



Dear Families,

The first month of 2018 was a busy one for the Beehive as we got back into our school routines after the winter break. We had a lot of fun with our Harry Potter theme. A big thank you to Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Walczak who really took the lead and did an amazing job with this themed month. As we always discuss getting better with all things that we do, this year's Harry Potter-themed month was even better than last year's. Mr. Heun will still need to work on his dance moves, but again with a growth mindset anything is possible (even if Mrs. Heun doesn't think so)!

The building has continued to work on helping students set learning goals for the remainder of the year. One of the tools that we utilize to monitor student learning is the MAP assessment. Students have completed their winter assessment session and will look at modifying their goals for the remainder of the year. We also monitor our student learning through other daily and weekly assessments in the classroom. We continue to utilize our early release time on Wednesdays to meet as Professional Learning Communities and focus on these four essential questions related to our students:

- What do we want each student to learn?
- How do we know each student has learned the targeted standards and benchmarks?
- How do we respond when students do not learn?
- How do we respond when students have mastered the standards and benchmarks?

We also had our kindergarten registration for Wilson and information sessions for WSTEM. It is always great to talk with future families about all of the great things we have for students and the great staff here at Wilson and WSTEM. Your continued positive communication is huge in recruiting other families and greatly improves our culture and climate here in the Beehive. There are a lot of great activities that are coming up as we hit the homestretch to this school year. We all appreciate your support of the work we do for our students and we all look forward to continuing to improve and we are grateful for the opportunity to work with your families!!

Sincerely,

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

Mike Heun  
Principal

# Save the Dates

## February 1

WSTEM to Little Switzerland

## February 6

WSTEM 2/3 to First Stage

## February 13

WSTEM to Zoo

## February 18-20

Scholastic Book Fair

# Birthdays

Rachel Brockert

Dustin Roach

Alice Kreeger

Andre Riofrio

Alessandra Vasquez

Graham Combs

Miles Nelson

Juniper Platt

Greyson Gerhardt

Amira Mosley

Eloise Cockerham

Leo Webster

Harper Storlie

Jamiyah Williams

Cora Anderson

Amelia Breitlow

Nathan Nilles

Gabe Scheper

Harper High

Nicole Dahlberg

Harrison Petroff

Lincoln Petroff

Emerson Ryan

Blake Balistreri

Oscar Veth

## 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

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# News

## SAVE THE DATE

February 18–20: Scholastic Book Fair, school gym

March 2: PTSA Parents' Night Out, J&B's on Bluemound

April 17: PTSA Art and Science Fair

All students will have a piece of art on display in the building, there will be a hands on art project, and all students are encouraged to complete a project for the Science Fair! Watch for information on Science Fair Projects coming home at the beginning of February.

## WILSON/WSTEM HAS GOING GREEN!

The composting initiative is achieving so much! The kids are getting good at sorting their lunches as we are diverting about 80% of the lunchroom waste. So, in the month of January, the composting got competitive as we introduced a points system that allowed the four Hogwarts Houses to earn points for excellent sorting in the dining hall. It was a fun way to encourage the kids to do their best. We're hoping the improvements continue so we can minimize contamination – we've been doing really well lately! In addition to the lunch room sorting, the Student Green Team kids (SGT) meet the second Tuesday of each month from 3:30 to 4:30 in Mrs. Mader's room (open to any interested 4th and 5th graders!). For January's meeting, we looked at reducing fabric waste and used old t-shirts to make upcycled fabric crafts. It was super fun! The kids are also taking turns on the Monday morning announcements to say which teams are on lunch duty for the week and give helpful tips on being green. If you or your kids have any more ideas on how our school could be more green, don't hesitate to contact us or tell your favorite SGT member!

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

## MUSIC ELECTIVE ENROLLMENT

Attention Families of 3rd and 4th Grade Students:

Registration for Music Electives for the 2019–20 school year is open now until February 15. An informational brochure and registration form will be sent home with your child soon. Please fill out and return the registration form indicating their choice of participation by February 15.

Wilson and WSTEM music electives for next school year:

Choir – 4th and 5th grade

Orchestra – 4th and 5th grade

Band – 5th grade only

If you have any questions please contact the school office or Becky Thompson (orchestra): [thompsre@wauwatosak12.wi.us](mailto:thompsre@wauwatosak12.wi.us) or Andy Pforr (band): [pforran@wauwatosak12.wi.us](mailto:pforran@wauwatosak12.wi.us)

## VOLUNTEER SHOUT-OUTS

The PTSA board would like to give a big shout-out to Lisa Gilson and Emily Merkt. These ladies have given countless hours of their time to brainstorm, prepare and execute this year's Family Fun Night! Did we mention this was a brand new event and they pulled it off without a hitch?! We are lucky to have such talented and devoted parents, thank you!

# Art Update

## ART SPECIALISTS

The Wilson 1st graders have recently moved into self-portraits! We looked and talked about artist Kehinde Wiley, who is a portrait painter based in New York; last year he was really in the spotlight for painting Barrack Obama's presidential portrait! We practiced drawing ourselves using a mirror, and learned about the proportions of the human face. We are working on looking closely at the lines, shapes and details that make up each of our unique faces, and will be making choices in how we want to represent ourselves using different expressions, patterns and colors for our final masterpiece.

The Wilson kindergarteners have been learning about creating sculptures. We spent a class experimenting with various printing supplies to make patterns and designs that showed strong contrast and then used those strips of paper to create a 3-D paper sculpture. Students work hard to express their ideas and reflect on their work to improve it and make it better. They experimented with modelling clay and kiln-fired earth clay so we could compare them and will now be making a variety of clay projects.

STEM SK and 1st graders recently completed a mixed media piece. We learned how to use a horizon line to show where the sky touches the ground. Students worked on blending oil pastels and painting with watercolors. They also experimented with modelling clay and kiln-fired earth clay so we could compare them. The students are always excited to make clay projects and be able to take them home after we glaze or paint them.

Mrs. Abbey Finn  
Mrs. Kelly Caufield  
Art Specialist

# Note From the PTSA:

Dear Wilson and WSTEM parents,

Let's talk about money! You paid to join the PTSA, you ate pizza at Mod, and you're signed up for Parents' Night Out. First, we thank you. It's not always easy to come up with a few extra dollars.

So, where does all of this money go?

PTSA dollars are spread across multiple events over the year. We are encouraged by the Wisconsin State PTA and the district superintendent to use our dollars wisely, providing activities, events and educational enrichment for our students.

Collectively, the attendees at each meeting vote on our budget line items. We have a budget to adhere to, and we hold ourselves to it.

Here are some numbers that detail where we have spent our dollars:

- \$8 for one playground ball
- \$16 for end-of-year Popsicles for all students
- \$50 for one classroom ukulele for music class
- \$108 for one Service Learning Day bus
- \$130 for a High Interest Day Workshop
- \$200 for a Schlitz Audubon speaker

We have done our best to make our events affordable and accessible for all families. Things cost money and yes, we need to fundraise. But we're also working to build a community that supports our students and provides them opportunities that they might not normally have – such as our newest events like Family Fun Night and Service Learning Day.

Thank you again for your support. We hope to see you at our next meeting on February 6 at 7pm in the library.

Your Wilson/WSTEM PTSA

# Calendar

## 1

WSTEM to Little Switzerland 8:30-3 pm, Little Switzerland  
3rd Grade Girl Scouts Meeting 3:30-5:30 pm, Art Room

## 5

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

## 6

WSTEM 2/3 to First Stage 9-12 pm, First Stage  
ICWW-Art Blast 2:20-4 pm, Gym  
DI-Wiese/Lawson 2:20-4 pm, PTSA Kitchen  
DI-Rising Stars 4-5:30 pm, Art Room  
WSTEM Governance Board Meeting 5:30-7 pm, Library  
PTSA Meeting 7-8:15 pm, Library

## 7

We Care Club 11:40-12:35 pm, Library

## 8

2nd Grade Brownies Meeting 3:30-5 pm, Library

## 11

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

## 12

Green Team Meeting 3:20-4:45 pm, Room 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

## 13

WSTEM to Zoo 9-12:30 pm, Zoo  
DI-Wiese/Lawson 2:20-4 pm, PTSA Kitchen  
DI-Rising Stars 4-5:30 pm, Art Room

## 14

We Care Club 11:40-12:35 pm, Library

## 18

Scholastic Book Fair TBD, Gym

## 19

Scholastic Book Fair TBD, Gym  
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 Daisies Meeting 3:30-4:30 pm, Library

## 20

Scholastic Book Fair TBD, Gym  
ICWW-Art Blast 2:20-4 pm, Gym  
DI-Wiese/Lawson 2:20-4 pm, PTSA Kitchen  
DI-Rising Stars 4-5:30 pm, Art Room

## 21

We Care Club 11:40-12:35 pm, Library  
Girl Scouts 4/5 Meeting 3:20-4:45 pm, Library  
Cub Scout Pack 148 Meeting 6-8 pm, Cafeteria

## 25

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

## 26

DI-Malcom 3:30-4:45 pm, PTSA Kitchen  
DI-La Macchia 3:30-4:30 pm, Room 110

## 27

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

## 28

We Care Club 11:40-12:35 pm, Library

# PTSA Parents' NIGHT OUT

Sat. March 2, 2019 • 7-10 PM

J&B's on Bluemound • 5230 W Bluemound Rd

Music • Appetizers • Bowling • Fun • Friends  
Raffle Prizes • Silent Auction • 50/50 Raffle  
All proceeds support Wilson/WSTEM PTSA

**\$15 PER PERSON**

Cash, Check to Wilson/WSTEM PTSA

For PayPal, use the link Wilson/WSTEM PTSA and include 'Parents' Night' in special instructions

**JOIN US**

# WILSON WSTEM

## PTSA Parents' NIGHT OUT

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN TO THE OFFICE

# attending \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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total payment (\$15/person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Paying with (check one):

cash       check       PayPal

I can help!

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(email address)