



Dear Families,

It was an interesting month with all of the school cancellations and such, but we still were extremely productive in what we were able to accomplish here. One of the big things that occurred was our building's first listening session. It is always great to hear the feedback from families on what we are doing well and to look for ways to improve. The many different perspectives that make up a school community are valued here at Wilson and WSTEM and this format allowed families to share their experiences. Below is a list of the ideas shared:

Positives in the Building

- The teaching staff is responsive to parents and students, they show they care
- The parent community is positive and the activities have been equitable across all socio-economic backgrounds
- The positive building community helps with new parents to the school
- Responsive teachers for both the parents and the students
- School events within the school have been positive
- Amazing families who are dedicated to the community and the parents are watching out for each other's children
- Positive experience with school activities along with field trips
- Positive school community, people are looking out for you
- Active parent participation
- Harry Potter week/month has been an enormous success, and it was received well by the students and the community

Challenges

- Test scores shared but wondering what is done with the scores afterward – from students who struggle to those who have done well
- Disappointing to have a single-session classroom (one section per grade level)
- Class sizes could be too big in some sessions, and how are decisions made about this
- How do all students receive necessary support needed and how does the building and district communicate about this support
- Having staffing that mirrors the racial and gender diversity of the student body
- How to connect our new families to the building and making efforts to ensure all families are welcome and able to invest in their child's education during and with after-school programs
- If you're not "in the know" within the school community, you might get left out on other essential school connections
- Not enough communication

In some of the comments, it was suggested to have separate meetings for Wilson and WSTEM, but we will not be doing that as we are focusing on these listening sessions to be about our entire building. If there is something that families would like to meet about separately, I would be willing to hold meetings to discuss to help clarify information or provide more of a rationale for anything.

As always, there are multiple ways to get information and we will consider this feedback moving forward as we continue to improve the experience for all students, staff and families.

Sincerely,

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

Mike Heun

Principal

Save the Dates

March 4

Children's Theater Show

March 25-29

Spring Break - No Classes

Birthdays

Truman Hornung

Farrah Vyles

Simon Fox

Jacarri Bush

Oscar DeLassus

Blake Byom

Vivianna Schofield

Reese Gendrich

Addisyn Rohde

Clara Catlin

Sam Boshart

Preston Acevedo

Hattie Hilgers

Aveyn Dux

Jameson Wentland

Pollux Stueber

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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Wilson/WSTEM Newsletter

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News

SAVE THE DATE

March 6, April 3, 7 pm: Wilson/WSTEM PTSA Meetings and April Election (Library)

We will be voting on the following open positions: Secretary, VP of Academic Committees and Treasurer. Join us!

April 15, 16, 17: Dance Artist in Residence

New this year! Jam Ak Jam Afro-Dance Theatre will be coming to our school and working with our students on African music and dance. Performance assembly tentatively scheduled for April 17 at 11 am. Contact Mr. Ulrich (ulrichwi@wauwatosa.k12.wi.us) for more details.

April 17, 6–7 pm: Art & Science Fair

Science project commitment form due March 1!
Event information has been emailed out and is also available in the office. A member of the Tosa Fire Department will also be onsite to talk about CPR training. Stop by and learn what's new about this life skill!

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

The Battle of the Books has begun! After months of preparation, three 4th grade teams and two 5th grade teams, comprising a mix of WSTEM and Wilson students, have begun their book battles! The teams answer trivia questions based on a list of 45 books their teams have been reading since the summer. To get points, the students must supply the exact book title. They can earn extra points for knowing the book's author. The teams accumulate points over four battles, and those with the most points at the end of the competition will compete against other schools at the regional Battle of the Books on March 20. Who will make it to regionals? Stay tuned!

This year's lineup:

4th grade:

Luke Gendrich, George Paul, Collin Wiese

Louie Fox, Lily Kippert, Jenny Mei

Chloe Kizewski, Amelia Breitlow, Nolan Straza, Gabe Scheper

5th grade:

Alex Broeckert, Goran Novalija

Leo Prowse, Hazel Sanders, Cassie Vincent

SCIENCE FAIR

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VOLUNTEER SHOUT-OUTS

Thank you to Tayla La Macchia and Rachel Deprey for running the Scholastic Book Fair this year! As always, it was a huge hit as teachers, parents and students were able to check out the fabulous selection.

Thank you to Jo Durnin and the Parents' Night Out Committee (Hilary Ryan, Amy Evans, Sarah Bittorf, Bobbie Jo Lange, Kate Trevey, Lauren Christie, Elizabeth Morgan-Smith, Cori Bliesner and Ali Wergin) for putting together a wonderful night out! The PTSA was able to raise money to support more academic enrichment activities for our students!

Art Update

ART SPECIALISTS

2nd and 3rd grade artists at WSTEM are creating 3-D paper-mache desserts inspired by painter Wayne Thiebaud. They built a newspaper armature, loved getting their hands gooey with our paper-mache “gel” and will soon be adding painting and decorations. Their ice-cream cones, cakes, and ice-cream sundaes look delicious!

The 2nd and 3rd grade artists at Wilson have recently moved into a printmaking unit. This is one of Ms. Caulfield’s favorite subjects! Printmaking is sort of like making a stamp; we are using Styrofoam plates to draw an image into, and will be rolling ink over the plate to make prints on paper. The theme for this project is robots, and each student gets to create their own robot that has to have some kind of “helping” function. We have robots that help clean the ocean, pick up litter, and even teach people how to cook! These robot prints will be on display at the Wilson/WSTEM school-wide art show.

Did you know? Wilson and WSTEM student artwork will be on display at three different spring art shows. All students will be featured at our April 17 Wilson/ WSTEM Art Show, running in conjunction with the science fair. A select number of student artists will have work on display in the Metcalfe’s Market show, running February 21 to March 19, and more student work will be shown at the Wauwatosa Elementary Art Show at the public library, April 2 through April 30. If your child’s art was selected for the Metcalfe’s or library show, you will receive a letter with information before the opening receptions. Ms. Caulfield and Mrs. Finn are always at the opening receptions to help families find the student work however if you can’t make the opening night, feel free to reach out if you need a hint on where to find the artwork as there are often hundreds of works from throughout the district. Exhibited artwork is chosen based on student effort, improvement or exceptional quality.

Mrs. Abbey Finn
Mrs. Kelly Caulfield
Art Specialist



Note From the PTSA:

Dear Wilson and WSTEM parents,

As I write this there is over a foot of snow on the ground and we just had our fifth day off school due to the weather. I’m hoping that spring is right around the corner, for reasons other than that I’ve had it with shoveling!

That’s right, I’m excited for some great upcoming PTSA sponsored events. In April we have our first-ever Performance Artist in Residence coming to our school. Jam Ak Jam Afro Dance Theatre will be teaching the students about African drum and dance and I’ve heard there may be an all-school performance! Keep an eye out for more information. We will also be hosting the Art & Science Fair which is open to all students (please note that the science project selection forms are due March 1!) I’m excited to see the students’ creativity shine through art, science, music and dance.

On a separate note, a few weeks ago I attended our schools’ first Listening Session, led by our district equity coach, Tracy Carus. Educational equity is a measure of achievement, fairness and opportunity in education. This was a chance to listen to fellow parents share both positive and challenging experiences they have had at Wilson and WSTEM. One of many things I walked away with was the common theme of community. I encourage you to attend the follow-up session this spring and will share the details as they become available. Part of the PTA’s mission is to engage and empower families and communities to advocate for our children. By offering many different events for our students and volunteer opportunities for our parents I believe our Wilson/WSTEM community strives to meet that goal.

Thank you again for your support so far this year and I invite you to join us at our next meeting on March 6 at 7pm in the library. And if you are interested in joining our team there is still time to submit your name for the VP or Secretary positions -- we will be voting on these at our April 3 meeting. I hope to see you there!

Ali Wergin
PTSA President

Calendar

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DI-Stemmy Bears 11:45-12:45 pm, PTSA Kitchen
 3rd Grade Girl Scouts 3:30-5:30 pm, Art Room

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DI-Stemmy Bears 11:45-12:45 pm, PTSA Kitchen
 Children's Theater Show 9-10 am, Gym
 Battle of the Books 3:20-4 pm, Library

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DI-Stemmy Bears 11:45-12:45 pm, PTSA Kitchen
 Young Rembrandts 3:25-4:35 pm, Art Room
 DI-Malcom 3:30-4:45 pm, PTSA Kitchen
 DI-La Macchia 3:30-4:30 pm, Room 110

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DI-Stemmy Bears 11:45-12:45 pm, PTSA Kitchen
 ICWW-First Stage 2:20-4 pm, Gym
 DI-Wiese/Lawson 2:20-4 pm, PTSA Kitchen
 DI-Rising Stars 4-5:30 pm, Art Room
 WSTEM Gov Board Mtg 5:30-7 pm, Library
 PTSA Meeting 7-8:15 pm, Library

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DI-Stemmy Bears 11:45-12:45 pm, PTSA Kitchen
 We Care Club 11:45-12:30 pm, Library

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DI-Stemmy Bears 11:45-12:45 pm, PTSA Kitchen
 2nd Grade Brownies 3:30-5 pm, Library

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Green Team Meeting 3:20-4:45 pm, Room 116
 Young Rembrandts 3:25-4:25 pm, Art Room
 1st Grade Daisy Scouts 3:20-4:30 pm, Library
 DI-La Macchia 3:30-4:30 pm, Room 110

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ICWW-First Stage 2:20-4 pm, Gym

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We Care Club 11:45-12:30 pm, Library

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Battle of the Books 3:20-4 pm, Library

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Young Rembrandts 3:25-4:25 pm, Art Room
 DI-La Macchia 3:30-4:30 pm, Room 110
 SK Daisies 3:30-4:30 pm, Library

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ICWW-First Stage 2:20-4 pm, Gym

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We Care Club 11:45-12:30 pm, Library
 4/5 Girl Scouts 3:20-4:45 pm, Library

25-29

Spring Break-No Classes

Idea Wizard, 1st Order of Merlin

Your rad & bodacious expertise here!

Chief Idea Smuggler & Spreadsheet Sorceress

Director of Brainstorming Operations & Ambassador of Bangs

Harbinger of Applied Addition & Subtraction

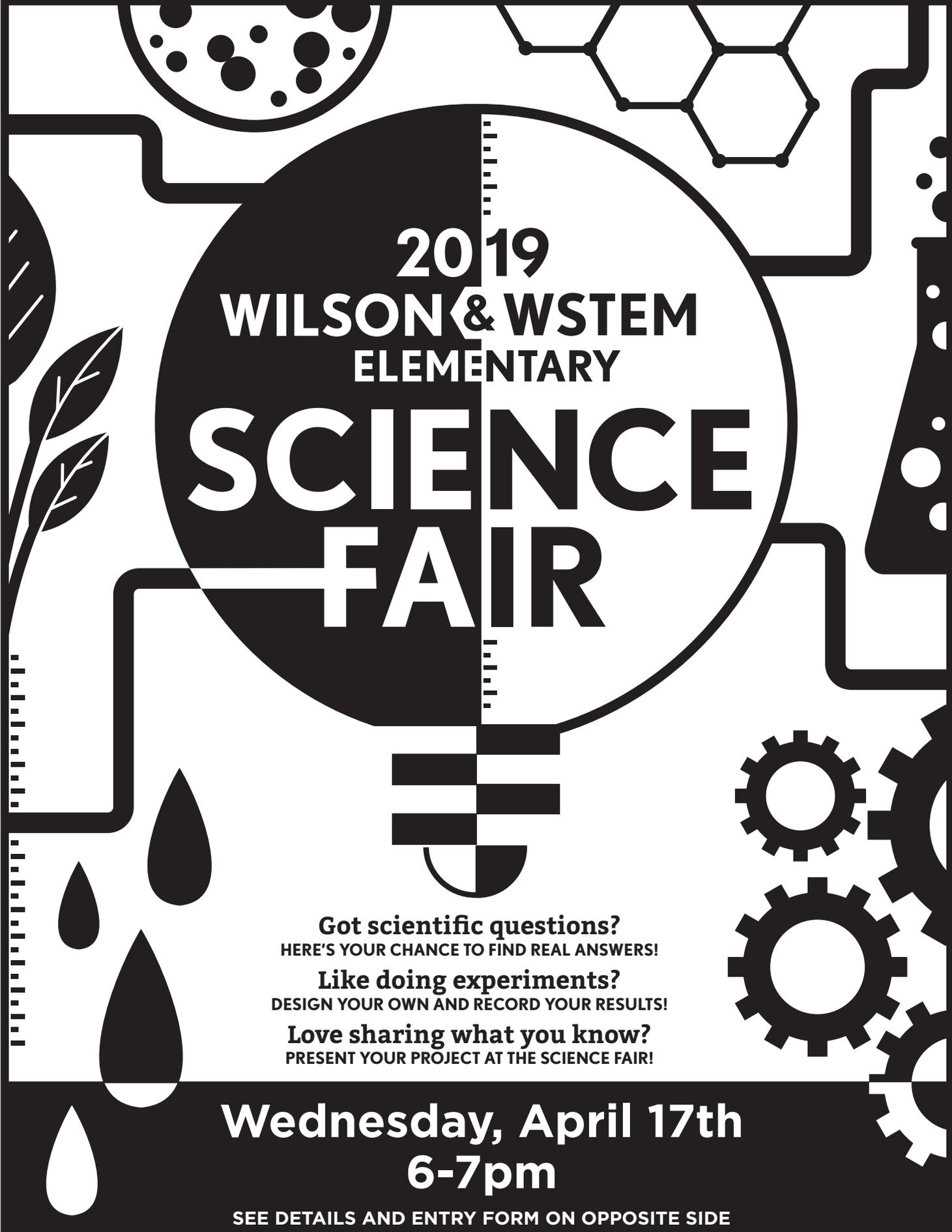
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SCIENCE
FAIR

Got scientific questions?
HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO FIND REAL ANSWERS!

Like doing experiments?
DESIGN YOUR OWN AND RECORD YOUR RESULTS!

Love sharing what you know?
PRESENT YOUR PROJECT AT THE SCIENCE FAIR!

Wednesday, April 17th
6-7pm

SEE DETAILS AND ENTRY FORM ON OPPOSITE SIDE

You're Invited to Participate in the 2019 WILSON & WSTEM SCIENCE FAIR!

WHO:

Any student at Wilson and WSTEM is encouraged to participate. Students may work individually or with a team of 2 or 3 friends or siblings.

WHAT:

Over 7 weeks, your child can design, test, and present a project that uses the scientific method to solve a problem or answer a question. Some parental help will be required, but the ideas, work, and research should be student driven. Participation in the fair is optional, but highly encouraged. Work will be completed outside of the classroom.

WHEN:

Science Fair: April 17, 2019 6-7pm
Commitment Form Due: March 1, 2019

HOW:

The Science Fair Information Packet will be emailed separately. It will help guide you through the process of selecting your project, planning your timeline, and organizing your display board. Parents should be aware of the time commitment and possible expense of materials when deciding whether their child should participate. Reviewing the packet will help you determine what kind of project is right for your child. A few paper copies will be in the office.

WHY:

Because **SCIENCE ROCKS!** The Fair allows children to explore the world beyond the classroom. We want students to get excited about science, develop their curiosity, and think like scientists!

We hope you choose to participate in the Fair!

Please direct questions to the Science Fair Committee at kerryveth@gmail.com or maggieanderson@gmail.com.

WILSON & WSTEM SCIENCE FAIR COMMITMENT SHEET

DATE: Wednesday, April 17th 6-7pm

LOCATION: Wilson/WSTEM Gym

THIS FORM DUE: March 1, 2019 (school office)

YES, I would like to participate in the Wilson & WSTEM Science Fair!

Student Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

I will be working

Individually

With a partner/team (maximum 3 people)

Team Members:

For the Science Fair, I (we) would like to answer the following question:

_____ ?

Here is a brief description of my (our) project:

Electrical outlet required? Yes No

I have reviewed the Science Fair Information Packet online with my parents and we understand the requirements for a successful project.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent E-mail Address: _____