



Dear Wilson/WSTEM Families,

We came back from Spring Break and hit the ground running. It has been extremely busy since we've been back. I can't thank the staff, students, and parents enough for their efforts as Wilson and WSTEM took the state exam, the Forward Assessment, in grades 3–5. I appreciate the hard work and flexibility that our staff and students have shown so far this year. It is amazing to think that we have a little over a month with our students before the end of the 2020–21 school year.

Last week, I was able to take part in Jon Gordon's Power of Positive Summit. I highly recommend this free online event, held annually at the end of April. Jim Van Allen, Energy Bus Trainer, had some great quotes that really resonated with me about what we have tried to promote during this COVID-19 and construction school year:

- “Your environment helps shape your life. Choose to create an environment that reinforces loving, serving and caring.”
- “Being a positive influence doesn't just make your life better, it makes the lives of others better, too.”
- “Positive schools change the world for good.”

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week starts May 3. Please take time to thank the outstanding professionals that are in your children's lives. I want to take a moment and say thank you to our staff for their dedication, hard work, and positive attitudes every day. They strive to meet every child's needs! I feel our teachers take pride in their relationships with all of you. I feel fortunate to be a part of this great building. We all have a role in the education of the children within our building and I wanted to say how much I appreciate all of your efforts.

I know we will continue to strive toward continuous improvement in all that we do as we finish off another great school year and build toward a great 2021-2022 school year and get to enjoy ALL of our new building!

Sincerely,

Mike Heun  
Principal

## MESSAGE FROM THE PTSA

Hello Wilson/WSTEM Families,

Now that Spring Break is over and the snow is only coming down sporadically, we must be heading towards the end of the school year! This school year has definitely been different and full of changes for our students. With construction going on and safety restrictions due to COVID, I know this was not the school year many students and families envisioned. But I can't help but think of a few things that have made this year more manageable for students and families.

First, the excitement about having a new building, hearing the students describe all the neat features the building will have, and getting Mr. Heun's video updates has filled everyone with anticipation for next year! It is a great way to teach our students that some things in life might take a very long time but they are worth the wait. Second, next school year (at some point) the PTSA hopes to be able to host some in-person activities for families which will be a great way for many new families to meet other families at the school. We are excited to finally meet so many of you who have not been able to participate in our very social (and cool) PTSA! Third, our teachers and staff have helped our students feel a sense of continuity and compassion during this school year. We love our teachers and staff! Make sure to take part in Teacher/Staff Appreciation week to let them know how appreciative we are of all that they do for our students!

If you have any questions, suggestions, feedback, ideas or just want to get involved but don't know where to start, please feel free to contact me at [annahassell@gmail.com](mailto:annahassell@gmail.com).

Sincerely,  
Anna Hassell  
WILSON/WSTEM PTSA President

## GOVERNANCE COUNCIL NEWS

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our new board members!

- President: Justin Dux
- Vice President: Rebecca Paxton
- Co-treasurer: Jon Jackson

### Returning Voting Members

- Mark Hiller
- Maggie Anderson
- Leyla Hashemian
- Brit Holterman (Community member)
- Brooke DeLassus (Secretary)
- Joe Broekert (Co-Treasurer)

### New Voting Members

- Damon Cockerham
- Catie Webster
- Diana Ostrenga
- Meagan Hahn

### WSTEM Committee chairs

- Technology: Tim Marszalkowski & Mrs. Barian
- Outdoor Classroom: Lauren Christie & Mr. Sellers
- Equity: Maggie Anderson
- Fundraising: Catie Webster/Katie Nunag co-chairs & Mrs. Mader & Mrs. Burt
- Curriculum & Innovation: Meagan Hahn/Bridget High co-chairs & Mrs. Falk & Mrs. Johnson

## ATTENDANCE PHONE LINE: (414) 773-1902

Don't forget to call to report any absence. Please state your child's name, classroom teacher, and reason for absence. In the event of an illness, please list all symptoms. The office staff will follow up if a 10-day quarantine is needed based on the information provided.

## SAVE THE DATE

**May 3–7**

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

**May 5**

PTSA General Board meeting  
(all Wilson and WSTEM families  
and teachers welcome)

**May 14**

High Interest Day

**May 28**

No school – Memorial Day Weekend

**May 31**

No school – Memorial Day

**June 11**

Last day of school – 1/2 day only

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## PTSA NEWS

### HIGH INTEREST DAY

We are so excited to let you know that the PTSA is planning a fun and educational High Interest Day this year! “HID,” as we fondly call it, will be May 14, and will introduce our students to a variety of ideas and activities they don’t normally get to do in school. Obviously COVID-19 will change a few things (have you heard that enough yet?) but we’re gonna make sure that every student in the school gets a full slate of morning activities and an afternoon dedicated to developing our “WE” community in both art and play.

And because we have no backup locations for our outdoor activities due to construction, these activities will go on rain or shine! We’ll remind you closer to the date, but send clothes that can get dirty, paint-covered, and wet, and pack ponchos and a change of shoes if it looks like rain!

### WILSON COMMITTEE

At the March PTSA board meeting we voted to approve a new Wilson parent committee that will focus on collaborating with teachers to provide new opportunities for Wilson students! If you are interested in joining this new committee, please contact Ali Wergin at [ali.wergin@gmail.com](mailto:ali.wergin@gmail.com).

### EQUITY COMMITTEE

We encourage you to check out [these slides](#) to learn more about Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, celebrated in May. These slides include resources on notable Asian Americans, the history of the heritage month, book and movie recommendations, and different ways to support and learn more about the Asian American community.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Joseph Ferguson  
Callum Flewellen  
Ainsley Gully  
Cecelia Hornung  
Daphne Johnson  
Elizabeth Johnson  
Quin Lawson  
Jane Malten  
Elsi McClellan  
Ayaan Patra  
Jule Smith  
Lauren Smith  
Leo Sumiec  
Samuel Webster  
Lesley Adams  
Cheslie Burton  
Sona Culp  
Sean Emmons  
Violet Hilgers  
Kyle Johnson  
Lucy Larson  
Yisen Li  
Jade Schueller  
Adlai Wendling-Oswald  
Dylan Wergin  
Carter Wiedenheft  
Evangeline Xiong

## SCHOOL NEWS

### PHY ED UPDATE

It's been a crazy year, but we almost have a brand-new gymnasium. From now till the end of the year, I would continue to dress with the weather. Some days are cold and others warm, but it's better to be bundled up than cold. Also, the grass continues to be wet in the morning. Bringing an extra pair of socks or shoes can be useful to prevent cold feet. Students can bring water bottles down to the park as long as they remember to bring them back. We have three units left: kickball, ultimate frisbee or frisbee golf, and badminton. I know the kids will really enjoy the last couple of months of games. As always, if you have anything you would like to share with me, don't hesitate to email me at [formanma@wauwatosak12.wi.us](mailto:formanma@wauwatosak12.wi.us).

Thank you,  
Mark Formanek  
Physical Education teacher  
Wilson/WSTEM

### SHOUT-OUTS

Thank you to Marianne Klumph for chairing the Science Fair AND the Culture Fair this school year! Your prep work for the Science Fair was so appreciated and we are all excited to look through the FlipGrid page to see the experiments.

A big thank you to Jill McClellan and Parul Kapoor from the Green Team for organizing the first Tosa Kids Earth Day Parade! Over 80 people participated in the route along the parkway.

Thanks to Lauren Christie for rallying school families to fill up the Honey Creek site for the Riverkeepers spring cleanup! They removed 25 garbage bags of trash from the area around our outdoor classroom. Good work everyone!!

# ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

Since 1979, May has been a dedicated time to celebrate Asian Pacific American heritage, but it wasn't until 1992 that May was officially designated Asian American and Pacific Heritage Month. During this month, we commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the U.S. in May 1843 and the May 1869 completion of the transcontinental railroad, made possible by the hard work of thousands of Chinese people. Asian/Pacific Islander encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island).

Learn more [here](#).

How to say:

Hello in Chinese: [ni hao](#)

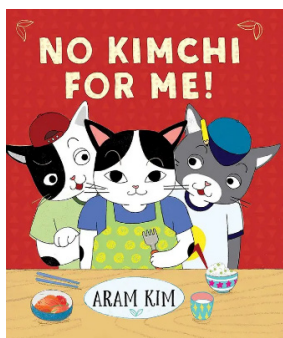
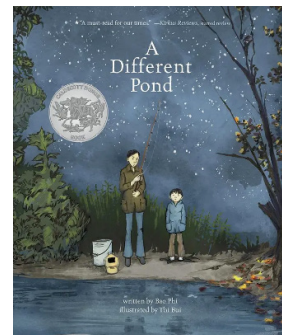
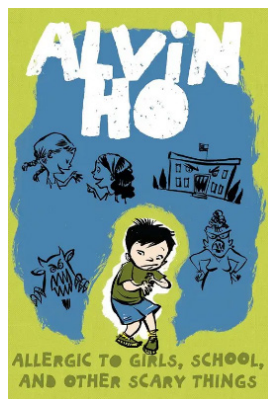
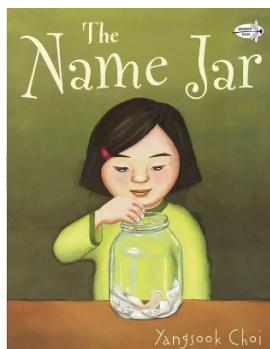
5 Basic greetings in [Hindi](#)

Hello 2 different ways in [Korean](#)

Here is a link to a [free PDF](#) of A Kids Book About Anti-Asian Hate, shared by Bridget Forbes (teacher for English Language Learners at Eisenhower and Jefferson). "[A Kids Book About](#)" series has books (for purchase) on many topics.

Another [book list](#) with picture books and chapter books.

Please take some time to look at all of the great ideas and resources on these [slides](#) created by Wilson/WSTEM PTSA Equity Committee.



**CHECK OUT  
THESE  
PICTURE  
BOOKS**

**CHAPTER BOOKS**