

March 2018 Wilson / WSTEM Newsletter



Dear Beehive Family,

Happy March! February has brought us one month closer to spring. Being the basketball fan that I am, there is no better month than March, although this year it looks like we may not have many, if any, Wisconsin teams to cheer on in the Big Dance!

We held our parent/teacher conferences in mid-February. This conversation about learning allowed for staff to share results and create plans for student improvement not only through the report card period, but also throughout the last trimester. Although our teachers have talked with students about learning goals for the remainder of the school year, I would encourage you to set goals with your child(ren) about action steps they will take at home for the remainder of the school year.

We really appreciated how many families attended our Book Fair during conferences and know student have some new books to enjoy! One of the reasons we have such a great building, is because of parent involvement. Please continue to discuss with your child(ren) the importance of giving their best attitude and effort in all that they do!

As a staff we have had discussions around the scheduling and preparation of the state assessment, Forward Exam, taken in grades 3-5. The results of the Forward Exam are what is used to calculate each school's DPI report card. As mentioned above, the one thing each student can control is their attitude and effort in going into the assessment, and the expectation is no different, we want our students to give their best effort and show what they know! As with all types of assessments, this is just one snapshot and doesn't define all of the great things that we have here at Wilson and WSTEM.

The Forward Exam starts on March 19th and more information will be sent to families whose child(ren) will take this assessment. We feel very strongly that we prepare our students, through the work that we do daily, for any assessment that will be put in front of our students. We are excited to take the assessment and use it to help us look for ways to improve learning of all of the students that we work with.

I hope everyone is staying warm and we look forward to another great month of school before Spring Break. We feel extremely fortunate to be able to work with your children daily and appreciate all that you do to help us make Wilson and WSTEM an amazing place to be!

Sincerely,

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

Mike Heun
Principal

Save the Dates

March Birthdays

School News

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

June 8

Last day of school

Truman Hornung
Simon Fox
Jacarri Bush
Oscar DeLassus
Nya Wamubu
Blake Byom
Vivianna Schofield
Reese Gendrich
Addisyn Rohde
Clara Catlin
Samuel Boshart
Ryker Koch
Xiao Yan Li
Muhammad Hamza
Hattie Hilgers
Padraig Oliver
Aveyn Dux
Samantha Peterson
Samuel Schirz
Pollux Stueber

ART UPDATE

Wilson 4th graders have been exploring mark-making through zentangles, which are line designs showing movement, pattern and repetition. They practiced the wet-on-wet watercolor technique to create a background and are designing a landscape with their zentangled trees. Wilson 5th graders have experimented with paper sculpture using recycled paper back Magic School Bus books. They were challenged to think in 3D and make their sculpture interesting from all sides. Both grades will be working on their self-portraits for the Art Show coming in March.

WSTEM 4/5 artists just completed a zentangles sculpture project. Students drew zentangles, and then cut and rolled their designs into tubes to create a 3-dimensional sculpture. Students used problem-solving skills and creativity to create a design that looked interesting and balanced. They are just starting to work on their self-portraits using value for the upcoming Art Show, which opens March 1 at Metcalfes.

Abbey Finn

Art Teacher

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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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ART SHOW ART SHOW

**YOU ARE
IMPORTANT**

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**WE ARE
A COMMUNITY**

ART SHOW ART SHOW

**The Wilson/WSTEM PTSA invites you
to an EVENING OF ART AND CULTURE
on Thursday, March 22, 2018, 6–8 pm**

CULTURE FAIR CULTURE FAIR CULTURE FAIR CULTURE FAIR CULTURE FAIR CULTURE FAIR CULTURE

Our theme is Self Portraits.
The fair will highlight what makes every child unique
and unites us as a community.
Every student will have an original work of art on display.
Browse our student made cultural displays.

School News

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Dear Families of Wilson/WSTEM,

All Wilson/WSTEM students will attend the Health and Wellness fair on Friday, March 16. This event that I have organized will include aspects of personal health, fitness and safety. Parents are invited to attend; if you are unable to come, ask your child to tell you what they learned and discuss it as a family.

Topics that will be covered on the health and wellness day are: mental health and stress management, heart health, lung health, nutrition, sports nutrition/hydration, audiology, CPR, bike safety, internet safety, dental health, sleep wellness, yoga, golf, Poison Control Center and prevention tips, strength and conditioning, juvenile diabetes, chiropractic wellness/posture, Wauwatosa Recreation department, Wauwatosa police department, Wauwatosa fire department, blood pressure checks, vision health, dermatology, hand washing and a few more topics that I am working on. It should be a very informative day for everyone. I hope you can attend.

Wendy Schmidt

Physical Education Teacher

PTSA UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 22: ART SHOW AND CULTURE FAIR

The PTSA will host An Evening of Art and Culture from 6 pm to 8 pm. Come enjoy student art work as well as presentations on different cultures. The night will wrap up with a World Music Drumming performance.

VOLUNTEER SHOUT-OUT

Thank you to Rachel Deprey and Tayla LaMacchia for running the Scholastic Book Fair this year. It was a big hit!

Thank you to Jo Durnin and the Parents' Night Out Committee (Ali Wergin, Kerry Veth, Cori Bliesner, and Lauren Christie) for putting together a wonderful night out. The PTSA was able to raise more than \$4,000 for the school!

PTSA UPDATE

What would you do with \$4,000? That's the question we'll answer at our next PTSA meeting. At our recent Parents' Night Out we not only had a great time, we also raised \$4,000 for our schools. Thank you for coming out to join the fun and congratulations to all of our raffle and auction winners! A special thanks to our sponsors: J&B's Blue Ribbon Bar and Grill for donating the party room, Milestone Plumbing for covering the costs of bowling, and Kathy Cox of Shorewest for the delicious food.

So what do we do with the money? First we'll take a look at our budget and plug dollars into our remaining activities. We'll use some of the money for our March event, the Art and Culture Fair (a night that parents asked for). In April we'll host our Author In Residence program, where an author will come in to work with our students during the school day, and will hold an evening event for families to enjoy. One activity that takes not only dozens of volunteers but a portion of budget dollars is High Interest Day. Our HID committee has done an amazing job of finding budget-friendly presenters and getting donations, but unfortunately, not everything is free.

After that, we have options. As you can imagine, there are many of them. If your family joined the PTSA you are eligible to vote on how the money is spent.

Here are just a few of the things families identified as important (in no particular order):

- Math and reading skill-building games/activities for indoor recess days and for "I'm done with my work" time
- Empower teachers with educational conferences
- Field trips
- Allocation to teachers to buy books, supplies—whatever they need
- Guest speakers and assemblies for the students

To talk about these options for enhancing learning in our schools, join us at the next PTSA meeting, Wednesday, March 7 at 7 pm.

Jo Durnin
PTSA president

March Calendar

1

11:30–12:15 pm DI-Stemmy Bears, PTSA Kitchen
6–7 pm Wilson Title Night, Cafeteria

2

11:30–12:15 pm Battle of the Books, Library
3:30–5 pm 2nd Grade Brownies–Meeting, Art Room

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11:30–12:15 pm Battle of the Books, Library
11:30–12:15 pm DI-Stemmy Bears, PTSA Kitchen
11:30–12:15 pm We Care Club, Library

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3:25–4:25 pm Young Rembrandts, Art Room

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11:30–12:15 pm DI-Stemmy Bears, PTSA Kitchen
2:20–4 pm ICWW-Art Adventure, Gym
5:30–7 pm WSTEM Governance Board Meeting, Library
7–8:15 pm PTSA Meeting, Library

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9 am–12:45 pm WSTEM to Zoo

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11:30–12:15 pm Battle of the Books, Library
3:30–5 pm 4th and 5th Grade Girl Scouts Meeting, Library

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11:30–12:15 pm We Care Club, Library

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9 am–12 pm WSTEM 2/3 and 4/5 to First Stage
2:20–4 pm ICWW–Art Adventure, Gym

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8:50–11:30 am JK to Art Museum, Milwaukee Art Museum
3:20–4:45 pm 3rd Grade Brownies Meeting, Library

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8:30 am–3 pm Wilson/WSTEM Health Fair, Gym

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11:30–12:15 pm We Care Club, Library
3:25–4:25 pm Young Rembrandts, Art Room
3:20–4:30 pm SK Daisy Scouts Meeting, Library

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9:30 am –12 pm Wilson 3rd and 4th to Marcus Center
2:20–4 pm ICWW–Art Adventures, Gym

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3:30–8 pm Art and Cultural Fair, Gym
3:20–5:50 pm 1st Grade Daisy Scouts Meeting, Library

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9:30 am–2 pm WSTEM to Zoo
11:30–12:15 pm We Care Club, Library
3:25–4:25 pm Young Rembrandts, Art Room

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2:20–4 pm ICWW–Nature, Gym

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No School–Start of Spring Break