



Dear Wilson and WSTEM Families,

I hope that the warm spring weather will stick around for a while! March provided our students some wonderful learning opportunities. We welcomed back many students to our building who have not been in person with us for an entire calendar year. I really wanted to thank everyone again for all of the flexibility and caring nature that you have shown to all of us here at Wilson/WSTEM as we have dealt with our mitigation strategies with COVID-19 and also in having this school year with the construction going on. This past month was also sad in that we lost one of our beloved staff members, Michelle Oberdries, who passed away suddenly. We would have preferred to not have this reminder about how precious life is, but we miss her and appreciate all of your well wishes for her family during this difficult time. We know Michelle had an impact on all of the students and teachers that she worked with. The outreach from our staff and from others from around the district showed me just how caring Wilson and WSTEM and the Wauwatosa School District is and what a great place this is to be.

We are in the final trimester of this academic year and hope our students finish as strongly as they started. After Spring Break, we hope everyone will return refreshed and ready for the final stretch of the school year, as there is a lot of learning and great activities for students to take part in. Please continue to talk with your child's teacher about their progress for the remainder of the year.

We continue to see great progress being made with the construction of our building and hope that you continue to follow the progress online and take the time to watch the monthly video updates that are being put together. As a staff, we are having conversations and planning for our transition into the new building and will be excited to enter the new building at the start of next school year!

In March we were also able to have Meegan Archambo and Dr. Ertl join us for a short ceremony to honor Charlie Nunag, Suru Vaughn, Loey Anderson, and Rowan O'Neal as they were Battle of the Books State Champions! This is the first state championship that our district has ever won for Battle of the Books and we are so proud of them! We also wanted to thank Melodie Fox and Katie Nunag for helping with the program and team.

We look forward to having another exciting month in April and thank you again for your partnership with us this school year.

Sincerely,

Mike Heun  
Principal

## MESSAGE FROM THE PTSA

Dear Wilson & WSTEM Families,

I can't believe we are in our last trimester of the school year! Whether your students have been doing school from home, hybrid, or are back in-person full time, I hope that they are adjusting to this unprecedented school year.

The Wilson/WSTEM PTSA has continued to work on building Team Together for the entire building community. Even though volunteers haven't been able to be inside the building, many PTSA volunteers have worked hard to bring enriching opportunities to the students and support to the staff.

Here is a look at a few of the things the PTSA did over the past 2 months:

- Provided a Loop Soup lunch to the teachers and staff
- Led the B.O.B. teams to victory in the state competition
- Supported local businesses through our Parents' Night Off fundraiser
- Provided resources for Women's History month
- Enlisted six Brown Bag Lunch speakers for 4th & 5th graders
- Sent out Mental Health Resources for families

We look forward to providing more experiences for our students and support for the staff as we move toward spring and summer!

If you ever 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

WSTEM Governance Council Open positions for 2021–22 school year:

- President
- Vice President
- Voting members

Learn more about these positions:

[Governance Council Positions Overview](#)

We are also looking for:

- Co-Chair Curriculum & Innovation (Mrs. Falk K/1 & Mrs. Johnson 4/5)
- Co-Chair Technology (Mrs. Barian-2/3 teacher)
- Co-Chair Outdoor Classroom (Mr. Sellers 4/5 teacher)

Learn more about each committee:

[WSTEM GC Committee Overview](#)

WSTEM Governance Council meeting  
Wednesday, April 7, 5:30pm [via Zoom](#)

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

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## 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

### **April 7**

PTSA Board Elections, 7 pm, via Zoom

### **April 16**

No school – professional learning day

### **April 23**

Science Fair

### **April 24**

Riverkeepers Clean-Up

### **May 3–7**

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

### **May 14**

High Interest Day

### **May 31**

No school – Memorial Day

### **June 11**

Last day of school – 1/2 day only

## PTSA NEWS

## EQUITY COMMITTEE

Join us as we CELEBRATE ALL ABILITIES for Disability Awareness Month! Check out [these slides](#) where we highlight the importance of inclusion, and share book and movie recommendations among other resources. The students will also have the opportunity to participate in a PenPal Project with our neighbors, the women who live at the Carmelite Ministry of St. Teresa. The Carmelite Ministry is a family style residential center that includes living space for 16 adult females who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. Students can also take a Pledge for Inclusion! Be sure to check out our slides for all of this month's info.

## 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).

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Khloe Eimermann  
Finnley Flewellen  
Greta Hiller  
George Hudson  
Dhruv Kapoor  
Lucio LaMacchia  
Charlotte Todt  
Madeline Todt  
Lila Wendling-Oswald  
Jacob Evans  
Gavin Flewellen  
Bennett Gilson  
Victoria Jackson  
Evangeline Klumph  
Esterina Konshak  
Allyssa Krause  
April Malcom  
Luiz Martins  
Benjamin Owens  
Brynn Rose  
Violet Wyllie  
Nolan Yang  
Aaden Turner-Soulimani  
Jameson Wentland

## SCHOOL NEWS

### GREEN TEAM

Earth Day is approaching! Join a river clean-up near you on Saturday, April 24. The Milwaukee Riverkeepers have sites around Wauwatosa - sign-up here: [26th Annual Milwaukee Riverkeeper Spring Cleanup](#). Lauren Christie will be heading up the site nearest the Outdoor Classroom called "Honey Creek at Hawthorn" (that specific site sign-up here: [Honey Creek at Hawthorn](#)). \*\*Registration required to stay organized and COVID-cautious. Masks required\*\* Hope to see you out there!

Later that same day April 24 - save the date and come participate in the first annual Tosa Kids Earth Day parade. Watch for more info coming soon!

And thanks for eating all the ice cream! We have enough buckets now and many classrooms are composting their lunch and snack scraps. Thanks to Mr. Mike Naumann for everything!

### BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Congratulations to The Four Bookateer Pandas – Charlie Nunag, Suru Vaughn, Loey Anderson, and Rowan O’Neal – for winning the district’s first Battle of the Books State Championship! Thanks to coach Katie Nunag and her co-cordinator Mel Fox.

### SCIENCE FAIR

The bi-annual science fair will be held on Friday, April 23rd. There will be a virtual option with a flipgrid link for experiments conducted outside of school hours individually or with siblings. Teachers can also opt in to a classroom experiment to be shared via flipgrid as well. More information coming soon!

# CELEBRATING ALL ABILITIES!

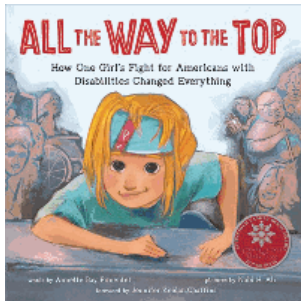
Did you know that the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) did not become law until 1990? The fight began decades earlier and gained steam in 1977 with the passing of the Rehabilitation Act, which was modeled after other laws around discrimination. If you want to know more, here is [a fact sheet](#).

This month we want to recognize that we all have many abilities. Here are just 2 among many that remind us of what people can do, not what they cannot do.

World Down Syndrome Day was March 21 World Autism Awareness Day is April 2

Please take a look at this [slide show](#) with many great ideas, created by the parent equity committee from the Wilson/WSTEM PTSA.

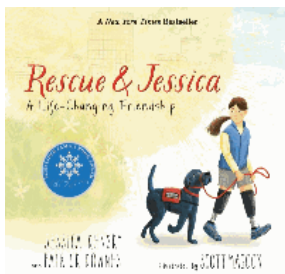
## PICTURE BOOK SUGGESTIONS



*All the Way to the Top: How One Girl's Fight for Americans with Disabilities Changed Everything*  
by Annette Bay Pimentel



*My Three Best Friends and Me, Zulay!*  
by Cari Best

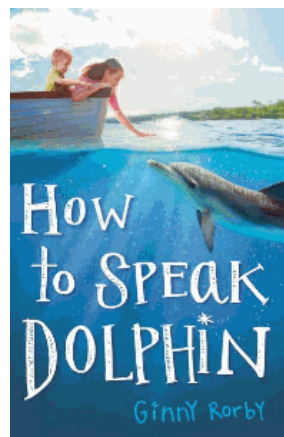


*Rescue & Jessica: A Life-Changing Friendship,*  
by Jessica Kensky and Patrick Downes

**Check out these resources recommended by Meegan Archambo.**



*The Distance Between Me and the Cherry Tree* by Paola Peretti. When ten-year-old Mafalda learns she will go blind in six months from a disease, she keeps a list of all the activities she likes to do and hides the progression of her disease from everyone. She plans to go live in a cherry tree like her favorite book character when her sight disappears for good. But as her sight worsens, her family and friends help her find a way to retain what is essential to her.



*How to Speak Dolphin*, by Ginny Rorby. Since her mother died, twelve-year-old Lily has struggled to care for her severely autistic half-brother, Adam, in their Miami home, but she is frustrated and angry because her oncologist step-father, Don, expects her to devote her time to Adam, and is unwilling to admit that Adam needs professional help--but when Adam bonds with a young dolphin with cancer Lily is confronted with another dilemma: her family or the dolphin's freedom.

# MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

## *For Students and Families*

### The **ZONES** of Regulation<sup>®</sup>

Zones of Regulation is a school-wide framework used to help children identify and name their emotions, then practice self-regulation and emotional control.

### *Regulation Stations*



All Wilson/WSTEM classrooms contain a safe space for students to utilize should they need to calm themselves down or regroup before returning to learning.



*Mrs. Walczak's Website*



Mrs. Walczak's website contains a wealth of information to support students and families. Resources on topics such as anxiety, bullying, Zones of Regulation, mindfulness, and contact information are available. <https://sites.google.com/wauwatosak12.wi.us/student-services/family-resources>



Parents United is a group of local special education departments that offer presentations to help both professionals and parents best understand and support students. [www.parentsunitedwi.org](http://www.parentsunitedwi.org)