

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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#### **NOVEMBER PTG MEETING**

- ∘ Nov. 9, 7-8 pm
- ∘ Zoom link

#### 1 PM EARLY RELEASE FRIDAY

o Oct. 22

#### **ORANGE & BLACK DAY**

- o Oct. 30, all-day
- Dress in these colors

#### **MONSTER MASH**

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

#### **CONFERENCE WEEK**

- ∘ Nov. 1-5
- o 1 pm dismissal each day

# WILSON WILDCAT WALK WAS A ROARING SUCCESS!

Wow, Wilson Community you are pretty amazing! In just over 3 weeks we raised over \$50,000 in support of Wilson students during our inaugural fundraiser walk. Students ran, skipped, jogged, and walked their way around a tree-lined course in Cannon Hill Park on a glorious autumn Friday morning. Music played and balloons dotted the course as parent and teacher volunteers cheered on the kiddos. Intense looks of determination and joy crossed the faces of students as they proudly wore their Wildcat Walk t-shirts and participated in the event.

While we adults may not have had the opportunity to party and celebrate as in previous auction years, involving the children in the process was something incredible to watch. Adults – not to worry. The PTG has a pretty cool Parents Night Out event planned for November 19 – see page 3 for more details. Thank you again for your support!





#### STAY UP TO DATE ON WILSON EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Wilson has an easy-to-read online calendar that contains important school district dates, school-planned events, and PTG happenings. To view the calendar, visit <a href="mailto:spokaneschools.org/Page/220#calendar2365/">spokaneschools.org/Page/220#calendar2365/</a>

Import the calendar feed into any online calendar that supports iCal by following these instructions.



#### YOU ARE INVITED: NOVEMBER 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.

November 9 7:00-8:00pm Online via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 863 2266 5646 Password: 20212022

<u>us02web.zoom.us/j/86322665646?</u> pwd=VXhRVHdIa1RMd3Y1OUtha3IVRDZIdz09

Need an extra bit of encouragement to attend in November? PTG will present a Wildcat Walk Fundraiser recap and we will talk further about the upcoming **Nov. 19th Parents Night Out event at the Wonder Building!** 



#### 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 next PTG meeting agenda.

Form avaiable at: forms.gle/Hu2g7dNGdUSmwwf26

#### STUDENTS: WRITE FOR PAW PRINTS

Paw Prints will feature the work of Wilson students for the rest of the year. Starting in November, each month we will feature the writings, art, or other artistic creations of our Wilson students. All submissions will be published.

Written entries should be no longer than 150 words. Artistic contributions should be sent via a quality-resolution graphics file and should be identifiable when sized to fit on 1/4 of a page.

If your child would like to participate, please email your contribution to **wilsonwildcatsptgegmail.com** by the 10th of the month in which your grade level will be featured:

#### **Publishing Calendar**

November - Kindergarteners March - 3rd Graders

December - 1st Graders April - 4th Graders

January - off for the holiday May - 5th Graders

February - 2nd Graders June - 6th Graders



#### MONTSER MASH IS BACK!

#### Saturday, October 30, 6:30-8:30 pm, Wilson Blacktop, wilsonptg.ejoinme.org/monstermash

We are so excited to be able to bring this awesome tradition back this year! For many of you, this will be the first time you attend this event and you may be wondering what this event is about.

Monster Mash is a fun Halloween-themed dance open to all current families of Wilson Elementary. This year the whole event will take place outside on the blacktop. In keeping with current Department of Health guidelines, masks are optional outside.

#### Highlights:

- Carved/Decorated Pumpkin Contest. Bring your child's pumpkin to the school on Friday, October 29 to enter it into the contest. No pumpkins will be carved at the Monster Mash.
- Costume Contest. Winners announced at the event.
- Photo Booth(s)!
- Goodie bags for all!
- Music and glow lights!
- Tables and chairs (appropriately spaced) will be available to take a breather from the festivities.

**<u>Buy Your Tickets Now</u>**: Tickets cost \$3 per person, ages 4 and under are free. We hope all families are able to join this event. If your family would benefit from a scholarship to pay for tickets, please contact Melissa Alfstad: **MelissaA@spokaneschools.org** so she may give you the promo code.

This event is only possible through the support of many volunteers. Please consider registering for a volunteer role at <u>signupgenius.com/go/508094aa5a922a02-monster1</u>. Thank you in advance!

#### PARENTS NIGHT OUT - NOV. 19TH, WONDER BUILDING

#### Friday, November 19, 7:00-10:00 pm, Wonder Building Ping Pong Tournament begins at 8 pm



Line up a sitter for your kiddos and join us for an evening of fun with other Wilson adults. We will enjoy an evening of food, drinks, and a PING PONG tournament, as well as some good laughs. Many of us are feeling the need for connection and this will be a great way to come together.

We are still working out the full event details and will be in touch soon, but for the time being, please start arranging your calendar. We are SO excited to spend an evening with you. COVID protocols, as established by the event venue, will be followed.

#### FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Stay in contact with the Wilson Community: facebook.com/groups/293107240685/

#### MEET THE 2021-2022 WILSON PTG OFFICERS

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

- President: Carly Howarth, CarlyHespokaneschools.org Laney (3rd) & 2 Wilson alumni
- Vice-President: Carly Pickering Lauren (3rd), Benj (6th) & 2 Wilson alumni
- Treasurer: Katie Glazier, WilsonPTGTreasurer@gmail.com Abram (4th) & a Wilson alum
- Secretary: Kendra Kimball Chapman Norilee (1st), Jane (3rd) & an upcoming Wilson student
- Outreach Secretary: Tonja Brown Helen (Kinder) & Brandon (3rd)
- Treasurer-Elect: Dave Gilbert Henry (4th) & Locklin (2nd)

Please contact us for general inquiries or to get involved: wilsonwildcatsPTG@gmail.com

#### PLEASE CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found is brimming with misplaced coats, hats, gloves, water bottles, etc. Please take a moment to look through items hung along the wall to the left of the library, just past the front office.



#### SIGN UP TO BE A PARENT VOLUNTEER

There are so many great opportunities to volunteer at Wilson. From ongoing commitment in your student's classroom to one-time events that require a small time commitment, volunteers are crucial to our success.

**Volunteers must be vaccinated in order to enter a Spokane Schools building.** If a volunteer is not vaccinated, they can still help out by doing home projects, but not in SPS buildings.

How to volunteer:

- Email to Robin Fiorillo, Volunteer & Special Events Specialist, at **RobinF@spokaneschools.org**:
  - o a PDF or scanned photo of your proof of vaccination
  - o a completed Volunteer Clearance Application (attached to this newsletter)
- Copies of vaccination cards are not kept on file, just verified and then the copy will be destroyed
- · Connect with your classroom teacher or the Wilson Front Office about upcoming volunteer opportunities

### **MINUTES**

#### Wilson Elementary School PTG

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 7:03 pm | Meeting Called to Order by Carly Howarth

Minutes Submitted by Kendra Kimball Chapman

#### PTG Officers in Attendance

Carly Howarth, President

Katie Glazier, Treasurer

Tonja Brown, Outreach Secretary

Kendra Kimball Chapman, Secretary

#### Approval of Minutes

The September minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Alexis Padgham, seconded by Tonja Brown. All in favor of approval.

#### Treasurer's Report (Katie Glazier, treasurer)

- Last month we paid out \$5200 for Teacher Supply Gifts
- Pizza in the Park final numbers: \$145 profit. That's right where we want to be.
- Wrote a check to cover Alex Boyce's expenses for the kindergarten mural.
- Non-Profit Status:
  - Bad News We have temporarily lost our 501c3 status due to filing our taxes late (or not filing at all) for 3 consecutive years. The previous treasurer failed to file taxes for 2019 and 2018. No one knew about this until last week.
  - Good News Katie is working to rectify the situation and has already been in touch with the IRS. We are fairly confident that our Non-Profit status will be reinstated retroactively but it could take up to 180 days.
  - Reach out to Katie directly if you have concerns over your Wildcat Walk donation.
- Question from "Dad Group:" Can we have corporate sponsorships for the walk?
  - Yes! Next year we will try this and add sponsor's names to the tshirts. This year was the trial run so we chose to keep it simple.

#### Citizen's Advisory Committee (Sarah Rodgers presenting)

- There is a push to improve inclusion programs throughout the district especially through secondary
- Boundary Changes: needed in order to reduce K-3 class sizes. Moving more bodies to middle school frees space in elementary schools.
- Transportation Issues: Huge driver shortage. Durham just hired 35 drivers.
- Covid Vaccine Update: 5200 employees. 90% vaccinated. 8% applied for exemptions. Only six have left the district due to the vaccine mandate.
- Test to Stay Program: SPS will pilot this program. After an exposure, students will be tested on days 0, 3, & 5. The district has hired some new employees to facilitate this program. Roll out will be soon.

#### Old Business

- Paw Prints (Tonja Brown):
  - We'd love more student submissions.
  - We'll be reaching out to kinders to submit in November. First graders in December, etc.
- New PTG Website (Tonja Brown):
  - Coming soon
  - A place for central communication and links to forms, calendar, etc.
- Forms (Tonja Brown):
  - Please use the Funds Request and Agenda Item forms. Links can be found in Paw Prints and will be on our website.
- Monster Mash (Khy & Marilda Benedetti and Alanna Spencer):
  - Alanna is a professional event planner and new to our Wilson community. She and the Benedettis are excited about bringing this event back, keeping it Covid safe, and have been working hard.
  - Expect: outside on the playground while keeping with tradition, pumpkin contest, costume contest, perhaps karaoke, DJ, Lights, fog machine, two photo booths, everything decorated and themed. Seating for parents. All sections will be mapped out with spread sheets for set up. Masks not required. Sanitation stations available.
  - Flyer will be sent soon.
  - Call for volunteers will be soon. Please help with set up!
  - 2019 Monster Mash brought in about \$800. Hoping to break even this year.
  - Discussion:
    - Josie Dix expresses frustration that a bigger committee (including long-time Wilson parents) was not formed and that this event doesn't keep to the established tradition.
    - Committee members and Carly Howarth clarify that they've worked closely with the
      last Monster Mash chair, Courtney Malone, and that she's been a great help. The
      committee is made up of everyone who reached out and expressed interest in
      participating. Many volunteers will be needed and included.
    - Zoom chat reflects tremendous support for the committee's vision, energy, and organization. Everyone is excited!
    - Katie Glazier states that while we honor our Wilson traditions, we welcome change and new ideas.
- Wildcat Walk (Ken Hermanson):
  - Fundraising is going so well! We've surpassed \$35,000 already. He is amazed at the generosity of family and friends. Will leave the fundraiser open for a week after the walk. We netted about \$30,000 from the 2020 auction so this is tremendous and so much less work to put on.
  - Student tshirts will be on desks Friday morning to wear to the walk.
  - Pledgestar platform seems to be working really well and was the cheapest option. Costs a flat fee of \$995.
  - Will send a survey out after the fact to learn how families feel about the experience and platform.
  - Volunteers needed
  - Park is open to the public. Please come out and cheer.
- Updates from Carly Howarth
  - Staff Breakfast for LID day: PTG paid for this staff breakfast. Everyone loved it and feels grateful.

- Wilson Handbook and Calendar was finally sent out. You should all have it at home. The district's process for creating this document was frustrating and unnecessarily complicated. Sorry for the delay.
- Centennial Gear: we will have more merch and also tshirts for kinders and new students coming soon. Bison Printing is dealing with supply issues so we're waiting on them. They've been great to work with.
- Bricks (Josie Dix): Brick engraving is still delayed but it will happen. In the meantime, let us know if you'd like to purchase a brick. No specific updates on when engraving will happen.
- Family Directory (Josie Dix):
  - Josie is working with the office to coordinate. She will create a form for teachers to hand out in order to get updated family information (great idea, Sheila Ibarra!).
  - Hopefully these will be out in December.
  - We can start selling ads to support the printing of this directory in the meantime.

#### **New Business**

- New Fund Request (Alexis Padgham)
  - Request to fully fund an outdoor field trip for the entire 1st and 2nd grades.
  - Headed to Walter's Fruit Ranch in Greenbluff. Kids will learn the lifecycle of an apple tree, how
    cider is made, they can pick an apple and a pumpkin & get a tour. Most of these kids have
    never been on a field trip.
  - Total cost for six classes including busses and admission is \$2080.
  - Parent volunteers can come but need to drive themselves and pay their own admission
  - Dad group motions to approve the funding request. Josie Sackmann seconds. All in favor.
- Updates from Mr. Hermanson:
  - Our building covid numbers are going down. We're being really diligent with mask wearing so we can keep kids in school.
- New Event Idea Wilson International Fair
  - Katie Broadbent sent in a proposal for an International Fair. More discussion on this topic will be scheduled for our November meeting. Many in attendance express excitement about this new event.

#### **Next Meeting**

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

#### Meeting Adjourned

8:09 pm by Carly Howarth.



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# Volunteer Clearance Application

### Return to: Volunteer Services CONFIDENTIAL

Spokane Public Schools complies with all federal and state rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, marital status, race, color, creed, religion, national origin, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, or honorably discharged veteran or military status. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district's officers as follows: Title IX/Staff Civil Rights Officer, Ramon Alvarez, (509) 354-7344 • Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)/Student Civil Rights Officer, Jodi Harmon (509) 354-7344 • Affirmative Action Officer, Ramon Alvarez, (509) 354-7344 • Equal Opportunity Officer,

#### **VOLUNTEER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In order to provide the safest environment for our children, all volunteers are required to complete this disclosure. Information provided will be kept confidential and will not necessarily bar you from volunteering in the district. If you prefer to place this sheet in a sealed envelope prior to submitting it with your volunteer application, please do so. It will be reviewed by Volunteer Services in the Administration Building and not by your building volunteer coordinator.



| NAME:                         |         |              | DATE OF BIRTH:   |
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| Include<br>Applica<br>clearan | the nat | ure,<br>at d | orough explanation for each "Yes" answer in the space provided on the following page. date and location of the charge(s) and any further details explaining the situation. o not provide a thorough explanation will be returned for completion. To expedite the please include copies of any legal documentation that would apply to any dropped or   |
| □ YES                         | □NO     | 1.           | Have you ever held a teaching certificate? (If yes, please indicate what state the license was issued below.)  |
| □ YES                         | □NO     | 2.           | Have you ever had an educational or job related license, permit, or certificate revoked or suspended, or been subject to discipline, from a licensing or certification agency, such as the State Board of Education or Professional Educators Standards Board, in this State or any other jurisdictions?   |
| ☐ YES                         | □NO     | 3.           | Have you ever been on a plan of improvement or placed on probation with any employer?  |
| □ YES                         | □NO     | 4.           | Have you ever been placed on administrative leave pending investigation of allegations of misconduct with any employer?  |
| □ YES                         | □NO     | 5.           | Have you ever been disciplined, discharged, non-renewed or threatened to be disciplined, discharged or non-renewed from any employment?  |
| □ YES                         | □NO     | 6.           | Have you ever resigned or otherwise separated from any employment in order to avoid discipline, discharge, nonrenewal, threatened discipline, discharge or nonrenewal, or perceived future discipline, discharge or nonrenewal?  |
| □ YES                         | □NO     | 7.           | Are you presently charged with or been arrested for, but not convicted of, any crime? (A pending criminal charge will not necessarily bar you from volunteering in the District.) If yes, include an explanation of the nature of the charge, place, date, and court.  |
| □ YES                         | □NO     | 8.           | Have you ever been convicted of any crime? (The term "convicted" means all adverse dispositions, including a finding of guilty, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, an Alford plea, a stipulation to the facts, a deferred or suspended sentence, or a deferred prosecution. Exclude civil infractions, such as minor traffic citations. DUI and DWI convictions are not minor traffic citations and must be reported.)   |
| □ YES                         | □NO     | 9.           | Have you ever been found by a court in a protection proceeding under Chapter 74.34 RCW to have abused or financially exploited a vulnerable adult? (Vulnerable adult means adults of any age who lack the functional, mental or physical ability to care for themselves.)  |
| □ YES                         | □NO     | 10.          | Have you ever been convicted of any crime involving the manufacture, delivery, or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance?   |
| ☐ YES                         | □NO     | 11.          | Have you ever been found in any dependency action under RCW 13.34.040 to have sexually assaulted or exploited any minor or to have physically abused any minor?  |
| □ YES                         | □NO     | 12.          | Have you ever been found by a court in a domestic relations proceeding under Title 26 RCW to have sexually abused or exploited any minor, or to have physically abused any minor?  |
| ☐ YES                         | □ NO    | 13.          | Have you ever been found in any disciplinary board final decision to have sexually or physically abused any minor or developmentally disabled person, or to have abused or financially exploited any vulnerable adult? ("Disciplinary board final decision" means (a) any final decision by the director of the Department of Licensing for real estate brokers and salespersons and (b) any final decision by a disciplinary authority under Chapter 18.130 RCW of the secretary of the Department of Health for the following businesses or professions: chiropractic, dentistry, dental hygiene, naturopathy, massage, midwifery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, physical therapy, physicians, practical nursing, registered nursing, and psychology.) |
| □ YES                         | □NO     | 14.          | Are you presently charged with, but not convicted of, any of the crimes or offenses described in questions 9 through 14 above?   |

Please provide a thorough explanation for each "yes" answer in the box provided on the following page.

| Custodial Assault  | ☐ First or Second Degree Sexual Misconduct with Minor( |
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| First, Second, or Third Degree Assault of a Child  | ☐ Patronizing a Juvenile Prostitute                    |
| First, Second, or Third Degree Assault   | ☐ Selling or Distributing Erotic Material to Minor(s)  |
| Simple Assault   | ☐ Sexual Exploitation of Minor(s)                      |
| First or Second Degree Custodial Interference  | ☐ Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes      |
| Incest   | ☐ First Degree Arson                                   |
| First, Second, or Third Degree Rape of a Child   | ☐ First Degree Burglary                                |
| Child Abandonment  | ☐ Aggravated Murder                                    |
| Child Abuse or Neglect as Defined in RCW 26.44.020   | ☐ First or Second Degree Murder                        |
| Violation of Child Abuse Restraining Order   | ☐ First or Second Degree Extortion                     |
| Child Buying or Selling  | ☐ First or Second Degree Manslaughter                  |
| First or Second Degree Kidnapping  | ☐ First, Second, or Third Degree Rape                  |
| First, Second, or Third Degree Child Molestation   | ☐ First or Second Degree Robbery                       |
| Indecent Liberties   | ☐ Criminal Abandonment                                 |
| Felony Indecent Exposure   | ☐ First or Second Degree Criminal Mistreatment         |
| Vehicular Homicide   | ☐ Promoting Pornography                                |
| Unlawful Imprisonment  | ☐ First Degree Promoting Prostitution                  |
| Malicious Harassment   | ☐ Prostitution   |
| Endangerment with a Controlled Substance   | ☐ First or Second Degree Custodial Sexual Misconduct   |
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|  | in the previous questions or any box checked in        |
| Please provide an explanation for all YES answers<br>#15: (Please indicate the question number above<br>and location of the charge(s) and any further deta |  |

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct. If necessary to obtain volunteer status, I authorize Spokane Public Schools to conduct a background investigation into my past employment, education, vocational, and other activities such as my criminal background. To conduct this investigation, I authorize the District to obtain any information regarding me to evaluate my suitability for volunteer status. I understand that the information may include, but is not limited to, criminal background information. I further authorize any current/former employer, person, firm, corporation, educational or vocational institution, or government agency to provide the District to which I am applying to volunteer with any information regarding me. I further authorize the District to disclose any information they may have regarding me if such information is requested by a potential future employer of me. I hereby release and discharge said District and those who provide, receive or use such information from any and all liability as a result of furnishing and receiving this information. I understand and agree that false or misleading information, including omissions, in my application shall be sufficient cause to limit or remove opportunities to volunteer. References and personal information that become a part of this application will be regarded as confidential and shall not be revealed to me. I understand that any offer to volunteer that may be made to me is conditional and subject to the acceptable outcome of criminal history background information check; and the approval of the District's representatives.

| Signature: | Print Name:                           | Date: |
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# **Volunteer Program Application**



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| Phone number:   | Date of birth:   | Female 🗌 Male 🗆   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Emergency contact: Name   | Relationship   | Phone   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Do you have a child(ren) attending the school   | ol? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No Name(s) of c  | hild(ren)/grade(s):   |  |  |  |  |  |
| School/site preferred:  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
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| How long have you lived in the state of Washin  | gton?Years Months  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Program Information  Please check ONLY what applies to your volunteer service at this time  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Parent signature if under 18  |  | Date  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Please submit this form to any school, m<br>Services at 200 N Bernard St., Spokane, W<br>and email to volunteerservices@Spoka   | VA 99201, or scan  | Clearance Date  |  |  |  |  |  |