



Dear Families,

Happy Holidays from our family to yours!

The festive times are among us and school has been a very busy place to learn. We know that this school year and the last several months have been challenging for all of our families. We have appreciated all of your support as we are doing our best to provide for the safest environment this school year. It has been wonderful seeing what we have offered in our building through the adverse situations we have faced. Our staff has truly been hard at work planning and trying to sustain an element of structure for our students during this very exciting time that will lead up to winter break and the holidays.

As we close out 2020 this month, we are excited for what lies ahead in 2021. There is a lot of work to be done in spreading the word about the upcoming 2021–22 school year for Wilson and WSTEM. The construction work is still on schedule to be completed by August. This will allow for another transition as we bring a lot of the materials that we have stored offsite into the new building. Soon you will be getting video updates about the construction so that you can see some of the behind-the-scenes work and the ongoing progress.

As always, we appreciate having our families continue to spread the word about enrollment at Wilson and WSTEM for the upcoming school year. With all that we have gone through, I hope that you all see that our staff works extremely hard for all students and wants them to be successful in all that they do. Thank you again for all of the support shown to your child(ren) and to our staff in 2020 and we look forward to all we will accomplish in 2021.

Sincerely,
Mike Heun
Principal

MESSAGE FROM THE PTSA

Dear Wilson and WSTEM Families,

Thank you so much for participating in our Virtual Service Learning Day!

This year the PTSA wasn't sure if we would be able to successfully pull off the 4th-annual Service Learning Day. The event requires a tremendous amount of parent volunteers, coordinating with local organizations, and leadership from our teachers/staff. With no volunteers allowed in the building this year, it was determined we would need to make this a virtual event for students and families to work on at home.

We were completely blown away by the response of our school community! All of our expectations were exceeded for what we thought we would be able to collect. Thank you for the time and effort your families put into serving these great organizations! Check out the flyer below to see the total number of items that were donated. Please give a big thank you to your student(s)! See the By the Numbers recap on p. 3.

We hope that your families will continue to think about ways to be of service to others as we head into the holidays.

We wish you all a happy holiday season and look forward to starting up again in January.

Sincerely,
Your Very Grateful PTSA

FROM THE GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

Please join us on Zoom for the next WSTEM Governance Council meeting:
Wednesday, January 6, 2021, 5:30 pm

Zoom link to come.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Violet Bordini
Grace Burns
Avery Gerhardt
Adam Handrich
June Ellen Katch
Sanskar Kumar
Kai Layne
Cole Marszalkowski
Charlotte Nunag
Rowan O'Neal
Cecilia Ziemer
Nada Al-Kirwi
Tyler Blagg Williams
Natalie Cockerham
Lyla Culp
Natalie Dopp
Alexander Harrison
Joey Konshak
Philomena Konshak
Sean McAvoy
Bennett Meyer
Adelaide Nelson
Camilla O'Brien
Ali Rudnitzki
Eleanor Schacht
Hazel Stadter
Grace Trevey
Louisa Ziemer

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

December 23–January 1
Winter Break

January 8
No school – MLK Day

February 11–16
Elementary evening
conferences

February 15
No school – professional
learning day

March 12
No school – professional
learning day

March 29–April 2
Spring Break

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SCHOOL NEWS**TEACHER COOKIE EXCHANGE**

Instead of our traditional cookie extravaganza for all staff, we will be hosting a COVID-friendly two-fold event. First, we'd like families to consider donating a holiday cookie box from Miss Molly's Cafe to the 43 teachers and staff in our building. We plan to have these boxes delivered to school on December 17. Second, we are creating a recipe book for all staff, which we hope includes your family's favorite holiday cookie recipe. If you donate cookies through Miss Molly's, or if you donate your recipe to the cookbook, your family will receive a recipe book as our 'thank you'. We'd like you to email your recipes (typed, or a picture of a recipe card) to WilsonWSTEMPTSA@gmail.com by December 8 at the latest. Any questions about this exciting event, please email julia.hornung6@gmail.com and thank you!

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Battle of the Books 2020–21 has kicked off! Teams of 4th and 5th graders from Wilson/WSTEM will compete for the chance to participate in the State Battle at the end of February. Teams compete by answering trivia questions about 20 books. For more information, contact Melodie Fox at melodie.fox@gmail.com or Katie Nunag at katienuag@gmail.com.

SHOUT-OUTS

Thank you Ali Wergin, Katie Nunag, and Anna Hassell for organizing Service Learning Day! What a great way for our students and families to engage with the greater Milwaukee community! We hope families continue to serve local organizations through the holidays.

Thank you Marianne Klumph and Julia Hornung for putting together the virtual Culture Fair to showcase different cultures for our students!

SCHOOL NEWS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Parents and Students,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving break.

Please remember to make sure your students are dressed warmly. Hats, gloves, winter jackets, and boots when temperatures drop are essential. We are continuing to practice social distancing, good hand hygiene, and mask-wearing during physical education for the safety of all. Right now, we are learning the game of football by practicing how to grip the ball, pass, kick off a tee and the rules of the game. Students are enjoying the activities and are probably excited to play catch in the back yard.

Thank you,
Mark Formanek



WILSON / WSTEM SERVICE LEARNING DAY

By the Numbers...

- 16 bikes donated to DreamBikes Milwaukee
- 25 toys and 30 Letters to Santa for Make-A-Wish Wisconsin
- 25 cards and 40 boxes of breakfast food for Guest House of Milwaukee
- 25 cards, 40 care packages and 1,000+ pieces of candy for USO
- 29 fleece blankets, 178 snack bags, and over 2,000 pop tabs to Ronald McDonald House
- 38 ornaments created for Good Friend, Inc.
- 50 cards + crafts for St. Camillus
- 50 cards + crafts for Lutheran Home & Harwood Place
- 2,000+ books for Next Door Milwaukee
- Plus all of the students who participated in our Green projects like cleaning up the rivers for Milwaukee Riverkeepers

2020 Wilson/WSTEM PTSA EVENT

**THANK YOU WILSON/
WSTEM FAMILIES!**

FROM THE EQUITY COACH: HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

Hello Families,

Did you know that on December 10, 1948, the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights? The UDHR is a milestone document that proclaims 30 inalienable rights which everyone is entitled to as a human being – regardless of race, color, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Available in more than 500 languages, it is the most translated document in the world. Here is a link to a document which includes the original text as well as plain language.

The theme for December 10, 2020 is “Recover Better-Stand Up for Human Rights” which is related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Here are the 4 goals and a link to learn more about them:

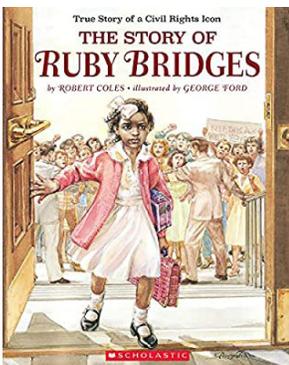
- End discrimination of any kind
- Address inequalities
- Encourage participation and solidarity
- Promote sustainable development

Women, led by Eleanor Roosevelt, played an important role in the development of the document. Learn more here: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day/women-who-shaped-the-universal-declaration>

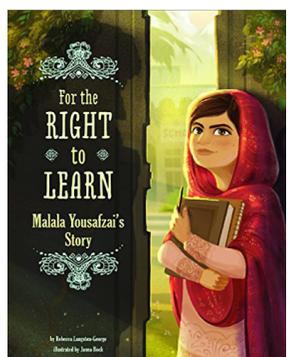
CHILDREN’S BOOKS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS

Children’s books are another way to learn more and have conversations about human rights. A few that are available in our Tosa school libraries are:

AVAILABLE IN TOSA LIBRARIES:

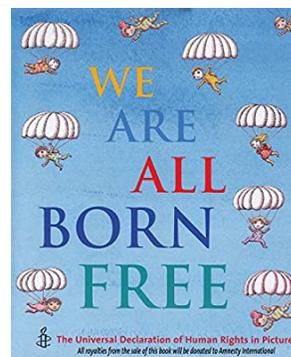


The Story of Ruby Bridges by Robert Coles – Ruby must confront the hostility of white parents when she becomes the first African American girl to integrate Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans in 1960.

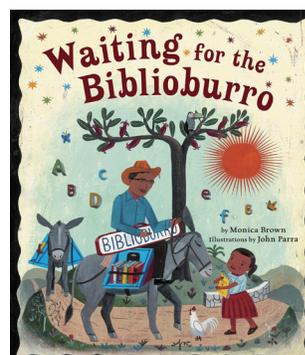


For the Right to Learn, Malala Yousafzai’s Story by Rebecca Langston-George – Tells Malala Yousafzai’s harrowing story of standing up for girls’ education against the Taliban, being shot in the head, and surviving to continue the fight.

ALSO WORTH CHECKING OUT:



We are all Born Free by Amnesty International – About the basics of human dignity as elaborated in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights



Waiting for Biblioburro by Monica Brown (author) and John Parra (illustrator) – Inspired by the real-life story of Luis Soriano, who started a mobile library with donkeys carrying hundreds of books over long distances for children in rural areas of Colombia.

These books and other ideas can be found on niahouse.org. Please reach out to Tracy Carus or Meegan Archambo with questions.