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Wilson / WSTEM Newsletter



Dear Wilson/WSTEM Families,

As we ring in 2018, I can't help to think about what a great year 2017 was and look forward to the fresh start in the year ahead. Some of you are working on those New Year's resolutions and creating opportunities to better yourselves and your families. Whatever your challenge is, I want to wish you the best of luck and let you know that we will continue to work hard to promote student learning and keep up the great progress that we have had from the beginning of this school year. One of the beliefs that we all have at Wilson and WSTEM is to strive for continuous improvement in all that we do.

Our staff will be working with students to discuss goal-setting as we do MAP testing in January. This is a good half-way check for us as a staff on our progress toward our school goals and also for each individual student to gauge their own progress. As always, there are multiple ways to assess classroom learning and to help us in guiding our students on their learning journey.

Our concerts were a great way to wrap up the holiday season and I cannot say enough about how great our kids looked and sounded this year. I wanted to thank our music department and our staff for their flexibility and hard work that went into this year's concert season. I personally was very impressed and I appreciate all of you who reached out to me to let me know how much you enjoyed the concerts.

We will be having open houses for both Wilson and WSTEM this month and look forward to promoting the great things that are happening in the building. Together we will work to have a great 2018 for our students. As the calendar turns to a new year, we start planning for the end of this school year and for certain aspects of the 2018–19 school year. Please continue to have the open lines of communication with staff and myself as we are here to help support your family in 2018! We feel extremely fortunate to be able to work with the great families that we have here at Wilson and WSTEM. Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

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

Mike Heun
Principal

Save the Dates

January 12

WSTEM New Year's Event

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

Audrey Sellinger

Lydia Graf

Chenxuan Liufu

Henry Hilgers

Musa Hussain

George Paul

James Malcom

Daniel Astorga

Dennis Mesoloras

Charles Eastburn

Cecilia Barthel

Charles Krueger

Brayden Graham

Goran Novalija

Bilal Hussain

Liam Nguyen

Clare Kasdorf

Dakota Acevedo

Lee Lawson

Jenny Mei

Ajax O'Neal

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 Feb. 5–Feb. 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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2,676

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ART UPDATE

Our featured artists this month are the kindergarten and 1st grade artists of Wilson and WSTEM. They have been busy exploring and experimenting with art concepts such as line, shape, texture and composition (filling the space!) using a variety of art materials. The Wilson SK artists have been working on using spatial awareness and creativity in art learning about concentric circles and using mixed media. The 1st graders are just completing a mixed-media piece called "25 Houses" and will be starting a self-portrait of themselves all bundled up for winter. We have been working on our drawing, cutting and painting skills this month in SK/1 WSTEM classes. Students also used some of the elements of design like line, color, shape and texture in their art activities. The most recent project completed by the SK/1 teams at WSTEM was a small self-portrait where we talked about using shape to draw facial features. Students also added a border with collaged shapes creating a pattern. Currently students are learning about watercolor techniques like crayon resist and adding salt to make texture in the painting. Students drew fir trees of different sizes with crayon and painted over the scene with watercolor.

–Abbey Finn

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.

VOLUNTEER SHOUT-OUT

Thank you Julia Hornung and committee for organizing the Teacher Holiday Cookie Exchange! It was a great way to share holiday cheer with our wonderful teachers!

FROM THE PTSA PRESIDENT

Welcome to the new year! The PTSA has a lot to offer this year; we hope you're ready for the fun.

We'll start the new year looking into two new projects for our cafeteria: Composting and a Share Table. Several parents have expressed an interest in starting a composting program, similar to the award-winning program at McKinley Elementary, which helps reduce the amount of food entering our landfills and allows students the opportunity to learn about composting first hand.

The Share Table gives students a way to share food from their lunch that they don't want or can't finish. If your child is like my kindergarten son, he gets a "Fun on the Run" school lunch, but doesn't like the string cheese or the juice. Instead of throwing it away, he can take it to the Share Table for someone who forgot their lunch or might just need a little extra.

In February we will host our Parents' Night Out. This casual night on Saturday, February 10, is an opportunity for parents to get together without our kids, and get to know one another. There will be music, food, and raffle/silent auction items. It's a great opportunity to connect with other parents, maybe win a prize, and raise money for our school. February also brings us to one of our family favorites – the book fair! Who doesn't love books? Come out to the book fair and pick up your favorite titles. Funds raised at the fair go directly back to our school in the form of, you guessed it, BOOKS!

Have an interest in helping? Join us! We now meet the first Wednesday of every month (not every other) at 7 pm in the library. We hope to see you there.

–Jo Durnin, PTSA President

PTSA UPCOMING EVENTS

February 10: Parents' Night Out

February 19–21: Scholastic Book Fair

January Calendar

2			
11:30–12:15 pm	We Care Club, Library		
3			
2:20–4 pm	DI (Wiese), PTSA Kitchen		
2:30–4 pm	DI (Ranft/Krueger), Room 216		
2:30–3:30 pm	DI (Stemmy Bears), Library		
5:30–7 pm	WSTEM Governance Board Mtg., Library		
7–8:15 pm	PTSA Meeting, Library		
5			
8:30–2 pm	WSTEM Ski Trip, Little Switzerland		
8			
10–11:30 am	WSTEM Open House, WSTEM		
9			
8:30–10 am	Wilson Open House, Wilson		
11:30–12:15 pm	We Care Club, Library		
10			
2:30–4 pm	ICWW–Chess, Gym		
2:30–4 pm	DI (Ranft/Krueger), Room 216		
2:30–3:30 pm	DI (Stemmy Bears), Library		
2:20–4 pm	DI (Wiese), PTSA Kitchen		
12			
8:30–2 pm	WSTEM Ski Trip, Little Switzerland		
3:30–5 pm	2nd Grade Brownies Meeting, Art Rm.		
3:30–5 pm	4th and 5th Grade Girl Scouts Mtg., Library		
15			
	No School–MLK Day		
16			
11:30–12:15 pm	We Care Club, Library		
3:20–4:30 pm	SK Daisy Scouts Meeting, Library		
3:25–4:25 pm	Young Rembrandts, Art Room		
17			
12:30–2 pm	WSTEM Open House, WSTEM		
2:20–4 pm	ICWW–Chess, Gym		
17			
2:30–4 pm	DI (Ranft/Krueger), Room 216		
2:30–3:30 pm	DI (Stemmy Bears), Library		
2:20–4 pm	DI (Wiese), PTSA Kitchen		
18			
3:20–4:45 pm	3rd Grade Brownies Meeting, Library		
6:30–8:30 pm	Cub Scout Pack Meeting, Cafeteria		
19			
8:30–2 pm	WSTEM Ski Trip, Little Switzerland		
23			
11:30–12:15 pm	We Care Club, Library		
3:25–4:25 pm	Young Rembrandts, Art Room		
24			
2:20–4 pm	ICWW–Chess, Gym		
2:30–4 pm	DI (Ranft/Krueger), Room 216		
2:30–3:30 pm	DI (Stemmy Bears), Library		
2:20–4 pm	DI (Wiese), PTSA Kitchen		
6:30–7:30 pm	WSTEM Open House, WSTEM		
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8:30–2 pm	WSTEM Ski Trip, Little Switzerland		
3:20–5:50 pm	1st Grade Daisy Scouts Meeting, Library		
30			
11:30–12:15 pm	We Care Club, Library		
31			
2:20–4 pm	ICWW–Chess, Gym		
2:30–4 pm	DI (Ranft/Krueger), Room 216		
2:30–3:30 pm	DI (Stemmy Bears), Library		
2:20–4 pm	DI (Wiese), PTSA Kitchen		