



Dear Wilson/WSTEM Families,

We have had a great first month of school at Wilson/WSTEM. The halls are filled with the sounds of hard-working students and teachers who are committed to student success. Our new leadership with the PTSA and WSTEM Governance Boards has been great and we look forward to working with them to continue to improve upon what we offer our students here!

So far this year we've had an all-building assembly, Parent Information Night, The Warrior Race, and our Back to School Movie Night, as well as teaching our classroom routines, rules and curriculum. We look forward to many more activities and building the community here at Wilson/WSTEM. One of our big goals this school year is to continue to build on our theme of Team Together and working on being intentional about the skills and attitudes that we want from our students. One way that we are doing this is to have student-led assemblies with both schools once a month. In September, we focused on lunchroom behavior, and the 5th graders did a great job celebrating our accomplishments and also giving us a peek ahead to next month's focus of behavior at recess! I was so proud of the students for the work that they did to prepare and to run that assembly. I know we are all looking forward to the 4th graders leading the next assembly.

In October, we will have our parent/teacher conferences. Please know that these are not the only times that we have outreach to families and we will work with you throughout the year to collaborate on meeting your child's needs. We hope that you find the conferences to be very beneficial. Please continue to communicate with your child's teacher if there are questions or concerns that come up. Our staff is more than willing to discuss concerns and provide your family with a comprehensive review of your child's needs as a learner.

Toward the end of September and into October, we will continue with our MAP assessments. These assessments are used in a variety of ways within our building and give us additional information about your child as a learner so that we can consider future direction with classroom instruction. As is always the case for all school days, we would encourage the following:

Have a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast.

Avoid scheduling appointments during the school day if you can.

Emphasize that your child tries to do his or her best and continue to praise effort in all that your child does.

As we continue into the school year, I ask that families please be respectful of our recommended traffic patterns with the Safe Routes to School information. I also ask that we be respectful of our neighbors and not block their driveways when we are picking up. If you have any questions about this please contact the office so that we can clarify the expectations to do everything we can do to provide for a safe environment for pickup and drop off here. Thank you for your support and for being a positive member of Team Together!

Sincerely,

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

Mike Heun
Principal

Save the Dates

October 4

Wilson SK to First Stage
WSTEM 4/5 to Victory Gardens

October 17

WSTEM K/1 to First Stage
Wilson 2/3 to Tosa West

October 18

Halloween Hop
Wilson 4/5 to Victory Gardens

October 24

Wilson JK to Basse's
Conferences

October 25

NO SCHOOL (conferences)

October 31

WSTEM Spooky Lab

Birthdays

Audrey Vincent

Lily Kippert

Henry Groom

Aria Dux

D'Aire Fisher

Daniel Cook

Cameron Cole

Will Laird

Hanna Miroslaw

Gavin Gardiner

Amelia Ostrenga

Sofia Astorga

Ariana Zielski

Jonathan Katch

Micah Rawls

Emiliana Jackson

Marin Scheper

Abbey Larson

Leo Zielski

Jay Byom

Luke Laird

Leighton Piccione

William Paxton

Violet Biggam

Brooklyn Schmidt

Lena Seefeldt

Richard Krueger

Jenna Campbell

Cole Christie

Quinn Christie

Anna Trevey

Beckett Godsey

Jack Baldeshwiler

Rayaan Absham

Caroline Schmidt

Mario Walls

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

WARRIOR RACE

This year's Warrior Race was such a success thanks to so many awesome parents and teachers. Thank you to Kerry Veth and Monica Scheper for taking charge and planning this year's Warrior Race and the all-school assembly. A huge shout-out to Ryan Scheper for building some of the awesome obstacles. Thank you to our new gym teacher, Mark Formanek, for helping with equipment and keeping our students pumped for the race. And did you notice a cool new key chain on your child's backpack? Those were designed by our very own school parents Lisa & Adam Gilson of GILTEE. Special thanks to City Screen Print for donating posters that were designed by our talented students. We are STRONGER TOGETHER because of all of you!

HALLOWEEN HOP

Join us Friday, October 18, for this year's Hop! Food, music, crafts and fun for all! Special thanks to our event co-chairs Bobbie Jo Lange and Cori Bliesner. This event is a kid favorite and we are thankful for all of your time and creativity put into planning this event.

SERVICE LEARNING DAY

Save the date for the 3rd annual all-school Service Learning Day! On the morning of Tuesday, November 26, each grade will participate in their own service project. Organizations served include the Guest House of Milwaukee, DreamBikes, USO, the Fisher House and more! Keep an eye out for sign-up info coming soon.

SHUTTERFLY STORE

Want to check off some holiday to-dos? Looking to prepare holiday cards or maybe design photo gifts for friends and family? Wilson/WSTEM has its own storefront with Shutterfly and for every dollar sold, 13% gets donated back to our school! Simply use this link wilsonwstem.shutterflystorefront.com to use our storefront and make a super easy donation to our school!

COMPOSTING

Thank you to all the staff, students, and parents for doing a great job with composting from the very first day this year. The Green Team has done a great job, and it is exciting to see them in action, please sign up <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2396405/false#/invitation> if you have availability at lunch. If you want someone there to show you the ropes, you could just ask Lauren Christie or Jill McClellan. Please contact us if you want to get involved in any other way, as well. We hope to bring a GREEN presence to all the upcoming school events, and will need ambassadors to do so.

The Student Green Team had a great first meeting in September, and will meet each 2nd Tuesday of the month, in Mrs. Mader's room. If you would like to participate, contact Lauren Christie at lauren.wegerbauer@gmail.com.

Gym Update

GYM SPECIALIST

2nd through 5th grade students will be participating in Fitness Gram (an assessment that marks student's fitness levels) testing at the end of September and early October. It's important on those days that your child gets a good night's sleep and a good breakfast and lunch and come prepared to participate. On those days, they should bring a water bottle and wear tennis shoes and clothing they can move in so they can perform at their best.

Any questions please email me at formanma@wauwatosa.k12.wi.us.

Thank you,
Mark Formanek

WSTEM Governance Council Corner

WSTEM & GE PARTNERSHIP DAY

October 9

WSTEM's 4th and 5th graders will be partnering again with General Electric for career planning, learning how MRI and ultrasound machines are made, and meeting with engineers!

WSTEM SPOOKY LAB DAY

October 31- 8:30-11:30 am

Our committee has been in full swing planning some amazing experiments for a day of scientific learning! Please watch for our day-of sign up to come! If you'd like to help that day, please contact Brooke DeLassus: brooke.delassus@gmail.com.

WSTEM SOCIAL MEDIA

Don't forget to like and follow Wauwatosa STEM on Twitter and Facebook!

WSTEM GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MEETINGS

Mark your calendars for our next WSTEM parent/teacher meetings. Please come and check it out, it is a great way for parents to learn how to get involved in our school:

October 2, 5:30-6:30pm, in the library

November 6, 5:30-6:30pm, in the library

RESOURCE RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

We are looking for a co-leader on this committee and parents to get involved! This committee is so very important to our school, helping fundraise for our teachers and students, creating and maintaining our business and community partnerships and identifying and writing grants for our school. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Tayla La Macchia: tlamacchia79@gmail.com.

Welcome the new staff members

Mark Formanek **Physical Education**

Wilson/WSTEM families, I wanted to take a moment to share some information about myself. My name is Mark Formanek and I am very excited to be a part of the Wauwatosa School District and Wilson/WSTEM's Physical Education teacher. This is my 10th year teaching and my 9th year teaching the littles. I coach at Tosa East and kept busy at the beginning of the year with our fantastic fundraiser, the Warrior Race. I am from La Crosse, Wis., and graduated twice from the University Wisconsin La Crosse with a B.S in Physical Education/Coaching and M.S in Health Education. I received my Adapted Physical Education license from Carroll University. I have a wonderful wife who works at Marquette University as a Director of Fitness and Wellness and two children. My son is in 5th grade and my daughter is in 4K in Germantown. I love to go to Brewers games and watch my kids play sports. Sometimes my house feels like a zoo with all the animals we have, but the biggest presence are my two large dogs: 8-year-old chocolate lab, Chipper, and 7-month-old English Mastiff, Rose. I look forward to a great year and getting to know all my students here at Wilson/WSTEM.

Ally Armstrong **Occupational Therapist**

I got my bachelor's degree in business from UW–Madison and then went back to school to get my MSOT from Mount Mary University. I live in Wauwatosa with my husband and our two kids (ages 5 and 3) and am so excited to be working in my community. I am an avid sports fan and LOVE Wisconsin football and the Brewers.

Mary Metz **Reading Specialist**

Hello! My name is Mary Metz, and I am excited to join the Wilson/WSTEM family as the new Reading Specialist! I have worked K-8 as a Reading Specialist, Literacy Coach and Reading Interventionist for many years, and before that I taught grades 1, 2, 4 and 5. I received my master's in Reading/Language Arts from Cardinal Stritch, and my undergraduate degree from Creighton University. My love for learning has continued to grow over the years, and I work to provide a caring environment where each

child can successfully build on his/her strengths to thrive and reach his/her potential.

In my free time, I love spending time with my husband, Brian, my two grown sons, and family. I enjoy traveling, the outdoors, gardening, a good book, and spending time with friends or in the Northwoods, hiking or kayaking. I am proud to join the staff at Wilson/WSTEM, and look forward to getting to know families and students!

Stephanie Jaramillo **WSTEM Spanish Teacher**

My name is Stephanie Jaramillo and I teach Spanish to the K/1 and 2/3 WSTEM classes. This is my 14th year teaching and my 4th year teaching in the Wauwatosa School District. I love teaching Spanish to broaden students' awareness and knowledge of another language and the many Spanish-speaking cultures. In my free time, I love to spend time with my family, go to Brewers games, garden, cook or be outdoors.

Sarah Murray **Wilson/WSTEM Spanish Teacher**



Saludos a todos! I am thrilled to join the staff at Wilson/WSTEM this year. I come to Tosa with 11+ years of experience teaching Spanish and am returning to the classroom after a 4-year detour in the private sector. I love learning from and with students, building community, and making connections within and beyond

the classroom. While I have spent time learning and exploring many places; my 1-week class at Yale in 2014 and my 9-day trip to Cuba in 2016 currently sit at the top of the list. In short, I am adventurous, free-spirited, curious, bubbly, authentic, and a Brené Brown addict. My husband and I live in Enderis Park and have a 9-year-old Golden Retriever named Roark who is the apple of our eye. We love to travel, read, cycle, hang with our doggo, and be active in general.

The photo above was snapped in August 2019 in Estes Park, Colorado. Yes, I am hugging a statue of an elk (there is a story there—isn't there always with goofy photos?!). Here's to a wonderful 2019–20 school year!

Welcome the new staff members (cont.)

Jason Szymanski Wilson/WSTEM Art Teacher

I'm entering my 19th year of teaching, 4th in Wauwatosa, and 1st at Wilson. I'm looking forward to learning the names of 205 new students, and helping them enjoy their experience in the art room. And as the students have already learned, the only thing I like more than art is baseball.

Samantha Loeck WSTEM Art Teacher

My name is Samantha Loeck (pronounced 'Lake'). I am teaching 4/5 art this year for Wilson/WSTEM. This will be my 6th year teaching art, and my first year in the Wauwatosa School District. My favorite thing about teaching art is seeing all of the different creative ideas students come up with for their art projects, and seeing their excitement when they show me their artwork, or master a new skill. When I am not teaching I enjoy spending time with my husband and my dog Marble. I also love to knit and screen print t-shirts.

Carolyn Atwell Wilson 1st Grade Music Teacher

My name is Carolyn Atwell. I will be teaching the Wilson 1st grade class music this year. This is my third year in the Wauwatosa Schools, and my 9th year overall of teaching music. My favorite parts of teaching are hearing children's singing voices and the joy of learning. In my spare time, I enjoy volunteering at the Humane Society, playing my flute, and spending time with my family.

Get Excited About Writing!

This year, all of us teachers and students alike will be learning about writing. Even Mr. Heun! You may see your child taking new risks as a writer, and it will be exciting to watch your child's growth. Everyone has stories to tell!

Here are some ways you can excite your child at home and support them as they grow as a writer:

- Tell stories. Telling stories orally helps us play with language. Your child can easily try out many different scenarios. Interacting with questions can help your child develop details to bring the stories alive!
- Play Fortunately/Unfortunately. Take turns building a story together by alternating the beginning word for each idea. One of you begins the first idea, "Fortunately,..." The other adds on with the next idea, "Unfortunately..." Continue alternating to build a funny story together.
- Make a writing kit. Make writing fun! Fill a basket with papers, crayons, books, markers and pencils. Have your child add things to the box that could be fun to use in making books, and that may give ideas for writing.
- Read, notice and try. Read together. Notice the ways authors use words, punctuation, repetition or other techniques. Talk about ways your child could try modeling his/her own writing craft after the model the author used!
- Be your child's #1 fan! Enthusiastically listen as you ask your child to share his/her writing with you. Celebrate the ideas and craft your child has used, and encourage your child to take risks as a writer! Writing is hard work!

From the PTSA President

Dear Wilson/WSTEM Families,

First, I would like to extend a huge welcome to all of our new families this year. I hope your experiences at Wilson/WSTEM have been positive so far! My conversations with some of the new families in my children's classes take me back to when we were the newbies. There was so much excitement as our oldest was starting Junior Kindergarten, and now he is in fourth grade! I realize that I am incredibly lucky to have found such a great school community to call our own. At the time I didn't know what the PTSA did. After helping at events and joining committees, I learned what an important part the PTSA plays in creating our community.

The Warrior Race, our first and most important fundraiser of the year, was a huge success. Thank you to all of the parents, friends and family for your donations. Money raised from PTSA-sponsored fundraisers go toward funding academic and social events and programs (Art & Culture Fair, Family Fun Night, Artist in Residence, etc.), supporting teachers, and providing buses for field trips – all things that directly affect our students. At meetings, members of the PTSA can vote to determine where the money goes and how much is allotted to each activity. We are able to put on many great events thanks to your donations and your time! Nothing would be possible without our volunteers and supporters.

Wilson/WSTEM is entering our 2nd year of going green. You may have heard about the composting initiative and our partnership with Compost Crusader that we started last year. Our goal with this PTSA-sponsored program is two-fold: First, we want to compost and recycle more, and second, we want to motivate our students to see that they can make a difference in the world. Be sure to check out the new "Green Section" of the newsletter this year. Shout-out to our awesome 4th and 5th grade student Green Team, which is saving the Earth one banana peel at a time!

I'm also super excited for our 3rd annual Service Learning Day on Nov 26. What better way to start off the Thanksgiving Break than serving the community with your child? Definitely save the date for this event and keep an eye out for more info.

And of course, it wouldn't be fall without one of our favorite events – the Halloween Hop! Get those costumes ready for and join us for music, food and crafts. You can check out our group page for volunteer opportunities for upcoming events here: www.signup.com/go/WilsonWstemPTSA

As always, please reach out if you have any questions. Our next meeting is November 6th at 7 PM in the library.

In the spirit of the Warrior Race – we are Stronger Together!

See you on the playground,

Ali Wergin

President / Parent of a Wilson 2nd & 4th grader

Kerry Veth Vice President of Community Outreach / Parent of a Wilson 2nd & 3rd grader

Tayla La Macchia Vice President of Fundraising / Parent of a WSTEM 4th & 5th grader

Julia Hornung Vice President of Academic Committees / Parent of a WSTEM SK, 2nd & 4th grader

Allison Malcom Treasurer / Parent of Wilson 1st & 3rd grader

Sarah Bittorf Secretary / Parent of Wilson 2nd grader

Questions? Please reach out to us at WilsonWstemPTSA@gmail.com, You can also like us on Facebook for event updates, pictures, and more! --> <https://www.facebook.com/WilsonWSTEMPTSA/>

News From Your School Social Worker

Welcome to a new school year! I am really looking forward to starting my 26th year in the district and my first year full time at Wilson/WSTEM.

Second Step Program

Second Step is a social-emotional skills-building program developed by the National Committee for Children. Our elementary schools started using this curriculum many years ago and it remains a teacher-led program in all SK through 5th grade classrooms . Lessons will be taught consistently throughout the school year.

The Second Step Program is divided into four main areas:

1. **EMPATHY:** Children will learn about feelings and ways to show understanding towards others.
2. **PROBLEM SOLVING:** Children will learn new ways to solve problems and practice skills such as apologizing, interrupting politely, and making new friends.
3. **EMOTION MANAGEMENT:** Children will learn to manage their emotions and learn how to positively express them in a safe way.
4. **SKILLS FOR LEARNING:** Children will learn techniques to build positive active listening skills such as focus and attention.

To learn more about SECOND STEP, please ask your child's teacher, or go to www.cfchildren.org

Bullying Prevention Curriculum

All of the elementary schools in the Wauwatosa School District utilize the Bullying Prevention Curriculum created by Committee for Children. This is a national, research-based curriculum that helps students Recognize, Report, and Refuse bullying behavior, and teaches Bystander Power. Through use of videos and activities, the program also focuses on promoting issues of diversity and equality. This curriculum is delivered throughout the fall semester to grade levels SK-5th by the school Social worker. Links to additional resources will be sent home with students following lessons.

Mrs. Walczak
School Social Worker

Calendar

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| October 1 | DI-Malcom | 3:20-4:45 pm | PTSA Kitchen |
| October 1 | Young Rembrandts | 3:25-4:25 pm | Art Room |
| October 1 | K5 Daisy Scouts Mtg. | 3:30-5 pm | Library |
| October 2 | ICWW-World Island | 2:20-4 pm | Gym |
| October 2 | DI-Boshart | 2:20-3:45 pm | PTSA Kitchen |
| October 2 | DI-Danielson | 2:20-3:45 pm | Library |
| October 2 | WSTEM Gov Board Mtg. | 5:30-7 pm | Library |
| October 2 | PTSA Meeting | 7-8:15 pm | Library |
| October 4 | Wilson SK to First Stage | 10:30-12:30 pm | First Stage Theater |
| October 4 | 4th Grade Girl Scouts Mtg. | 3:20-5 pm | Art Room |
| October 4 | WSTEM 4/5 to Victory Gardens | 9-1:30 pm | Victory Gardens |
| October 7 | Battle of the Books | 3:20-4 pm | Library |
| October 8 | DI-Malcom | 3:20-4:45 pm | PTSA Kitchen |
| October 8 | Young Rembrandts | 3:25-4:25 pm | Art Room |
| October 8 | Green Team | 3:30-4:30 pm | Room 115 |
| October 9 | ICWW-World Island | 2:20-4 pm | Gym |
| October 9 | DI-Boshart | 2:20-3:45 pm | PTSA Kitchen |
| October 9 | DI-Danielson | 2:20-3:45 pm | Library |
| October 15 | Young Rembrandts | 3:25-4:25 pm | Art Room |
| October 15 | 1st Grade Daisies Mtg. | 3:30-5 pm | Library |
| October 16 | ICWW-World Island | 2:20-4 pm | Gym |
| October 16 | DI-Boshart | 2:20-3:45 pm | PTSA Kitchen |
| October 16 | DI-Danielson | 2:20-3:45 pm | Library |
| October 17 | WSTEM K/1 to First Stage | 9-11 am | First Stage Theater |
| October 17 | Wilson 2/3 to Tosa West | 9-11 am | Tosa West Planetarium |
| October 17 | 5th Grade Girl Scouts Mtg. | 3:20-4:45 pm | Library |
| October 18 | Halloween Hop | 6-8 pm | Gym, Cafeteria |
| October 18 | Wilson 4/5 to Victory Gardens | 9-1:30 pm | Victory Gardens |
| October 21 | Battle of the Books | 3:20-4 pm | Library |
| October 22 | DI-Malcom | 3:20-4:45 pm | PTSA Kitchen |
| October 22 | Young Rembrandts | 3:25-4:25 pm | Art Room |
| October 23 | ICWW-World Island | 2:20-4 pm | Gym |
| October 23 | DI-Boshart | 2:20-3:45 pm | PTSA Kitchen |
| October 23 | DI-Danielson | 2:20-3:45 pm | Library |
| October 24 | Wilson JK to Basse's | 8:30-11 am | Basse's Pumpkin Farm |
| October 24 | Conferences | 4:30-8 pm | Classrooms |
| October 25 | No School-Conferences | 8:30-3:30 pm | Classrooms |
| October 29 | DI-Malcom | 3:20-4:45 pm | PTSA Kitchen |
| October 29 | Conferences | 4:30-8 pm | Classrooms |
| October 30 | ICWW-Mad Science | 2:20-4 pm | Gym |
| October 30 | DI-Boshart | 2:20-3:45 pm | PTSA Kitchen |
| October 30 | DI-Danielson | 2:20-3:45 pm | Library |
| October 31 | WSTEM Spooky Lab | 8:30-11:30 am | Classrooms |