodic dine out fundraisers & help promote these events in the community.

**Parents Night Out:** Plan 2-3 events for our Wilson parent and staff community.

**Photography:** Attend events with camera in hand to document for social media and our website.

**Wilson Family Hospitality:** Help build community among Wilson parents and staff. Serve as the welcome committee for new families transferring into Wilson & coordinate 5-7 Wildcat Wake-Up events throughout the year. Organizing Parents' Night Out can be part of this role or be filled by a separate chairperson.

**Treats for Staff:** Use Signup Genius to organize monthly or bi-monthly treats for staff, manage set up and any necessary clean up.



## Meet a Wildcat: Christine Kovarik, librarian

**What's your favorite thing to do in Spokane?** Play golf with my family or spend time at the many lakes surrounding Spokane.

**Do you have any pets?** We have the best boy, a 2.5 year old sweet cream retriever named Buster.

**What are your favorite children's books?** "Such A Little Mouse" or "Steam Train, Dream Train" for little kids; "Loser" or anything by Sharon Creech for intermediate grades.

**Where did you go to elementary school?** Hutton Elementary.

**Do you have a favorite ice cream flavor at The Scoop?** My favorite flavor is cheese plate, much to family's disapproval!

## YOU'RE INVITED: MAY 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, May 13 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/](https://facebook.com/groups/293107240685/)
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## PTG LEADERSHIP 2024-2025

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