



Dear Wilson and WSTEM Families:

To begin, I'd like to first thank you for all your support as we have continued on through this school year amidst construction and the mitigation strategies to help keep our students and staff safe during the pandemic. The thoughts, comments, ideas, and engagement with our unique school year have been valuable to us all. The positive culture and true sense of community at Wilson and WSTEM is something that is unmatched.



This is why I am certain that as a collaborative team, we will be able to make it through these next steps, moving into our new building, with a sense of hope, optimism, and forward thinking. As members of the district have helped us with the planning, they have come away extremely impressed with the optimism and flexibility that our teachers have shown in preparing for the adjustments that we have made. As a staff we have worked hard for planning around the construction and the different models of instruction we have offered this school year.

The coming months will be an exciting time for our community and we embrace new learning opportunities and the time to reflect on what really matters — all of the great people we get to work with and serve every day in our roles as educators.

We held our parent/teacher conferences in February. This conversation about learning allowed for staff to share results and create plans for student improvement not only through the report card period, but also through the last trimester. Although our teachers have talked with students about learning goals for the remainder of the school year, I would encourage you to set goals with your child(ren) about action steps they will take at home for the remainder of the school year. Your continued support and emphasis on valuing the effort that your child(ren) put into school is greatly appreciated.

Starting at the end of March and into April, students in grades three, four, and five will be taking the Forward Exam. As mentioned above, we have always been striving for students to do their best and we hope that students will put their best effort into these assessments to show what they know! More information will be coming home about these assessments, but in the meantime, you can find more at <https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward>.

We are excited for a great month ahead!

Sincerely,

Mike Heun
Principal

PTSA COMMITTEE NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Science Fair - Details Forthcoming, likely to occur mid-April. Stay tuned for more information.

PTSA SAVE THE DATE

March 3: PTSA Board Meeting at 7 pm via zoom. The agenda can be found [here](#).

SHOUT-OUTS

Thank you to Martha Handrich for planning the amazing Family Road Race! She worked with a friend, Ben Weiler, to create the course. If you would like to book a similar event for another group, please reach out to Ben at bengweiler@gmail.com.

HUGE Thank You to Cori Bliener, Bobbie Jo Lange, and Sarah Brietlow for providing curbside service and collecting contributions to the PTSA for the J&B's Parents Night In Fundraiser!

Thank you to Ryan Fitzgerald for putting together Parent's Night Off where we could give back to local communities for the month of February! We were able to help support Tosa Block Party, J&B's, and Colectivo!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Clara Catlin
Oscar DeLassus
Aveyn Dux
Reese Gendrich
Truman Hornung
Kyla Janich
Leah Bargar
Samuel Boshart
Blake Byom
Andi Dux
Simon Fox
Luca Gilson
Theodore Harrison
Hattie Hilgers
Jack Holiday
Hadley Meier
Sebastian Merkt
Adhrit Mishra
Hannah Pilo

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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

March 12

No school – professional learning day

March 29–April 2

Spring Break

April 16

No school – professional learning day

May 28

No school – if no snow make-up day

May 31

No school – Memorial Day

June 11

Last day of school – 1/2 day only

SCHOOL NEWS

GREEN TEAM

We are asking for any and all ice-cream eaters to please send empty one-gallon ice cream buckets with covers to school! You can drop them off in the office – we will use them for classrooms who want to compost food scraps. We'd rather repurpose buckets than buy new ones. Thank you for your charitable ice cream eating efforts.

Green Team kids will soon be checking out the winter activity/learning board. The topic is how our food choices affect our environment.

MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

The newly established Mental Health Committee would like to know what information, resources, or training on certain mental health topics and issues you are interested in learning more about. If you have not done so already, please complete this survey to let us know what you or your family needs. All responses will be anonymous and we are excited about getting feedback on how to shape this committee to meet your needs.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

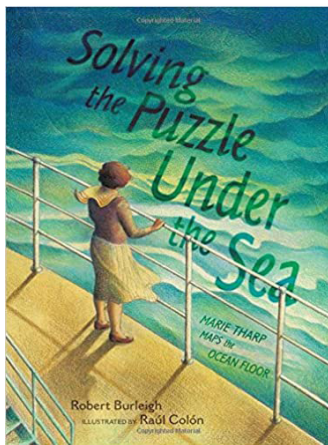
After months of reading and quizzing on Zoom, the eight teams of 4th and 5th graders completed their battles with incredible improvement and determination. Not a single team dropped out and everyone scored their highest point total in the final week. The winning team, who will go onto the state battle, is The Four Bookateer Pandas (Charlie Nunag, Suru Vaughn, Loey Anderson, and Rowan O'Neal). Congratulations to every team and to all of the parent volunteers who made the program happen this year: Melodie Fox and Katie Nunag (Chairs), Leyla Hashemian, Sara King, Lauren Christie, Kerry Veth, Corianna Cavazos, and Kristen Scheuing.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Women's History Month began in California as a week in March back in 1978. It spread across the country the following year. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter made an official National Women's History Week. In 1987, Congress passed a law declaring March Women's History Month, which we continue to celebrate.

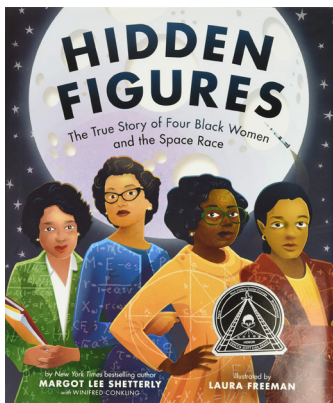
To learn a little more about Trailblazing women:
[Women Trailblazers in Sports](#)
[Women Trailblazers in Politics](#)
[Women Trailblazers who have Reshaped Pop Culture](#)

A FEW GREAT BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY



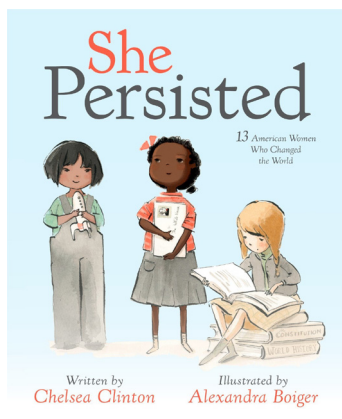
Solving the Puzzle Under the Sea,
by Robert Burleigh

Highlights the life, career, struggles, and legacy of Marie Tharp who was a female pioneer geologist and oceanographic cartographer who helped create the first scientific map of the ocean floor.



Hidden Figures,
by Margot Lee Shetterly with
Winifred Conkling

Presents a picture book profiling four African-American women mathematicians – Katherine, Dorothy, Mary, and Christine – who were hired by NASA to do the math work that would help the U.S. send the first astronauts into space.



She Persisted, by Chelsea Clinton

Profiles the lives of thirteen American women who have left their mark on U.S. history, including Harriet Tubman, Helen Keller, Margaret Chase Smith, and Oprah Winfrey.

WHO IS A WOMAN
YOU ADMIRE?

The Equity Committee has put together some wonderful resources here for you to learn more about women trailblazers in history. We hope you feel inspired by these tremendous women!