



WILSON SCHOOL NEWS



Woodrow Wilson Elementary School * Hays, Kansas *
FEBRUARY 2010

OUR MISSION: *We believe that all students in Wilson Elementary School can excel in all areas and become lifelong, enthusiastic, productive learners.*

GREETINGS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

January has been a busy month as we are off and running with our second semester of the school year. This month was a quick month with all of the Kansas Day Activities, preparing for our 100th Day Activities, and our Wilson School Spelling Bee. Congratulations to our Wilson Spelling Bee Winners for 2009-2010: Eric Adams, 1st, Shane Berens, 2nd, Zach Wagner, 3rd, Ana Goodlett, 4th, and Adam O'Connor, Alt. These students participated in the Ellis County Spelling Bee on January 26th.

February will bring more activities, including Lifetouch Casual Portraits on February 9th and Valentines Parties on February 12th. The teachers will be attending In-Service sessions on February 15th. There is NO School that day, but there will be All-Day WEAS.

We are entering the important assessment times during the next couple of months. The classroom teachers and other staff members will be working very hard to help our students be as prepared as possible for those assessments. The students will be completing several formative assessments prior to taking the actual NCLB assessments. Please encourage your child to do his/her very best as we prepare for these assessments. We also ask you to help us out by getting your child to school each day, getting him/her to bed on time and giving him/her good breakfasts so he/she can focus on the work that is being done here at school. We also appreciate all of your support and extra help that you give your child as you help them with the homework and review math facts, etc. with them as part of their preparation. Your help is an important part of your child's education!

We are also starting to make preparations and plans for the 2010-2011 School Year. We will be holding our Kindergarten Roundup on Monday, February 22nd. If you know of any families with Kindergarten students for next year, please call the Wilson Office and give us that information. We will be glad to get in touch with those families and give them the necessary information. We are starting to work on our class assignments for 1st-5th grade for next year as well. If you are not planning to be here next year, please let us know. Also, if you are aware of new families with students 1st-5th grade, please let us know that as well so we can have that information as we continue working on these assignments.

I thank you for all that you are doing for Wilson School. Please feel free to visit us here at school anytime. We appreciate the opportunity to work with you and with your child.

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Wilson
Casual Portraits



Tuesday, February 9th

Kindergarten
Roundup

Monday, Feb. 22nd

6:30 p.m.

(Bring your child!!)

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Tom Meagher - Principal
 Nancy Stramel – Counselor
 Ashley Allen – Morning/Noon Supervisor
 Annette Barber – Grade 3
 Mary Befort – ELL Para
 Janell Beilman – Grade 5
 Staci Biskie – HS Assistant
 Gloria Blackwell - Vocal Music
 Cassie Blau – Computer Tech
 Julie Brown – Grade 1
 Amy Brungardt – WEAS Assistant
 Jan Bunker – Speech
 Jean Carter – Grade 3
 Rose Carter - Custodian
 Sherry Chaffin – Title I
 Shauna Clark – Para Educator
 Dee Conell – Nurse
 Selma Cook – Cook
 Joan Crull - Strings
 Olivia Davenport – WEAS Assistant
 Judy Dawson - Para Educator
 Joyce Dinkel – Para Educator
 Diane Eggleston – Cafeteria Supervisor
 Jennifer Faas – Resource Room
 Erin Flax – HS Assitant
 Reesa Gerhard – Para Educator
 Teresa Gross - Art
 Debbie Guffey - Cook
 Kathy Harper - Grade 2
 Ethan Hays – WEAS Assistant
 Jill Hedlund – Kindergarten
 Kayla Herrman – WEAS Assistant
 Sarah Hubbell – WEAS Assistant
 Megan Jachetta – WEAS Assistant
 Sheila Jordan - Para Educator
 Ashley Klein – WEAS Assistant
 Mia Knoll – Admin Assistant
 Molly Kohl – Para Educator
 Jessika Lehmann – WEAS Assistant
 Kenda Leiker – SPARK
 Andrea McClain – Para Educator
 Lindy McDaniel - ECSE
 Matt Meagher – Morning Supervision
 Jennie Meagher – Morning/Noon Supervision
 Mandy Meagher – Kindergarten
 Lori Morgan – Grade 1
 Angela Moxter – Interrelated Room
 Amy Neuberger – Resource Room
 Paige Niernberger – Para Educator
 Christy Odegard – Library
 Lyle Pantle – WEAS Assistant
 Kristen Pfeifer - Grade 3
 Mavis Pianalto – Para Educator
 Larry Pray – Custodian
 Joanne Reynolds - Grade 2
 Hal Rogers – Adaptive PE
 Janett Rogers – Para Educator
 Renee Rupp – Para Educator
 Candace Sage - Grade 2
 Kim Schmeidler - Interrelated Room
 Tammy Schoenthaler - Secretary
 Lisa Schreck – Grade 1
 Lois Smith - Grade 5
 Erica Spangler – Head Start
 Tony Stegman – Head Custodian
 Ashley Steiner – AM/Noon Supervision
 Jade Stevens – WEAS Assistant
 Nan Sundgren – ELL Para
 Stephanie Thompson – WEAS Director
 Brenda Urban – Para Educator
 Patty Weber – Health/PE
 Stephanie Weber – WEAS Assistant
 Laurenda Werth – Grade 4
 Susan Werth - Physical Therapy
 Andrea Wichers – EC Speech/Language
 Tara Wildeman – Grade 4
 Merresa Williams – Para Educator
 Jonita Windholz – Kindergarten
 Gera Lou Woofter - Title I Reading
 Wesley Wright – WEAS Assistant
 Carolyn Young – Occupational Therapy
 Stacie Zimmerman – Grade 3
 Julie Zollinger – Psychologist



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REMINDERS REMINDERS REMINDERS

Traffic Cautions

We thank you for helping us make our before-school and after-school times safe times for our students. We appreciate the way you follow the traffic patterns through the parking lot and follow the directions of our crossing guards. **PLEASE ALSO BE SURE TO USE THE TWO MARKED CROSSWALKS IN OUR PARKING LOT.** The crossing guards can see you if you are in the marked crosswalks, but cannot always see you if you cross elsewhere in the parking lot. We have taught our students to do this and we need the adults to model the same for the students. Please help us provide safe crossings on Oak Street as well by paying close attention to what our Crossing Guards are doing as they help the students cross that street. Also, we ask you to please not park in the areas marked in yellow along the west sidewalk on Oak Street. That will help us to be sure our students are safe along that sidewalk as well. Thanks!

Lunch Money

Many parents pay the \$40.00 a month to Wilson School for lunches. You have the option of paying more than that if you wish. All money you pay goes into your child's lunch fund and is drawn from it as he/she goes through our lunch line. Reminder notices are sent home with the students when their accounts are getting close to \$0.00.

We invite parents to eat lunch with their children at school. **Unless it is one of the special holiday meal days,** we can always make preparations for you to join us! **Please let the office know by 8:30 that morning** if you plan to eat with your child. **Also, please remember to pay in the office and get a ticket for lunch BEFORE going to the Cafeteria.** Thanks!

Attendance – Please Help Us

Several of our Wilson students continue to arrive **late to school.** We have many students with more than 15 times tardy this year, and a few that have been late between 30 and 40 times to this point in the year. It is so important that students be here at the beginning of the day. When they come in late (**after the 8:01 bell**), they have missed announcements, lunch count, directions for the beginning activities in the classroom, and in some cases have missed a portion of their first classes. We want to help educate our children on the **importance of being responsible and being "on time"**. That is a skill that will always be necessary in every phase of their lives. **Thanks for helping your child get to school on time each day.**

Wilson Warriors

Please check the Wilson Warrior calendars so you will know when it is your child's special day. We are really enjoying the display cases and the students who have chosen to do announcements. We also enjoy having the parents here for lunch on that special day.

Planning for Next Year

As we begin planning for next year and working with teacher requests we will follow the usual procedure of asking you to send those requests to Mr. Meagher in writing. **Please understand, however, that not all of those requests can be honored.** Mr. Meagher and Mrs. Stramel will do their very best to honor every request that is possible, but they have to be able to **balance each of our classrooms** academically, behaviorally, and socially in order to meet the needs of all of our students and **make every classroom a positive learning environment** for our teachers and students. With budget constraints, **some of our class sizes will probably be quite large again next year,** which makes it even more crucial to have the right balance in each of the classrooms. If they are not able to honor your request, one of them will call you and let you know that before our class lists are posted at the beginning of the school year.

**STUDENTS GO TO
THEIR ROOMS AT 7:56
a.m. AND CLASSES
BEGIN AT 8:01 a.m.
PLEASE DON'T BE
TARDY!!**

**SITE COUNCIL
MEETING
MONDAY, MAR.
22ND
5:00 P.M.
WILSON MEDIA
CENTER**

Wilson Web Site for Parent/Student Links

wilson.usd489.com/parent.htm



for Mrs. Sage



for Mrs. Wildeman



for Mrs. Beilman



for Mrs. Smith



for Mrs. Moxter

Rainforest Math

Spelling City



CRAYOLA.COM Education City

School Notes

(Calendar Events are updated daily on School Notes!!)



NOTES FROM THE NURSE

Germs accumulate on our hands as we perform daily activities. These germs can cause a variety of illnesses from the common cold to intestinal infections. Hand washing with soap and water is the simplest and most effective procedure to get rid of even tough germs.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) offers these instructions for proper hand washing:

Use soap and running water. Rub hands vigorously as you wash them. Wash all surfaces, including backs of hands, wrists, between fingers and under fingernails. Rinse well and dry hands thoroughly. Use a moisturizing lotion if hands get dry from frequent washing.

Hands should always be washed before eating, after using the bathroom, after blowing your nose, after handling money, after touching animals and before and after handling raw meat, poultry or fish.

Mrs. Conell

WILSON SPELLERS GO "ROUND AND ROUND"!!

The Wilson Written Spelling Bee was held on Wednesday, January 13th. 63 spellers from grades 3, 4, and 5 participated in the writing of 100 words that morning. From that group, 10 students were selected from each grade level for the final spelling bee. The winners at each grade level were:

3rd Grade

Kaleigh Ashbaugh
Kaitlyn Brown
Brice Hays
Josh Norris
Aaryn Smith

Gabriela Arthur
Iris Garibay
Chance Murphy
William Sennett
Chase Voth

4th Grade

Eric Adams
Trinity Callis
Blade Goering
Lisa Schoenberger
Zachary Wagner

Isaiah Bowen
Alli Ficken
Sara Rohleder
Mark Schuckman
Vashti Waldschmidt

5th Grade

Shane Berens
McKayla Christian
Sierra Eichman
Freddy Haines
Adam O'Connor

Sierra Brown
Jordyn Dake
Ana Goodlett
Kohlton Meyers
Rachael Taylor

Our Final Spelling Bee was held on Friday, January 15th. We went many, many rounds before finally determining our winner for this year. We congratulate our winners for this.

First Place: Eric Adams
Second Place: Shane Berens
Third Place: Zachary Wagner
Fourth Place: Ana Goodlett
Alternate: Adam O'Connor

These students competed at the Ellis County Spelling Bee on Tuesday, January 26th @ 7:00 p.m. at Fort Hays State University.

GOOD JOB SPELLERS!!



*COLD WEATHER
HAS COME!!
PLEASE BE SURE
YOUR CHILD HAS A
COAT, HAT, AND
MITTENS EACH
DAY!!*

*****Planning Ahead*****

Spring Break – March 15-19
April Recess – April 2nd
Fun In The Sun Day – May 7th
Last Half Day of School – May 19th

NOTICE

Please remember when you send snacks or lunches, that



we are a **peanut-free**
and
tree-nut free school!!



(We do everything in our power to make our school a safe environment for our students.)

******Pop Tabs******

Please continue to send in your pop tabs for the HHS DECA Club. They will be picking up our tabs every week as they continue working toward their goal. Thanks!

**Kindergarten Roundup
for
2010-2011**



February 22nd



6:30 p.m.

**Pass the word on to
parents of kindergarten children!!**

**February Schedule
for Wilson Singers**

Wilson Singers will meet in the music room at 7:30 a.m. on the following dates: Tuesday, February 2; Thursday, February 4; Tuesday, February 9; Thursday, February 11; and Tuesday, February 16; and Tuesday, February 23. Please be punctual. Note that there is not practice on Thursday, February 18 (I have another meeting) or on Thursday, February 25 (I will be at a convention).



**February Birthday Celebration
Thursday, February 11th**

Cookies at Lunchtime!!

**March Birthday Celebration
Thursday, March 11th**

Cookies at Lunchtime!!

**June Birthday Celebration Thursday, February 25th
Cookies at Lunchtime!!**

WILSON SCHOOL
WELCOMES
FHSU STUDENT TEACHERS

Kayla Herrman – 1S
Rene Nonamaker – 1B
Jessica Lehmann - KW



**HOME & SCHOOL
MEETING**
Thursday, Feb. 11th
6:30 p.m.
**WILSON MEDIA
CENTER**

WILSON
HOME & SCHOOL
FAMILY FUN NIGHT COMMITTEE



*thanks all of you for
coming and supporting our school!!*

Check out the latest improvements from H&S:

- All classrooms now have new door handles
- 2nd -5th grades have *Study Island* Access
- Our custodians have a new cleaning/sanitizing machine

Our Boxtop/Soup Label collections paid for:
Electronic Pencil Sharpeners for every classroom

Wilson Students and Staff say *"Thank You"!!*

HAPPY  VALENTINES  DAY

WEATHER

As we get closer to the spring storm season or the year, we will be taking some time to practice our Severe Weather Drill with our students. Although we hope we never have to use these procedures, this is Kansas and we want our students to know what they should do should we have any severe storms during the school day.

WEATHER

LOST AND FOUND

*We continue to collect several lunch boxes, jackets, etc. in the office. Please check our lost and found and pick up the items that belong to your child.
Thanks!*



Dental Screenings

Dental screenings will take place for Kindergarten through 5th grade on February 26th. The Kindergarten dental screenings will be done only for those students who have not had the recommended dental exam. Should you have any questions or concerns about the screenings or would prefer that your child not be screened, please contact the school nurse at Wilson School. Results of the screenings will be sent home by the end of the school year. If a concern is identified at the time of the testing, the school nurse will contact the parents.

Home & School Executive Committee

President: Julie Zollinger ----- 650-0275
 Vice Pres: Taryn Leiker ----- 625-0023
 Secretary: Kerry Schuckman -- 635-3953
 Treasurer: Mandy Ricke ----- 628-6695

Committee Chairs

Special Events:
 Jackie Lang ----- 625-8420
 Charla Heaton ----- 623-2837
 Hospitality:
 Tami Robben ----- 625-5996

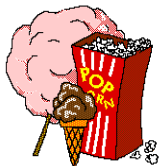
Fundraising:
 Angie Werth ----- 625-6324
 Stephanie Niernberger ----- 625-6988

Family Fun Night:
 Julie Brown ----- 625-3746
 Diana Hunsicker ----- 628-8193

Teacher Reps:
 Patty Weber ----- 628-3066
 Lori Morgan ----- 445-4026

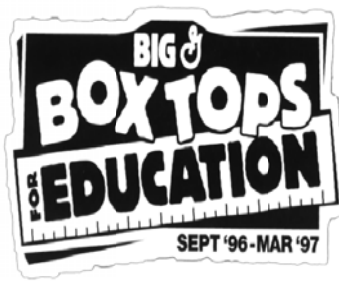
Principal:
 Tom Meagher ----- 625-3685

Home and School meetings are usually held the 2nd Thursday of the month in the library. All are welcome.



Snack
 Friday
 Dates for
 Feb/Mar

Fri., Feb. 19th
 Fri., Mar. 12th

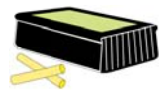


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Please Help Our School



WILSON SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND
 6:30 P.M.
 LITTLE THEATER

This is an evening for parents AND their Kindergarten student to come to school and learn more about us! Meet the staff, see the classrooms, and get important information about our Kindergarten Program. There will be activities provided for the Kindergarten students while the parents are visiting with the school staff.

Please call the school and put your name on our list for the evening. We look forward to seeing you there!

