

Feb. 2018

Wilson / WSTEM Newsletter



Dear Wilson/WSTEM Family,

The first month of 2018 was a busy one for the Beehive as we got back into our school routines after the winter break. We had a lot of fun with our Harry Potter theme. A big thank you to Mrs. Adams who really took the lead and did an amazing job with this themed month.

The building continues to work with students on setting learning goals for the remainder of the year. One of the tools that we utilize to monitor student learning is the MAP Assessment. Students will be wrapping up the winter assessment session and will look at modifying their goals for the remainder of the year. We also monitor student learning through other daily and weekly assessments in the classroom. We continue to utilize our early-release time on Wednesdays to meet as Professional Learning Communities and focus on these four essential questions related to our students:

- What do we want each student to learn?
- How do we know each student has learned the targeted standards and benchmarks?
- How do we respond when students do not learn?
- How do we respond when students have mastered the standards and benchmarks?

We also held open houses for Wilson and WSTEM. It is always great to talk with future families about all of the great things we have for students and the great staff that we have here at Wilson and WSTEM. Your continued positive communication is huge in recruiting other families and greatly improves our culture and climate here in the Beehive.

There are a lot of great activities that are coming up as we hit the homestretch to this school year. We all appreciate your support of the work here that we do for our students!

Sincerely,

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

Mike Heun
Principal

Save the Dates

February 5–8

Heart Adventure Week

February 10

Parents' Night Out

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

Rachel Broeckert
Dustin Roach
Alice Kreeger
Andre Riofrio
Miles Nelson
Graham Combs
Juniper Platt
Lucas Comerford
Greyson Gerhardt
Audrey Paxton
Noah Kizewski
Eloise Cockerham
Zhuying Li
Jamiyah Williams
Cora Anderson
Amelia Breitlow
Mia Riofrio
Nathan Nilles
Nicole Dahlberg
Keegan Nadkarni
Oscar Veth

HOUSE POINTS

Ravenclaw: 1,363
Hufflepuff: 1,295
Slytherin: 1,204
Gryffindor: 1,113

IMPORTANT ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Open Enrollment for 2018–19 is available:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/open-enrollment/pdf/oe-brochure-2018-19.pdf>

Applications available online: <https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>

STEM and Montessori application period

is February 5–February 23. Applications are available at Fisher Building and at most schools.

Note: Separate applications are required for USTEM, WSTEM and Montessori.

6th Grade Orientation at Longfellow is Wednesday, January 31. Two evening sessions are available on that date. Parents will be sent a mailing/email after Winter Break. At orientation, staff will share information about classes, schedules, etc.

At Whitman, 6th Grade Orientation is Thursday, February 1 at 6pm.

**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.

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**Total bee bucks
earned to date**

2,676

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FROM THE PTSA PRESIDENT

Let's talk about money! You paid to join the PTSA, you ate a burrito at Chipotle, and you're signed up for Parents' Night. First, we thank you. It's not always easy to come up with a few extra dollars.

So, where does all of this money go?

PTSA dollars are spread across multiple events over the year. We are encouraged by the Wisconsin State PTA and the district superintendent to use our dollars wisely, providing activities, events, and educational enrichment for our students.

By we, I mean all of us. Collectively, the attendees at each meeting vote on our budget line items. We have a budget to adhere to, and we hold ourselves to it. We discuss our options, and use the results of our surveys to guide our decisions. In a recent survey, respondents identified the following top spending priorities, in order: Educational Enrichment, Teacher Grant Requests, Field Trips. Much farther down the list were fun events (think pool party), especially those with high price tags.

Here are some numbers that detail where we have spent our dollars:

\$16: end-of-year popsicles for the kids

\$50: one ukulele for our music classes

\$72: guest speaker and activity at Service Learning Day

\$100: one bus for a field trip

\$159: annual mulch for our gardens

\$230: one standing desk for a classroom

This year we have done our best to make our events affordable and accessible for all families. Things cost money and yes, we need to fundraise. But we're also working to build a community that supports our students and provides them opportunities that they might not normally have.

Thank you again for your support.

–Jo Durnin, PTSA President

EFW WALK/RUN COORDINATOR

The PTSA is looking for an Educational Foundation of Wauwatosa EFW Walk/Run Coordinator for our school!

This person would help market the event at Wilson/WSTEM and help with t-shirt pick-up/distribution. Anyone interested can contact Wendy Schmidt at schmidwe@wauwatosa.k12.wi.us.

PTSA UPCOMING EVENTS

February 10: Parents' Night Out

February 19–21: Scholastic Book Fair

VOLUNTEER SHOUT-OUT

Thank you Tayla La Macchia and committee for organizing the WSTEM Happy New Year event.

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ART UPDATE

WSTEM 2/3 classes continue to work on craft and technique with a variety of art materials. The students completed a close-up of an animal in winter after their zoo field trip. We worked on overlapping images and blending colors in this assignment. Next, classes collaged and drew trees using the art elements—shape, texture, color and showed overlapping again. Currently students are weaving with yarn. To warp the cardboard loom, students used their math skills and measured with rulers.

Wilson 2nd graders have continued to develop craft through warm-up drawings and used their knowledge of maps to create a mixed-media map of an urban or rural fantastical place. They used vintage maps and experimented with layering watercolor and colored pencil. Wilson 3rd graders have just completed a textile circle weaving creating their own loom and using beads and paint markers to add finishing touches. Both grades will be starting a self-portrait unit inspired by contemporary artists.

–Abbey Finn, Art Teacher

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UPDATE

The all-school health fair will be Friday, March 16, and we need presenters and organizers for this all-day event. The health fair will feature a wide variety of people from our community to help spread the message about good health and the many ways of staying safe to our students. The booths will be: audiology, CPR, cardiac health, lung health, mental wellness/ stress management, sleep wellness, sports nutrition, yoga, strength and conditioning, fire safety, stranger awareness and Safe Routes to School (Tosa Police), dental health, computer safety, germs and handwashing, bike safety and helmet check, and more. I am hoping you can take some time during the day to join your son or daughter during his or her time at the fair. When the schedule gets finalized, we'll let everyone know through an email or all-school blast.

As we have been getting snowier days and the kids are wearing boots to school, please help your child remember to bring shoes to participate in physical education. Boots pose a safety hazard to them as well as to others in the class. In addition, in order to be at their best, they need to be prepared for class with the proper footwear. Thank you for your help with this matter.

–Wendy Schmidt, Physical Education Teacher

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March 2018

Wauwatosa School District

Elementary World



¡Libro Detective!

Encourage your 3rd-5th grade student to check out Spanish books from the library and set time aside each week for them to read aloud to you. They can participate in the school and district competition by tracking their minutes and/or completing a graphic organizer.

Unit 4: The Healthy Life

1st graders will express their preferences of food, drinks and activities.

2nd graders will practice how to order in a restaurant.

3rd graders will learn to speak about how they feel, describe aches and pains in their bodies, and express what they believe they need to fix a problem they have.

4th graders will describe their daily habits by talking about nutritional needs, clothing needs, and social emotional health needs.

5th graders will learn about cultural practices in Argentina. They will make connections to their lives and learn how to give advice about healthy lifestyle choices.

Did you know?

SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION: BY THE NUMBERS

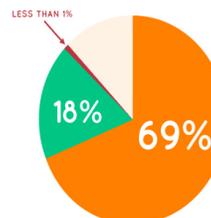
Learning a new language can expand your understanding of the world – and help you excel at whatever you choose to do in it. Just like individuals, nations also benefit from speaking more than one language. In today's globalized, multicultural world, countries are more interconnected than ever before – making multilingualism increasingly vital to every nation's economic growth.



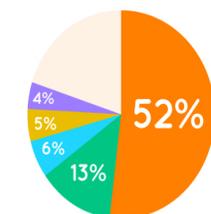
LANGUAGES MOST STUDIED IN U.S.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
STUDYING A WORLD LANGUAGE:



COLLEGE STUDENTS
STUDYING A WORLD LANGUAGE:



FRENCH ARABIC, CHINESE, JAPANESE, KOREAN, RUSSIAN, URDU SPANISH GERMAN ITALIAN JAPANESE

LANGUAGE LEARNING ADVANTAGES

<https://www.littlepim.com/surprising-bilingual-educations-trends-infographic-round/>

Home Challenge Scavenger Hunt

Watch and listen to Spanish music and movies. Play some Spanish music at home or while driving in the car. Play your student's favorite movie in Spanish or with Spanish subtitles.

February Calendar

1	11:30–12:15 pm 6–7 pm	DI (Stemmy Bears), PTSA Kitchen 1st Grade Tiger Scouts Meeting, Cafeteria	14	11:30–12:15 pm 2:30–4 pm 2:20–4 pm 2:20–4 pm	DI (Stemmy Bears), PTSA Kitchen DI (Ranft/Krueger), Room 216 DI (Wiese), PTSA Kitchen ICWW-Karate, Gym
2	8:30–2:30 pm 11:30–12:15 pm 3:30–5 pm 3:30–4 pm	WSTEM to The Rock Battle of the Books, Library 2nd Grade Brownies Meeting, Gym/Art SK Daisy Scouts Meeting, Library	15	8:30–11 am 3:20–4:45 pm 4:30–8 pm 6:30–8 pm	VIP Club Pictures , Cafeteria 3rd Grade Brownies-Mtg., Library Elementary Evening Conferences, Cub Scout Blue & Gold Dinner, Cafeteria
5	9–1 pm	WSTEM to Zoo	16	11:30–12:15 pm	Battle of the Books, Library
6	11:30–12:15 pm 3:25–4:25 pm	We Care Club, Library Young Rembrandts, Art Room	19	11:30–12:15 pm	DI-Stemmy Bears, PTSA Kitchen
7	9–12 pm 11:30–12:15 pm 2:30–4 pm 2:20–4 pm 2:20–4 pm 5:30–7 pm 7–7:45 pm	WSTEM 2/3 and 4/5 to First Stage DI (Stemmy Bears), PTSA Kitchen DI (Ranft/Krueger), Room 216 DI (Wiese), PTSA Kitchen ICWW–Karate, Gym WSTEM Governance Board Mtg., Library PTSA Meeting, Library	20	11:30–12:15 pm 3:20–4:30 pm 3:25–4:25 pm 4:30–8 pm	We Care Club, Library SK Daisy Scouts-Mtg., Library Young Rembrandts, Art Room Elementary Evening Conferences
8	11:30–12:15 pm	DI (Stemmy Bears), PTSA Kitchen	21	11:30–12:15 pm 2:30–4 pm 2:20–4 pm 2:20–4 pm	DI (Stemmy Bears), PTSA Kitchen DI (Ranft/Krueger) , Room 216 DI (Wiese), PTSA Kitchen ICWW-Karate, Gym
9	11:30–12:15 pm 3:30–5 pm	Battle of the Books, Library 4th/5th Grade Girl Scouts Meeting, Library	22	11:30–12:15 pm	DI (Stemmy Bears), PTSA Kitchen
10	7–10 pm	PTSA Parents Night Out, J&B's	23	11:30–12:15 pm 3:20–5:50 pm	Battle of the Books, Library 1st Grade Daisy Scouts-Mtg., Library
12	11:30–12:15 pm	DI (Stemmy Bears), PTSA Kitchen	26	11:30–12:15 pm	DI (Stemmy Bears), PTSA Kitchen
13	11:30–12:15 pm 3:25–4:25 pm	We Care Club, Library Young Rembrandts, Art Room	27	11:30–12:15 pm	We Care Club, Library
			28	11:30–12:15 pm 2:20–4 pm	DI (Stemmy Bears), PTSA Kitchen ICWW-Art Adventures, Gym