



Dear Wilson/WSTEM Families,

To begin, I'd like to thank you for your support as teachers have been planning and packing to move into their new spaces after spring break. The thoughts, comments, ideas, and engagement with our new school design process have been incredible. 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 moving into our construction phase, 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 positivity and flexibility that our teachers have shown in preparing for the adjustments that need to be made.

We know that we will continue to establish the same routines, procedures, and high expectations we have for all students that we have had since the beginning of the year. As we move into new spaces, this is a good time to reemphasize and reteach these expectations, which we will. As one of my favorite authors, Jon Gordon, states, "You can control what you can control and let go of what you can't. You can focus on your problems or focus on getting better. You can look for an excuse or you can look within and find your best." We know that during this construction process there may be things that come up that we hadn't planned for, but we have been working extremely hard with all students to strive for continuous improvement in all that they do and this will always be the focus at Wilson and WSTEM. As a staff, we have worked hard for planning around the construction and this will continue throughout the process. It is such an exciting time for our community and we embrace the related learning opportunities and the opportunity to take the time to reflect on what really matters and that is 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 3-5 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 and you can also check this website in the meantime: <https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward>.

We are excited for a great month ahead!

Sincerely,

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

Mike Heun  
Principal

# Save the Dates

## March 10

WSTEM to Zoo

## March 11

WSTEM 2/3 to First Stage

## March 18

WSTEM K/1 to First Stage

## March 19

WSTEM to Zoo

## March 21-29

Spring Break

## March 30

No School-Open house from 2-4 pm  
to view new classrooms for construction

# Birthdays

Jacarri Bush  
Vivianna Schofield  
Pollux Stueber  
Truman Hornung  
Leah Bargar  
Hattie Hilgers  
Simon Fox  
Reese Gendrich  
Clara Catlin  
Oscar DeLassus  
Jameson Wentland  
Blake Byom  
Samuel Boshart  
Preston Acevedo  
Aveyn Dux  
Farrah Vyles  
Yining Li  
Hannah Pilo  
Adhrit Mishra  
Hadley Meier  
Aaden Turner

## 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.

## Find us on Twitter and Facebook

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Twitter @TosaWilson

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# News

## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Our annual all-school raffle and auction is right around the corner! Join us on March 7, at J&B's Blue Ribbon Bar and Grill on Bluemound to help make this year's fundraiser a success and have a blast while you're there! \$1 raffle tickets, food, music, and live-auction items! You don't want to miss this event!

Huge thanks to our sponsors for helping to make this event a success:

Milestone Plumbing  
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J&B's on Bluemound

Still need tickets? Grab them here (\$15/person):

<https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=BJOV1LfXz1b8-gM99406RV5Rm3WN8mzxwvmm5FjZqysJIMN1OFK1B2tv7sofw8XcrSA-Wm&country.x=US&locale.x=US>

## ART AND CULTURE FAIR

The PTSA is excited to celebrate diversity with the Culture and Art Fair, set to take place on Wednesday, April 15th from 6-8pm. Your student can work on projects individually or with a partner, and your family is encouraged to work and present your project together. Students from all grades are welcome to participate. Culture Fair projects and displays will be enjoyed, not judged. Be the expert; let us leave that night with new knowledge and an understanding of what makes a culture unique. For planning purposes, students are required to register for the culture fair in advance, identifying their culture of study and how they intend to work: as a team, an individual, or as a family. Please register by March 15th using the following link on our PTSA group page: <http://bit.ly/WilsonWSTEMCulture>. More details will be emailed to the families that choose to register, but please email Marianne Klumph at [mklumph@gmail.com](mailto:mklumph@gmail.com) with any questions.

## TRIVIA NIGHT

Mark your calendars for our NEW spring social event, Trivia Night! Friday, May 29, 7 pm at the Riverview Room at Hart Park. 8 people per table, \$50/table. Registration forms coming out in April. More details to follow!

## OPEN POSITIONS

Join our team! It's hard to believe that we're already thinking about the next school year, but we have a few PTSA Board positions opening up:

President, Vice President of Fundraising, Vice President of Community Outreach

If you are interested or want more information, please let us know by sending us an email here:

[WilsonWstemPTSA@gmail.com](mailto:WilsonWstemPTSA@gmail.com).

## LIBRARY HELP

Bridget High is coordinating ongoing volunteers for the library. If you would like to sign up to help sort and organize books, please sign up here: [www.signup.com/go/WilsonWstemPTSA](http://www.signup.com/go/WilsonWstemPTSA).

## SHOUT-OUTS:

Huge shout-out to our all-star Safe Routes to School Chair, Maggie Anderson! Maggie organized this winter's Walk to School Day — complete with a hot chocolate station, gifts for our crossing guards, and she attends the District Safe Routes meetings. We thank you for your commitment to our community!

We'd also like to thank Lauren Christie and Jill McClellan and the rest of the Green Team parents for their commitment to making our school green and our students greener! Our Student Green Team works to help compost during lunch and meets monthly to learn about ways to help the environment through themed projects. Student Green Team is open to 4th and 5th grade students and parent team is open to all! Interested in learning more?

## SAVE THE DATE:

**March 7:** PTSA Parents' Night Out

**April 15:** PTSA Art & Culture Fair

**May 29:** PTSA Trivia Night

Please bookmark our group page and check back often for volunteer opportunities:

[www.signup.com/go/WilsonWstemPTSA](http://www.signup.com/go/WilsonWstemPTSA)

You can also like us on Facebook for event updates, pictures, and more!

<https://www.facebook.com/WilsonWSTEMPTSA/>

# Governance Council Corner

## GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MEETING

\*\*\*\*\*REMINDER! \*\*\*\*\*

The meeting on MARCH 4 has been CANCELED due to the construction meeting that was scheduled the same night.

## THE CURRICULUM & INNOVATION COMMITTEE

The Curriculum & Innovation Committee is in need of someone to coordinate the all-school field trip to Rosebud Theater on the last day of school, June 12. Please contact [Brooke.delassus@gmail.com](mailto:Brooke.delassus@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping!

CIC's next meeting will be Tuesday, March 3, 6:30 pm at Ruby Tap. If you can't make it, you can still help with any open spot. Please also share with other parents who may be interested.

## TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Technology Committee meeting is scheduled for March 9 at 7 pm in the WSTEM 2/3 classroom.

## \*\*OPEN VOTING POSITIONS FOR 2020-21 ON GOVERNANCE COUNCIL\*\*

If you are interested in getting more involved on WSTEM's leadership team, please consider becoming a voting member on issues that affect our staff and students! Contact Jessica Bordini for more information: [jessicabordini@uwalumni.com](mailto:jessicabordini@uwalumni.com).

## COLECTIVO COFFEE SALES

Please consider purchasing whole-bean or ground coffee online at [www.wstem.org](http://www.wstem.org). Bags are \$12 each with \$6 going back to our school! Bags will be placed in your child's backpack at school once ordered and paid for. This is a big fundraiser for us, so please consider being a coffee subscriber.

## AMAZON SMILE

Remember to choose WSTEM on Amazon Smile when you make any purchase. Proceeds go directly to WSTEM.

# PE Update

In March, students will be participating in a variety of unique units. Dancing, aerobics, yoga, health topics, jump rope, badminton, and karate are some of the fun and new ways we will explore physical education. As we navigate through the next year without the use of a gymnasium, there will be some creative physical education units.

Mr. Formanek  
Physical Education Specialist

# Calendar

March 2	Early Choir	7:30 am	Music Room
March 3	Early Band	7:30 am	Band Room
	DI-Malcom	3:20-4:45 pm	PTSA Kitchen
	K5 Daisy Scouts	3:30-4:30 pm	Library
	Young Rembrandts	3:25-4:25 pm	Art Room
March 4	4th Grade Early Orchestra	7:30 am	Orchestra Room
	DI-Lawson	2:20-4 pm	Room 116
	ICWW-Sports	2:20-4 pm	Gym
	DI-Johnson	2:20-3:45 pm	Art Room
	DI-Boshart	2:20-3:45 pm	PTSA Kitchen
	DI-Danielson	2:20-3:45 pm	Library
	WSTEM Governance Board	5:30-7 pm	Library
	DI-Handrich	6:30-7:30 pm	Art Room
	PTSA Meeting	7-8:15 pm	Library
March 5	5th Grade Early Orchestra	7:30 am	Orchestra Room
March 6	4th Grade Girl Scouts	3:20-5 pm	Art Room
	3rd Grade Girl Scouts	3:20-4:50 pm	Library
March 9	Early Choir	7:30 am	Music Room
March 10	Early Band	7:30 am	Band Room
	WSTEM to Zoo	9:30-12:30 pm	Zoo
	DI-Malcom	3:20-4:45 pm	PTSA Kitchen
	Brownie Troop #11172	3:20-4:30 pm	Library
	Green Team	3:30-4:30 pm	Room 115
	Young Rembrandts	3:25-4:25 pm	Art Room
March 11	4th Grade Early Orchestra	7:30 am	Orchestra Room
	WSTEM 2/3 to First Stage	9-11:30 am	First Stage Theater
	DI-Lawson	2:20-4 pm	Room 116
	ICWW-Sports	2:20-4 pm	Gym
	DI-Johnson	2:20-3:45 pm	Art Room
	DI-Boshart	2:20-3:45 pm	PTSA Kitchen
	DI-Danielson	2:20-3:45 pm	Library
	DI-Handrich	6:30-7:30 pm	Art Room
March 12	5th Grade Early Orchestra	7:30 am	Orchestra Room
	Bear Den Meeting	6-7:30 am	Cafeteria
March 16	Early Choir	7:30 am	Music Room
March 17	Early Band	7:30 am	Band Room
	1st Grade Daisy Scouts	3:30-5 pm	Library
	Young Rembrandts	3:25-4:25 pm	Art Room
March 18	4th Grade Early Orchestra	7:30 am	Orchestra Room
	WSTEM K/1 to First Stage	9-11:30 am	First Stage Theater
	DI-Lawson	2:20-4 pm	Room 116
	ICWW-Sports	2:20-4 pm	Gym
	DI-Danielson	2:20-3:45 pm	Library
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	5th Grade Girl Scouts	3:20-4:45 pm	Library
March 21-29	Spring Break		
March 30	No School-Open House from 2-4 pm to view new classrooms for construction		
March 31	Early Band	7:30 am	Band Room
	Young Rembrandts	3:25-4:25 pm	TBD

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## Praise Pointers for Parents

The ways parents praise young people makes a lot of difference in whether that praise is encouraging and motivating. Effective praise helps develop a “growth mindset” in which young people recognize that they can learn and grow through effort and practice. The following chart spells out five tips for praise that encourage youth to develop a growth mindset.

	Example	Why?
<b>Purposeful, specific, and sincere</b>	“Great game! You really passed well to your teammates.” is more encouraging than, “Great game!”	Being concrete reinforces those behaviors. If, however, you both know the player didn’t pass well or it wasn’t a great game, then this isn’t sincere. The praise won’t help the young person learn.
<b>Reinforce behavior and effort, not “natural” intelligence</b>	“Congratulations! I know you studied really hard.” is more encouraging than, “Congratulations! You’re really smart.”	The first option focuses on an action that can be maintained or improved. If you praise someone because of something fixed (such as “being smart”), it’s harder to cope with failure.
<b>Attainable and realistic</b>	“That is a beautiful picture. I love the colors you picked!” is more encouraging than, “That picture is	Inflated praise can backfire. It gives the impression that you have to meet exceptionally

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rich

amazing! It could go in an art gallery.”

“I love the salad you made. It has a nice mix of flavors and colors!” is more encouraging than, “I love your salad!”

high standards, which you know you can't always do. That undermines motivation.

Giving more detailed information reinforces strategies that can be used when similar situations come up in the future.

**E**ffort more  
than  
achievement

“I like how you took deep breaths to stay calm even when you were upset at your sister.” is more encouraging than, “Thanks for not pushing your sister.”

The focus on effort emphasizes being able to grow and learn.

-Sue Walczak, Social Worker

# TRIVIA NIGHT



FRIDAY, MAY 29 ★ 7-11PM

SPRING SOCIAL HOSTED BY WILSON/WSTEM PTSA  
\$50/TABLE (MAX OF 8 TRIVIA MASTERS)

HART PARK ★ RIVERVIEW ROOM

★ TRIVIA BEGINS AT 8PM ★

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**entry form to follow in april**

