

# December 2018 Wilson/WSTEM Newsletter



Dear Families,

Happy Holidays from our family to yours!

The festive times are among 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. Soon we will have the concerts, the holiday activities, and classroom projects lining our halls. Our staff has truly been hard at work planning and trying to sustain an element of structure for our students during this exciting time.

A lot has happened in the month of November. I can't thank the PTSA enough for their organization of our second Service Learning Day! It was amazing to see all the great things our students did for others in the community. We hope our students will continue to look for ways to serve others in the future. Our students have come to school very well dressed and prepared for the cold weather. As a district we have adopted the National Health Center's rating scale of safe time outdoors. The "magic" number to keep children indoors is -5 degrees wind chill. Please continue to send your children with appropriate attire and thank you for helping us out! Children will not be allowed to play in the snow or on the playground, unless they have snow pants and boots.

Report cards are coming home on December 7 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 ongoing and 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.

This time of year brings us to reflect on things to be thankful for. I am very thankful for my family and for the relationships that have been built over my time here at Wilson/WSTEM. Enjoy your holidays. Wilson/WSTEM has had a wonderful year in 2018, and we look forward to the promise and excitement that a new year brings and having a great 2019.

Sincerely,

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

**Mike Heun**

Principal

# Save the Dates

## December 3

WSTEM to the Zoo

## December 12

Winter Concert JK–3rd

## December 13

Winter Concert 4th and 5th

## December 19

WSTEM to First Stage

## December 24 - January 1

NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)

# Birthdays

Gavyn Davidson

Mady Boeding

Ali Rudnitzki

Grace Burns

Dominic Carter

Cecilia Ziemer

Camilla O'Brien

Savannah Hunker

Landon Acevedo

Oliver Landgraf

Alexander Harrison

Kella Wattenbach

Vivian Jensen

Sanskar Kumar

Charlotte Nunag

Sean McAvoy

Nathaniel Schwartz

Adam Handrich

Philomena Konshak

Eleanor Schacht

Grace Trevey

Rowan O'Neal

Cole Marszalkowski

## 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.

## Find us on Twitter and Facebook

[www.facebook.com/TosaWilson](http://www.facebook.com/TosaWilson)

Twitter @TosaWilson

[www.facebook.com/WauwatosaSTEM](http://www.facebook.com/WauwatosaSTEM)

Twitter @WauwatosaSTEM

# News

## FAMILY NIGHT

Mark your calendars for Friday, January 25, for a night of games and fun for your family at school. We could use a few more parents to join the committee and help with planning. Interested? Email us at [wilsonwstemptsa@gmail.com](mailto:wilsonwstemptsa@gmail.com).

## LIBRARY HELP

Kari Johnson and Bridget High are coordinating ongoing volunteers for the library this year. If you would like to sign up to help sort and organize books, please use the following link <http://signup.com/go/XoBNgWi>.

## COOKIE EXCHANGE

Save the Date: Annual Cookie Exchange for our Teachers and Staff will be on Thursday, December 20. Please consider baking or buying cookies for our wonderful teachers, and they can handpick their favorites to fill a cookie tin. Baked goods due in the PTSA kitchen anytime on Wednesday, December 19, or by 10 am Thursday, December 20. More information to come!

# Art Update

## ART SPECIALISTS

This month in our newsletter, we are featuring the 2nd and 3rd grade artists! The 2nd and 3rd grade students at Wilson have been practicing their drawing skills recently, and just finished an awesome owl drawing using oil pastels on black paper. They learned how to create textures and visual interest with the oil pastels, and focused on expressing their personal artistic style and good craftsmanship. We have some very creative 2nd and 3rd grade artists this year! Up next, we will be moving into painting.

After starting the year with a kiln-fired earth clay project (which we will be adding to during the month of December), they started a drawing focused on our “express” target. The assignment was to “express” elements of their personality in a self-portrait, but as if they were a tree! We looked at many photographs for inspiration and students drew and painted their ideas. To finish the projects, the artists reflected on their work and wrote short artist statements explaining their ideas, which they are recording online and turning into QR codes to be hung alongside the artwork. We just started creating cityscapes out of cardboard focusing on adding interesting textures, a variety of building shapes and using overlapping to create interest.

\*Do you have any extra t-shirts taking up space in your closet? We are in need of extra art smocks! We have many students without art smocks this year and a very small supply of extra ones in the art room. We are happily accepting any old, clean, oversized t-shirts you'd like to donate. Thanks for considering!

Mrs. Abbey Finn  
Art Specialist

# Physical Education Update

Wilson /WSTEM Families,

I can't believe it's that time of year again to begin thinking about holiday gift giving. Because an active and healthy lifestyle is important for our children, developing and encouraging good habits is crucial. I recommend giving gifts that keep your children active, outside and entertained through the year, especially the winter, when being active is more difficult. Skates, snowshoes, sleds, snow man kits, fort building kits, snowboards, pedometers are just a few suggestions. Getting your kids involved in recreational sports can also help pass the long winter months and give them a chance to burn off some energy.

Because the weather is starting to become colder and kids are starting to dress in boots, please remind your son/daughter to pack shoes for physical education. This is especially important, as safety is a concern when boots are worn. Plus, it's difficult to participate and do their best without gym shoes.

In November, the older students had the chance to try roller blades. While some had the experience of using them before, many have not. The students love this 3-week unit and look forward to it every year. It is fun for me to see how fearless they are and how quickly they can learn. Watching them get excited with their continued improvement and be able to laugh at themselves, has also made this enjoyable. Some may be asking for them for Christmas.

Progress reports for Physical Education are going to be sent out very soon. A large part of those grades will be focused on sportsmanship and responsible behavior. Many students are very good at following rules, playing safe and respecting teammates and opponents. Some continue to need practice with this. Discussions have been had in class about winning being one of the goals for a class period, but not the only one. Skill development, fitness, problem solving, appropriate social behaviors, etc., is what is important; the game is the means.

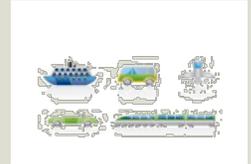
Have a great December – keep moving!!

Mrs. Wendy Schmidt  
Physical Education Specialist

November 2018-  
January  
2019

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?

While Thanksgiving (el día de acción de gracias) is not usually celebrated in Spanish speaking countries, many Latinos here in the United States join their families to celebrate this American holiday. Here are a few traditions you might encounter at a Latino family thanksgiving celebration here in the United States.

1. Every person is greeted with hugs and kisses on the cheeks.
2. All of the extended family will be there. If any family member lives in the area, you will see them there!
3. Dinner will be served late; 8 or 9 in the evening is typical, sometimes later!
4. Music trumps football in these homes. Usually there will be lots of music and sometimes dancing!
5. You might find flan served as a dessert instead of pumpkin pie.

## 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.

## Somos cocineros

This is a great family activity and a fantastic way to practice speaking, reading, and even math in Spanish.

Look up some of your favorite recipes online in Spanish. Turn la cocina (the kitchen) into an interactive Spanish classroom!

# From the PTSA President

Dear Wilson and WSTEM parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving surrounded by family and friends! As you know we held our second PTSA-sponsored Service Learning Day before break. Together, our teachers, students and over 50 volunteers completed nine service projects in one morning. I am amazed at the dedication from so many parents who were part of making this day happen. To see so many people giving back as one community was incredible!

We were able to purchase supplies and provide buses for this years' service projects thanks to the generous donations of our parent partners, including: Hoppe Tree Service, Watton Law Group, Ogletree Deakins, CZ Technologies, Team Rehab Tosa, WAC, Molly Catlin Design, LLC, RBC Wealth Management and the UPS Store. Thank you to everyone who supported our vision of connecting our students to the local community through service.

So what's next for the PTSA? We're hoping to keep the service buzz going with our first-ever Parent Service Social. Spend a night out (no kids!) connecting with other parents, drinking hot cocoa, listening to holiday tunes all while serving needs of the Meta House and Ronald McDonald House. I invite you all to come and kick off the holiday season with us!

Lastly, be on the lookout to sign up for our annual Teacher Cookie Exchange. Got a sweet tooth and knack for baking? We'll need lots of cookies to say Thank You and Happy Holidays to our teachers!

Have a wonderful holiday season and join us on January 2 for our next PTSA meeting. We have more great events lined up for 2019. Stay tuned!

With Gratitude,  
Ali Wergin  
Wilson/WSTEM PTSA President

# Calendar

## 3

4th Grade Early Orchestra 7:30-8:20 am, Orchestra Room  
WSTEM to Zoo 9-12:45 pm, Zoo

## 4

5th Grade Early Orchestra 7:30-8:20 am, Orchestra Room  
Young Rembrandts 3:25-4:25 pm, Art Room  
DI-Malcom 3:30-4:45 pm, PTSA Kitchen  
DI-La Macchia 3:30-4:30 pm, Room 110

## 5

Early Chorus 7:30-8:20 am, Music Room  
DI-Wiese/Lawson 2:20-4 pm, PTSA Kitchen  
ICWW-Legos 2:20-4 pm, Gym

## 6

5th Grade Early Band 7:30-8:20 am, Band Room  
We Care Club 11:45-12:30 pm, Library  
Parent Service Night 6-9 pm, Cafeteria

## 7

3rd Grade Girl Scouts 3:30-5:30 pm, Art Room

## 10

4th Grade Early Orchestra 7:30-8:20 am, Orchestra Room

## 11

5th Grade Early Orchestra 7:30-8:20 am, Orchestra Room  
Green Team Meeting 3:20-4:45 pm, Room 115/116  
Young Rembrandts 3:25-4:25 pm, Art Room  
DI-Malcom 3:30-4:45 pm, PTSA Kitchen  
DI-La Macchia 3:30-4:30 pm, Room 110

## 12

Early Chorus 7:30-8:20 am, Music Room  
Winter Concert JK-3rd 10-11:30 am, Gym  
Winter Concert JK-3rd 1-2:15 pm, Gym  
DI-Wiese/Lawson 2:20-4 pm, PTSA Kitchen  
ICWW-Legos 2:20-4 pm, Cafeteria

## 13

5th Grade Early Band 7:30-8:20 am, Band Room  
We Care Club 11:45-12:30 pm, Library  
Winter Concert 4th and 5th 1:30-2:45 pm, Gym  
Cub Scouts Den Meeting 6-8 pm, Library  
Winter Concert 4th and 5th 7-8:30 pm, Gym

## 17

4th Grade Early Orchestra 7:30-8:20 am, Orchestra Room  
Battle of the Books 3:20-3:50 pm, Library

## 18

5th Grade Early Orchestra 7:30-8:20 am, Orchestra Room  
Young Rembrandts 3:25-4:25 pm, Art Room  
DI-Malcom 3:30-4:45 pm, PTSA Kitchen  
DI-La Macchia 3:30-4:30 pm, Room 110  
SK Daisy Scouts 3:30-4:30 pm, Library

## 19

Early Chorus 7:30-8:20 am, Music Room  
WSTEM to First Stage 11-1:45 pm, First Stage  
DI-Wiese/Lawson 2:20-4 pm, PTSA Kitchen  
ICWW- Legos 2:20-4 pm, Gym  
DI-Rising Stars 4-5:30 pm, Art Room  
WSTEM Ski Meeting 5:45-7:15 pm, Room 110

## 20

5th Grade Early Band 7:30-8:20 am, Band Room  
We Care Club 11:45-12:30 pm, Library  
Cub Scout Pack 148 6-8 pm, Cafeteria

## 24-JANUARY 1

No School-Winter Break

## JANUARY 2

Classes Resume