



Dear Families,

We came back from Spring Break and hit the ground running. It has been extremely busy since we have been back. I can't thank the staff, students and parents for their efforts as Wilson and WSTEM took the state exam, the Forward Assessment, in grades 3-5. All students in K-5 will be taking the MAP assessment at points throughout May 13–May 31. As always, it is very important that students are trying their best in all that they do academically and socially and that we have them in school to take these assessments during their scheduled time. It is difficult for students to finish the assessments when they are not in school. As we get closer to the testing window, all teachers will have their MAP assessment schedule so feel free to reach out to your child's teacher if unsure of when students will be taking this assessment.

Teacher (Staff) Appreciation Week starts May 6. Please take time to thank the outstanding professionals 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 and grateful 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.

We had our second listening session in April and it is great to hear the feedback from families. One of the common themes was more about communication of a variety of topics. We will continue to look at ways to increase/improve our communication and hope that you know we are open to be contacted about questions as well. We spent a 1/2 day of in-service on April 22 to discuss how we can increase our capacity to communicate with families in an ongoing way about student progress. We will continue to reflect on our work and look for ways to make improvements. These listening sessions are great, but I also wanted to remind you to fill out the school perceptions survey that was emailed to you on April 25 and due by May 13. Hearing from as many people as possible in this survey will enable us to continue to plan to meet the needs of ALL students. Every year, each school within our district also uses this survey to set a yearly goal to aim for and assess our progress toward it, so we very much appreciate your feedback in a variety of formats!

The months of May and June will be extremely busy as well and I hope you can continue to find time to volunteer and/or come to some of the many events we will have to close out another great school year. I know we will continue to strive toward continuous improvement in all we do as we finish off another great school year and build toward a great 2019–20 school year!

Sincerely,

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

Mike Heun
Principal

Save the Dates

May 3

WSTEM 4th & 5th Field Trip-Madison

May 6-10

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 8

WSTEM 2nd & 3rd First Stage-Tinkerbell

May 14

1st & 3rd Grade Fire Safety

May 16

Wilson/WSTEM 4th & 5th Spring Concert

May 17

High Interest Day

May 24

Snow Make-up Day

May 31

SK & 1st First Stage-Tinkerbell

Birthdays

Summer Acevedo

Ellory Bordini

Alex Broeckert

Sona Culp

Finn Dodd

Sean Emmons

Callum Flewellen

Emery Guran

Violet Hilgers

Cecelia Hornung

Daphne Johnson

Elizabeth Johnson

Eleanor Johnston

Henry Johnston

Lucy Larson

Quin Lawson

Jane Malten

Elsi McClellan

Hazel Sanders

Jule Smith

Lauren Smith

Charlie Teich

Blake Vyles

Sam Webster

Dylan Wergin

Carter Wiedenheft

Joseph Zautner

Desmond Zmolek

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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News

SAVE THE DATE

May 6–10: Teacher Appreciation Week

We think our teachers are the best in the world, and will be showing them our appreciation with special travel-themed days all week, May 6–10. Please consider helping out by donating supplies or your time to make this week great! <https://signup.com/go/FgnqZsa>

May 8: Bike To School

Ride from home or park and ride your bike up to school! Johnson's Cycle will be on the Gridley side of school at 8 am to give your bike a quick check and free tune-up! (Rainout Date: Wednesday, May 15)

May 17: High Interest Day

Every year the PTSA sponsors and coordinates engaging presenters to come to the school and spend the day teaching the students about a variety of careers, hobbies and special interests! We will do our best to pair you with your student for part of the sessions. If you have more than one student at the school, enter the student's name that you would like to be paired with below. There will be a lunch for all volunteers at 12 pm. If you have any questions, contact Tayla La Macchia tamacchia79@gmail.com or Angi Kizewski angiwadek@gmail.com. See you there! <https://signup.com/go/MxYfoPJ>

May 14: Fire Safety Day

Tuesday, May 14, is Fire Safety Day for 1st and 3rd graders. The Tosa Fire Department comes to the school to teach children lifesaving knowledge about fire safety. All 1st grade students will start at 9 am and 3rd graders at 1 pm. Volunteers who are willing to help the fire department that day, please sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/hGvksWi>

June 2: Golf Outing

Please join us for the Wilson/WSTEM PTSA Sponsored Golf Outing on Sunday, June 2 at 1:30 pm at New Berlin Hills. The 4-person scramble format begins as a shotgun start at 1:30 pm and proceeds will go toward our continued support of our students and teachers. More details coming soon!

SHOUT-OUTS

Thank you to Kerry Veth and Maggie Anderson for putting together the amazing Science Fair. It was wonderful to see all of the great ideas and hard work of each of the students that participated!

Thank you to Carrie Hilgers for taking charge of the Art Fair and the great hands-on activity of making our own spinning tops! It was a huge hit. The students loved having their art showcased around the school for their families to see.

Thank you to Mr. Ulrich for putting together the Artist In Residence program this year with Jam Ak Jam! It was a terrific opportunity for the students to work directly with the dancing and drumming group throughout the week and culminated with an amazing assembly.

Thank you to Katie Finnerty for chairing our Brown Bag Lunch program this year. She has worked hard to get engaging presenters to come and discuss their career with the 4th & 5th graders. Our guest author even inspired the students to form their own writing club!

Thank you to Melodie Fox and Angi Kizewski for taking the lead on our Battle of the Books program. They are making some great changes to the program to be more inclusive to a larger group of students for next year. Look out for updates in the fall to be a part of this group.

Art Update

ART SPECIALISTS

Wilson and WSTEM kindergartners and 1st grade artists were busy working on a printmaking project for the all-school Science and Art Fair. After learning a bit about honey bees and why they are important to us, the students practiced drawing bees. They transferred their design to a Styrofoam printing plate and created multiple prints by rolling ink over their printing plate and using it like a stamp to transfer their bee print to paper. They created a background by printing with bubble wrap and then completed the work by assembling the bee, frame and adding details. Even though each student followed the same printmaking process, it's fun to see their unique styles shine through. We hope you enjoyed the Science and Art Fair!

Mrs. Abbey Finn
Mrs. Kelly Caufield
Art Specialists

Physical Education Update

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Dear Parents and Families of Wilson/WSTEM,

We are in the home stretch of the school year. There are two fun events left in physical education. On Friday May 24 at 2:15, our annual "TRY" athlon will be taking place. This activity is a lesson in goal setting. The three activities students will be doing: scooter swim, jump roping and running. The kids will have a choice of PLATINUM, GOLD, SILVER or BRONZE levels to achieve, each a different distance. It is fun to see all students set a goal and "TRY" to reach it. They never disappoint to amaze me with their efforts. All parents/family members are invited and encouraged to come support your children. Some of you may even want to participate!

Friday, June 7 will be Field Day, time is yet to be determined. This is a highly anticipated event for the entire building. Because of the many activities that are involved, many parent volunteers are needed. An email and hard copy letter will be sent closer to the date for you to sign up for a time slot. Consider volunteering for a station—it is a lot of fun and the event's success depends on volunteers. Thank you.

Hope to see many of you there for both events!!

Mrs. Wendy Schmidt
Wilson/WSTEM Physical Education

Updates

Dear Parents and Families,

After much thought and discussions with my family, I have decided to retire at the end of this school year. Many of you already know this. For 31 years, I have had the privilege of serving the Wauwatosa School District, primarily the community and families here at Wilson/WSTEM. I hesitate to use the word “retire” as those who really know me, know that I cannot sit still and will have to fill the many hours that I would be working with something else. I am lucky to have so much energy and still the desire to contribute in areas of fitness, health and wellness in some capacity. I have many possibilities waiting. However, I will first look forward to the luxury of more TIME to spend doing the (active) things I love. I look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead for me and am grateful for the time working with all of your children.

Wilson/WSTEM is a special place and the staff here is unbeatable. There are exciting times ahead for all of you here with the building of the new school. It will also be good and exciting for a new person to be in my position who will have new ideas and continue to instill a love of being active in the kids. This has been a rewarding responsibility for me over the years. It will be hard to say goodbye, but it is my time.

Thank you all for the volunteer support during the extra wellness events, specifically the Warrior Race, Health Fairs, TRY-athlons and Field Days over the years. I cannot begin to tell you how much it has been and continues to be appreciated.

All the Best,

Wendy Schmidt
Wilson/WSTEM Physical Education
Wauwatosa East

Hello WSTEM and Wilson Families,

I wanted to let everyone know that I applied for and was granted a leave of absence for the 2019–20 school year in order to stay home and care for my son Mica. As a parent or guardian yourself, you understand that time goes quickly. My husband and I felt that it was the right time for me to focus on being a mother and being present with my family. I have been teaching the WSTEM students for five years and the Wilson kindergartners for one and it has been a pleasure to watch their creativity grow over the years. I hope to be able to teach these wonderful artists in the future!

Mrs. Abbey Finn
Art Specialist

Calendar

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ICWW-Mad Science 2:20-4 pm, Gym
 WSTEM Gov Board Meeting 5:30-7 pm, Library
 PTSA Meeting 7-8:15 pm, Library

2

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

3

WSTEM 4th & 5th Field Trip-Madison 9-3:30 pm
 2nd Grade Brownies 3:30-5 pm, Library

6-10

Teacher Appreciation Week

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Writing Club 11:30-12:30 pm, Library

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Young Rembrandts 3:25-4:35 pm, Art Room

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WSTEM 2nd & 3rd First Stage-Tinkerbell 9-12 pm
 ICWW-Mad Science 2:20-4 pm, Gym

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

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3rd Grade Girl Scouts 3:30-5:30 pm, Art Room

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Writing Club 11:30-12:30 pm, Library

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1st & 3rd Grade Fire Safety 9:30-10:30 am
 Young Rembrandts 3:25-4:35 pm, Art Room
 Wilson/WSTEM Community Design Mtg. 6-7:30 pm, Gym

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ICWW-Mad Science 2:20-4 pm, Gym

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We Care Club 11:45-12:30 pm, Library
 4th & 5th Grade Brown Bag Lunch 11:45-12:30 pm, Library
 Wilson/WSTEM 4th & 5th Spring Concert 7-8:30 pm, Gym

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High Interest Day 8-3:30 pm

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Writing Club 11:30-12:30 pm, Library

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Young Rembrandts 3:25-4:35 pm, Art Room
 SK Daisy Scouts 3:30-4:30 pm, Library

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ICWW-Mad Science 2:20-4 pm, Gym

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

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Snow Make-up Day

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No School- Memorial Day

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Young Rembrandts 3:25-4:25 pm, Art Room

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ICWW-Sports 2:20-4 pm, Gym

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

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SK & 1st First Stage 9:30-12 pm
 2nd Grade Brownies 3:30-5 pm, Library