

PAW PRINTS

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



Monster March is right around the corner! Join the Wilson community for this beloved tradition on Friday, October 25 at 6:00 pm. Festivities will include a costume parade, photo booth, cider and donuts, and a jack-o'-lantern display.

Families are encouraged to get their tickets in advance. It is our sincere hope that all families attend Monster March, regardless of their ability to pay. Free event tickets are always available and can be requested through Ms. Campbell, at 509-354-5900 or SierraCa@spokaneschools.org.

Like all Wilson activities, Monster March takes a village of volunteers. Please consider helping out!



DATES TO REMEMBER

DINE OUT AT MOD PIZZA

- October 17
- 3104 E Palouse Highway

WILDCAT WAKE-UP

- October 18; 8:30 am

DEI COMMITTEE MEETING

- October 23; 6:00-7:15 pm
- Klein home

MONSTER MARCH

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

INDIVIDUAL PICTURE DAY

- October 29

ORANGE AND BLACK SPIRIT DAY

- October 31

VETERANS DAY (no school)

- November 11

PTG MEETING

- November 12; 7:00-8:00 pm

ART NIGHT

- November 14; 5:30-7:30 pm

CRAZY HAIR SPIRIT DAY

- November 15

WILDCAT WAKE-UP

- November 15; 8:30 am

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

#alliSTRONG Stuffed Animal Drive

Each year Alli McKernan (sister of fourth grade teacher Kaelyn Perry) coordinates a stuffed animal drive in support of young patients hospitalized at the Sacred Heart Pediatric ICU. Last year, over 1,000 stuffed animals were donated. If you would like to participate, please deliver new stuffed animals to room 211 through the month of October.

Wilson Centennial Gear Sale

A limited reprint of Wilson centennial (2022) celebration gear is available for purchase. The t-shirts, sweatshirts and hats are a collaboration between The Great PNW and Bison Printing – two Wilson family-owned businesses. Each sale provides the PTG with a small profit that helps keep extracurricular offerings plentiful and free for students. Check out our [virtual storefront!](#)

Bottoms Up!

It seems that the majority of parents survive off coffee and water; but when we use disposable cups and bottles, little containers can make a big impact.

To-Go Coffee Cups:

- Average time of use time for a to-go coffee cup: 15 minutes.
- Average time a to-go cup takes to decompose: 30 years.
- Average number of cups used in the U.S. per year: 60 billion.
- Average number of trees it takes to manufacture disposable coffee cups: 1.4 million trees annually.

Unfortunately, most to-go cups have a plastic membrane, and therefore cannot be recycled, so the majority of disposable coffee cups end up in the landfill. *Solution:* Keep a clean to-go coffee cup in your car. Not only do coffee shops accept personal mugs, they usually offer a discount as well.

Un-fun plastic water bottle facts:

- On average, bottled water contains close to 60 times more microplastics than tap water.
- 80% of plastic water bottles end up in landfills.
- In the U.S. people throw away approximately 60 million water bottles per day.
- Just to meet bottled water demands for the U.S. requires 17 million barrels of oil per year.
- It is estimated that a plastic water bottle takes 450 years to decompose.

Solution: At home, take advantage of tap water. There are endless water filtering options to choose from to suit your needs. Before leaving home fill up a reusable water bottle to take with you and encourage your kids to do the same. If you're in need of single use containers, opt for water in cans over plastic bottles. Metal can be recycled many times over, making it a greener option than plastic.

If you'd like to join the Wilson Goes Wild Green Committee, contact Bre Orcasitas at bre434@gmail.com.



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Flag Football



The four-week flag football fundamentals camp has concluded. Students in second through fifth grade were led by a fantastic team of coaches and parent volunteers.

LEGO Club



Twenty second-grade students participated in the launch of LEGO Club. Thanks to program coordinator Diana Costa and a team of volunteers for this new extracurricular opportunity!



Meet a Wildcat: Sierra Campbell, school counselor

What's your favorite thing to do in Spokane? I love to take my kids to different parks and activities in the area! Riverfront Park is a favorite.

Do you have any pets? We have two kittens! Mango and Kiwi.

Where did you go to elementary school? I grew up in Medical Lake, Washington and attended Hallett Elementary.

What's your favorite Halloween costume? My favorite costume was Joy from Inside Out. I teach students about feelings and thought it was fun to be one of the characters that I use to teach emotional regulation.

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YOU'RE INVITED: NOVEMBER 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, November 12 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/
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