



Dear Wilson/WSTEM Families,

One of the more magical days of the school year, the first day of school has come and gone and so has the first month of the school year. So many great things have taken place and it has been great to get to know the new students we have in the building this year. I wanted to thank the PTSA and Wendy Schmidt for all their help with the Warrior Race and also wanted to thank the WSTEM Governance Board for putting on a great Movie Night. That is a very full day for our learning community, but it is a special action-packed day for our students. These two events also show how valuable our volunteers are, as I know many parents had a huge hand in helping throughout these events and we greatly appreciate it.

One thing that we are always looking for at Wilson and WSTEM (collectively called "the Beehive") is to always reinforce our Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) of being the most responsible, most respectful, and safest we can be. We asked all the classroom teachers to read their students the book *The Energy Bus for Kids* by Jon Gordon. It is a story about the power of being positive and how much our positive influence can have on others. There are a lot of connections in this book to our PBIS initiative, and you can help us by talking to your students about the three things they can control at all times. Everyone is always in total control of their actions, effort, and attitude. In order for us to all continuously improve, we need all of our students to continue to be "on the bus" with great behavior and an enjoyment of learning and working hard. I believe in all our students and I look forward to the many great things that will be occurring in the months ahead. I am so grateful for all of the families that make up Wilson and WSTEM and know that together we can work together to make this a special year in your child(ren)'s life.

In *The Energy Bus for Kids*, one of the five rules is to enjoy the ride, and I hope that we all can have the opportunity to reflect upon where our children are and enjoy their development throughout this school year. We want to meet the needs of all of our students and continue to make our building the best it can be!

We are always looking for ways to continue to communicate to all and our main communication is to send a weekly email called the *Weekly Buzz* every Friday. Please take the time to read this as we try not to send too many other emails throughout the week. Wilson and WSTEM do have their own Facebook and Twitter accounts and webpages to also help inform you of happenings at school.

Sincerely,

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

**Mike Heun**

Principal

# Save the Dates

## October 18

Halloween Hop

## October 19

NO SCHOOL

## October 25

Evening conferences

## October 26

NO SCHOOL (conferences)

## October 30

Evening conferences

## November 7

Veterans Day Recognition Program

## November 20

Service Learning Day

# Birthdays

Bella Sanders

Olin Andersen

Abbey Larson

Will Laird

Brooklyn Schmidt

Hanna Miroslaw

Audrey Vincent

Cole Christie

Quinn Christie

Lena Seefeldt

Richard Krueger

Gavin Gardiner

Jonathan Katch

Leo Zielski

JaShawn Graves

Lily Kippert

Jay Byom

Amelia Ostrenga

Sofia Astorga

Anna Trevey

Maxwell Bennett

Henry Groom

Aria Dux

D'Aire Fisher

Luke Laird

Daniel Cook

Emiliana Jackson

Ariana Zielski

Cameron Cole

Leighton Piccione

Cassandra Vincent

Violet Biggam

Liam Paxton

## 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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# News

## FAMILY NIGHT

New this winter from the PTSA – a free night of fun at school for your whole family. Interested in planning? We have two co-chairs who are looking to fill out their committee with some more parents! Email [wilsonwstemptsa@gmail.com](mailto:wilsonwstemptsa@gmail.com) to help out.

## WARRIOR RACE

The annual Warrior Race was an enormous success! The students truly showed their inner warriors and had a great time raising their fitness levels and money for the PTSA!

A huge shout-out to Mrs. Schmidt, Kerry Veth, Jo Durnin, Katie Wiese, Van Nguyen and Josh Shafer plus 40 volunteers for putting on such a great event. We couldn't do it without you all!

The day was so much cooler with the signature Warrior Race sweatbands, generously donated by Be Spectacled.

## SHUTTERFLY STORE

Want to check off some holiday to-dos? Looking to prepare holiday cards or maybe design photo gifts for friends and family? Wilson/WSTEM has its own storefront with Shutterfly and for every dollar sold, 13% gets donated back to our school! Simply use this link <http://wilsonwstem.shutterflystorefront.com/> to use our storefront and make a super easy donation to our school!

## MOD PIZZA DAY

Need a break from making dinner? Monday, October 29 is Wilson/WSTEM MOD Pizza day! Visit the State Street location and let them know you are with Wilson/WSTEM and 20% of the sales come back to our school—ALL DAY!

## SERVICE LEARNING DAY

Our school-wide day of service is back after a hugely successful day last year! Service Learning Day is a PTSA-sponsored event that allows each class to participate in a service project during school hours. It is also a great opportunity for Wilson and WSTEM to join forces and serve the greater community together! This event will be on Tuesday, November 20, which is the last day before Thanksgiving break and also the day of the Turkey Trot. Keep an eye out for an email from your grade's project coordinator with details on your specific project. We encourage you to volunteer if you can (and grandparents are welcome too!).

We will be working with the following organizations: Guest House, St. Camillus, Harwood Place, Ronald McDonald House, Dream Bikes, USO, Fisher House, and more. We are still in need of project coordinators for the following grades: Wilson and WSTEM SK, Wilson 1, WSTEM 4, Wilson and WSTEM 5. Thanks to all who have already volunteered! If you are interested in coordinating a project or have any questions, please reach out to: [annahassell@gmail.com](mailto:annahassell@gmail.com) or [ali.wergin@gmail.com](mailto:ali.wergin@gmail.com). And don't forget, please save your used bikes for the DreamBikes project this year!

## VETERANS DAY

The 3rd-Annual Wilson/WSTEM Veterans Day Recognition Program will be Nov. 7 at 8:30 a.m. All veterans in our community are invited to participate and be recognized for their service. Keep an eye out for messages and email [scheuingk@gmail.com](mailto:scheuingk@gmail.com) with any questions.

## News (cont.)

### WILSON/WSTEM IS GOING GREEN!

The composting initiative has been sooooo successful! Each lunch the students sort their waste into compost, recycling and landfill items, with the help of parent and student volunteers.

On average, we divert about 80% of our cafeteria waste away from landfills! We are so happy to be going green and along with the compost initiative, we have started the Student Green Team, which is open to any interested 4th and 5th graders. This team meets the second Tuesday of each month from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Mrs. Mader's room. For September's "REDUCE" meeting, the students focused on ways to reduce usage of plastic bags – including making reusable bags! They even sold them at Movie Night to raise awareness of easy ways to go Green at home. Coming up for October's "RECYCLE" meeting, we will be looking into the Crayola ColorCycle Recycling project and hope to introduce that to our school.

Parents, if you are interested in catching the cafeteria composting in action or would like to help at the Student Green Team meetings, let us know!

**Lunch spot signup:** <http://www.signup.com/go/Compost> or email Jill McClellan ([jillstephany@hotmail.com](mailto:jillstephany@hotmail.com)) or Lauren Christie ([lauren.wegerbauer@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.wegerbauer@gmail.com)).

## Art Update

### ART SPECIALISTS

Welcome back WSTEM and Wilson Families! We have two art teachers leading your artists this year.

My name is Mrs. Abbey Finn and I have the pleasure of teaching all of the WSTEM students as well as the kindergarten students at Wilson. I've been teaching elementary art for six years. I travel to Washington Elementary and teach all of the art classes there as well. I have an almost one-year-old son named Mica who puts up with my attempts to make him paint and get messy! My husband Joe and I love getting outside with Mica by hiking and going for walks. Please feel free to stop by the art room and say hello!

Hello! My name is Kelly Caufield and I am new to Wilson this year. I am so excited to dive into art with your kids! I have the privilege of teaching the 1st-5th grade students at Wilson, and the 3rd and 4th grade students at Underwood Elementary. This is my fourth year teaching art, but my second year in the district. I live in the Riverwest neighborhood in Milwaukee and love riding my bicycle around town, checking out live music around the city, and hiking/camping whenever I am able.

Stop on by the art room to say hi and to see what we've been working on!

# From the PTSA President

**Dear Wilson/WSTEM Families,**

First, I would like to extend a huge welcome to all of our new families this year. I hope your experiences at Wilson/WSTEM have been positive so far! My conversations with some of the new families in my children's classes take me back to when we were the newbies. There was so much excitement as our oldest was starting Junior Kindergarten only four years ago. Now that he is in third grade, I realize that I am incredibly lucky to have found such a great school community to call our own. At the time, I didn't know what the PTSA did. After helping at events and joining committees, I learned what an important part the PTSA plays in creating our community.

The Warrior Race, our first and most important fundraiser of the year, was a huge success. I thank all of you parents and your friends and family for your donations. Be sure to check out the video and photos on Facebook @WilsonWSTEMPTSA of the race if you haven't yet. Money raised from PTSA-sponsored fundraisers go toward funding events and programs, supporting teachers, and providing buses for field trips – all things that directly affect our students. At meetings, members of the PTSA can vote to determine where the money goes and how much is allotted to each activity. We are able to put on many great events thanks to your donations and your time! Nothing would be possible without our volunteers and supporters.

We are happy to announce that Wilson/WSTEM is going green! You may have heard about the composting initiative and our partnership with Compost Crusader. Our goal with this PTSA-sponsored program is two-fold. First, we want to compost and recycle more, and second, we want to help our students see that they can make a difference in the world. Be sure to check out the new "Green Section" in each newsletter this year.

I'm also super excited for our 2nd-annual Service Learning Day on Nov 20. What better way to start the Thanksgiving Break than by serving the community with your child?

Of course, it wouldn't be fall without one of our favorite events – the Halloween Hop! Get those costumes ready for and join us for music, food and crafts.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions. Our next meeting is November 7, at 7 p.m. in the library.

In the spirit of the Warrior Race – we are stronger together!

See you on the playground,  
Ali Wergin  
PTSA President

# Calendar

## 2

1st Grade Daisy Scouts Meeting 3:20-4:30 pm, Library  
 Young Rembrandts 3:25-4:25 pm, Art Room  
 DI (Malcolm) 3:30-4:45 pm, PTSA Kitchen  
 Wilson 5th Grade Parent Meeting 5:30-6:30 pm, Library

## 3

DI (Wiese/Lawson) 2:20-4 pm, PTSA Kitchen  
 ICWW–Fitness Fun 2:20-4 pm, Gym  
 WSTEM Governance Board Meeting 5:30-7 pm, Library

## 4

4th Grade Girl Scouts Meeting 3:20-4:45 pm, Art Room

## 5

3rd Grade Girl Scouts Meeting 3:30-5:30 pm, Art Room  
 2nd Grade Brownies Meeting 3:30-5 pm, Library  
 DI (La Macchia) 3:30-4:30 pm, Room 110

## 9

Young Rembrandts 3:25-4:25 pm, Art Room  
 DI (Malcolm) 3:30-4:45 pm, PTSA Kitchen  
 WSTEM Ski Meeting 6-7 pm, Room 110  
 Referendum Meeting 7-8 pm, Gym

## 10

DI (Wiese/Lawson) 2:20-4 pm, PTSA Kitchen  
 ICWW–Fitness Fun 2:20-4 pm, Gym

## 12

DI (La Macchia) 3:30-4:30 pm, Room 110

## 16

Young Rembrandts 3:25-4:25 pm, Art Room  
 DI (Malcolm) 3:30-4:45 pm, PTSA Kitchen  
 SK Daisy Scouts Meeting 3:30-4:30 pm, Library  
 DI (Wiese/Lawson) 2:20-4 pm, PTSA Kitchen

## 17

ICWW–Fitness Fun 2:20-4 pm, Gym  
 Cub Scout Pack 148 Meeting 6-8 pm, Gym

## 18

JK to Basse's Pumpkin Farm 8:25-11 am, Basse's  
 Wilson/WSTEM Costume Parade 2:45-3:15 pm, Playground  
 Halloween Hop 6-8 pm, Gym/Cafeteria

## 19

No School

## 22

Battle of the Books 3:20-3:50 pm, Library

## 23

Young Rembrandts 3:25-4:25 pm, Art Room  
 DI (Malcolm) 3:30-4:45 pm, PTSA Kitchen

## 24

DI (Wiese/Lawson) 2:20-4 pm, PTSA Kitchen  
 ICWW–Fitness Fun 2:20-4 pm, Gym

## 25

Evening Conferences 4:30-8 pm, Classrooms

## 26

Conferences–No School

## 29

Wilson SK to Basse's Pumpkin 8:30-11:30 am, Basse's

## 30

DI (Malcolm) 3:30-4:45 pm, PTSA Kitchen  
 Young Rembrandts 3:25-4:25 pm, Art Room  
 Evening Conferences 4:30-8 pm, Classrooms

## 31

DI(Wiese/Lawson) 2:20-4 pm, PTSA Kitchen  
 ICWW–Fitness Fun 2:20-4 pm, Gym