



Dear Families,

Happy Holidays from our family to yours! The festive times are upon us and the Beehive has been a very busy place to learn. It has been wonderful seeing what our schools in the building have to offer. We look forward to our upcoming music concerts! All of the music teachers and the students have been working hard and they are excited to perform for everyone.

A lot has happened in the month of November. We had our annual fall clean-up, Veteran's Day Ceremony and visits to the War Memorial Center, Service Learning Day, and our Turkey Trot to name just a few things. As you can see, the Beehive is always a busy place.

As the temperatures drop, please make sure your children are dressed warmly; they should wear boots when there is snow on the ground (they can't play on the field at recess if they aren't wearing boots) and bring shoes for the classroom. As a district we will be adopting the National Health Center's rating scale of safe time outdoors. The magic number to keep children indoors is -5 degrees wind-chill.

Report cards are coming home on December 8 in backpacks so please look for them on that date. I want to challenge the families and staff of the Beehive to continue to have engaging conversations about our children's learning. We are committed to focusing on a growth mindset for learning for all of our students and feel that the report cards are one way to inform you of your child's progress. Included in the report card envelope will be your student's fall MAP assessment data and the newly released Wisconsin Department of Instruction school report cards for Wilson and WSTEM.

This time of year brings us to reflect on things to be thankful for. I am very thankful for the relationships that I built up over the five and a half years that I have been the principal of this building. This has been the longest that my title has stayed the same in my years in education. I enjoy the staff, students, and families that I am fortunate to work with. As I recently presented to the school board about our school improvement plans, it really got me to reflect on all the great people I am fortunate to work with and who support everything that we do here. Please consider reaching out and learning about other ways to help the school and learn about the leadership roles available in the 2018-19 school year. We can't continue to provide all we do for our students without all your support!

Wilson and WSTEM have had a wonderful year in 2017, and we look forward to the promise and excitement that a new year brings and having a great 2018. As always please let me know if you have any questions and please continue to spread the word about the great things happening at Wilson and WSTEM. Enjoy the holidays!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Heun".

Mike Heun
Principal

Save the Dates

December 5–6

Holiday Concert

December 25–

January 1

Winter Break

No School

January 12

WSTEM New Year Event

February 5–8

Heart Adventure Week

February 19–21

Scholastic Book Fair

March 7

Clubs and Activities Pictures

March 22

Wilson/WSTEM Art Show
and Cultural Fair, 6–8 pm

March 31–April 8

Spring Break

No School

April 27

WSTEM 3.0 Challenge

May 8

Spring Concert

May 11

High Interest Day

May 24

Wilson/WSTEM

Try-Athlon

June 1

Wilson/WSTEM

Field Day

Birthdays

Gavyn Davidson

Madelyn Boeding

Rahma Khalil

Cecilia Ziemer

Sylvia Zautner

Camilla O'Brien

Jacob Andrist

Savannah Hunker

Oliver Landgraf

Alexander Harrison

Max Ranft

Vivian Jensen

Charlotte Nunag

Sanskar Kumar

Michael Anderson

Nathaniel Schwartz

Philomena Konshak

Eleanor Schacht

Rowan O'Neal

Grace Trevey

Cole Marszalkowski

Winter Concert dates

December 4

Monday

4th and 5th grade

1:30 pm and 7 pm

December 5

Tuesday

JK, SK, 1st, 2nd, 3rd grade

10 am and 1 pm

Concerts run for about
an hour.

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Attendance Phone Line (414) 773-1902

When your child is absent, please make sure to call in.

If your child is late (the bell has rung), you must come to the office and sign them in. Thank you.

Total bee bucks earned to date

1,966

Wilson/WSTEM Newsletter December 2017

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Updates

PTSA UPDATE

It's been an amazing month for the PTSA. It's hard to match the excitement of the Halloween Hop, but we may have gotten close with our first Service Learning Day. You could feel the energy as the students gathered and got to work on their projects. In addition to serving our community and learning the value of helping others, there were hands-on lessons in measuring, cutting and tying, simple machines, fractions, and human kindness. It was a really special day and we should be proud of all the hard work that the students (and our volunteers) put in. We had over 50 parent and grandparent volunteers — yes, this is a great day to invite grandparents to school! That is an incredible amount of help and is truly appreciated. It's pretty amazing what we can do when we come together as a school community.

We are also grateful for the generous donations of our community partners, who gave time, money, and other donations to make Service Learning Day a success:

Andy Wiegman of the Mandel Group
Nancy Brennan of Powers Realty Group
Chris Leffler and Locker's Flowers
The residents of the Echelon Apartments
Dr. Anne Allman of Tosa Dental

So what's next for the PTSA? Break out the cookie sheets because it's almost time for the annual Teacher Cookie Exchange. We'll need lots of cookies to properly say Thanks and Happy Holidays to our dedicated teachers. And then we've got a fun, adults-only night planned for February 10. No need to fret about your plans for Valentine's Day—come and spend it with your friends! Appetizers, music, raffle items and fun! What more could you ask for in the cold days of winter?

Thanks for joining us this year!

—Jo Durnin, PTSA President

ART UPDATE

Our featured artists this month are the 4th and 5th grade artists of Wilson and WSTEM. WSTEM 4/5 artists are building on skills of observation where they study an object and note as many details as possible. This time the assignment is our footwear. The groups are also learning about the contour technique where the drawing is a continuous line and we don't lift up our pencils. The students are practicing in their sketchbooks and showing the shoe or boot from different viewpoints. The Wilson 4th and 5th grade artists have explored indirect portraits (creating a piece of art about yourself without using a picture of you). They are all unique! We learned about the use of icons and how universal visuals can be. The students used mixed media to complete their artwork. The Wilson 4th graders are currently using oil pastels to show depth and shading in a composition and the Wilson 5th graders are practicing drawing the figure in correct proportion in order to understand how artists research and study subjects before creating a final work of art.

—Abbey Finn

News

PTSA UPCOMING EVENTS

The Teacher Cookie Exchange will be on Wednesday, December 20! Be on the lookout for opportunities to volunteer and show our teachers our gratitude this season!

SHUTTERFLY GIVES BACK!

If you order your holiday cards or photo gifts from Shutterfly, use the link below to earn Wilson/WSTEM PTSA 13% of your purchase price.

We're happy to offer another way to give back this year.
Happy Shopping!

<http://wilsonwstem.shutterflystorefront.com/>

VOLUNTEER SHOUT-OUT

Thank you Brian Boeding for coordinating the exterior beautification event for the school grounds!

Thank you Jo Durnin, Ali Wergin, Kerry Veth and the Service Learning Day committee for putting together our very first Service Learning Day at Wilson/WSTEM! It was a tremendous effort with lots of moving parts and such a great experience for the students.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Veterans Day Assembly and field trips. The students were able to learn about and honor members of our school community who have served our country. Thank you for your service!

Teacher Cookie Exchange - December 20th



Please help us host a stress-free cookie exchange for our wonderful teachers and staff!

We hope you'll consider baking or buying a few dozen of your favorite cookies, bars or candies. Our goal is 100 dozen cookies! *All offers of help are sincerely appreciated!*

We need all cookies in the PTSA kitchen on December 19 or by 10:00am on December 20. Disposable containers are preferred. Questions? Please contact Julia Hornung julia.hornung@yahoo.com ● **THANK YOU!** ●

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Wauwatosa School District

Elementary World Language



Spanish Website!

Don't forget to visit our Elementary World Language website to find unit vocabulary lists, games, songs and more! Go to your elementary school homepage and click on the **Elementary World Language Program** link on the lower right side of the page.

Did you know?

Spanish is the...

- Official language of 22 countries
- 2nd largest native language in the world
- 2nd language used for international communication
- 3rd most used language on the Internet

Resource: <http://www.speakinglatino.com/13-cool-and-interesting-facts-about-the-spanish-language/>

Unit 3: Travel and Transportation

It has been amazing to watch students learn and grow during the first two units of study. We are now beginning a new unit about travel and transportation! Students will have the opportunity to use and build on the vocabulary they learned in Unit 2 in order to travel around a given community in Unit 3.

First graders will be taking virtual field trips. They will create a story about what they see and do on their ideal field trip.

Second graders will be taking a "trip" around the city to gather supplies for an imaginary party they are planning.

Third grade will be using various modes of transportation to "visit" cities in the state of Wisconsin. They will be planning a trip based on things they like to do.

Fourth grade students will be taking a "road trip" throughout the United States. They will discuss in the past tense how they got there, what they needed, what they did, and what they saw on their trip.

Fifth graders will be taking a "trip" to Costa Rica. They will use travel brochures and maps to discuss and negotiate with a friend about where they should go and what they should do while visiting Costa Rica.

Home Challenge Scavenger Hunt



Count items in the kitchen. Since most days we find ourselves in the kitchen, either eating, preparing meals, or cleaning up after meals, try using this time to help students practice their Spanish numbers. Count snack pieces, magnets on the fridge, silverware and plates as the dishwasher is unloaded or the table is being set.

December Calendar

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11:30–12:15 pm Battle of the Books, Library
3:30–5 pm 2nd Grade Brownies Mtg., Art Room
3:30–5 pm DI (Ranft/Krueger), PTSA Kitchen

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1:30–2:30 pm Winter Concert, 4th, 5th grades, Gym
7–8 pm Winter Concert, 4th, 5th grades, Gym

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10–11 am Winter Concert, JK–3rd grades, Gym
11:30–12:15 pm We Care Club Meeting, Library
1–2 pm Winter Concert, JK–3rd grades, Gym
3:25–4:25 pm Young Rembrandts, Art Room

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2:20–4 pm DI (Wiese), PTSA Kitchen
2:30–3:30 pm DI (Stemmy Bears), Library
2:20–4 pm ICWW–First Stage, Gym
5:30–7 pm WSTEM Governance Board Mtg., Library
7–8:15 pm PTSA Meeting, Library

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3:30–5 pm DI (Ranft/Krueger), PTSA Kitchen
3:30–5 pm 4th/5th Grade Girl Scouts Mtg., Library

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11:30–12:15 pm We Care Club Meeting, Library
3:25–4:25 pm Young Rembrandts, Art Room

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2:20–4 pm DI (Wiese), PTSA Kitchen
2:30–3:30 pm DI (Stemmy Bears), Library
2:20–4 pm ICWW–First Stage, Gym

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11:30–12:15 pm Battle of the Books, Library
3:20–5:50 pm 1st Grade Daisy Scouts, Library
3:30–5 pm DI (Ranft/Krueger), PTSA Kitchen

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11:30–12:15 pm We Care Club Meeting, Library
3:20–4:30 pm SK Daisy Scouts, Library

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2:20–4 pm DI (Wiese), PTSA Kitchen
2:30–3:30 pm DI (Stemmy Bears), Library
2:20–4 pm ICWW–First Stage, Gym

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3:20–4:45 pm 3rd Grade Brownies, Library
6:30–8 pm Cub Scouts, Cafeteria

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8:30–1 pm Wilson SK–5th to Discovery World
3:30–5 pm DI (Ranft/Krueger), PTSA Kitchen

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Winter Break Begins

January 2, 2018

Classes Resume