



WILSON SCHOOL NEWS

Woodrow Wilson Elementary School * Hays, Kansas *
MARCH 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

We have entered the important assessment time of the year! We will be kicking off the season next Monday with 3rd Grade Reading Testing and will continue through mid-April when 4th Grade will finish up with the Science Testing. The complete testing schedule can be found on the school website, both on the homepage and on the School Notes.

The State Assessment test scores are used to determine if our students are continuing to make "Adequate Yearly Progress" (AYP) according to the No Child Left Behind Legislation. The classroom teachers and other staff members have been working very hard to help our students be as prepared as possible for those assessments. We also appreciate all of your support and the extra help that you have given your child through helping out with the homework, reviewing math facts, reading with your child, etc. Your help is an important part of your child's education! Again, please check the website and parent letters for the exact dates for the assessments and help your child by **getting him/her to bed early those nights and getting them started with a good breakfast on the testing days.**

We are continuing to make preparations and plans for the 2010-2011 School Year. We had many families in attendance for our Kindergarten Roundup last Monday. We have started putting our Kindergarten List together and hope to be able to accommodate most of the families that have contacted us about coming here next year without getting our class sizes to an unmanageable level!

We are also working on our plans for grades 1-5. For those who have classroom requests, we ask that you to send those requests to me in writing **no later than May 1st.** **Please understand, however, that not all of those requests can be honored.** Several of our classrooms already have all of the requests that we are going to be able to honor. Mrs. Stramel and I always do our very best to honor every request that is possible, but we 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 large again next year, which makes it even more crucial to have the right balance in each of the classrooms. If we are not able to honor your request, one of us will call you and let you know that before our class lists are posted at the beginning of the school year.

There are a few other dates that will be coming up quickly! Our Spring Concert and Home and School Meeting will be on **Thursday, April 15th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Felten Gym. Our Fun In The Sun Day is **May 7th.** Our **5th Grade Promotion** is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 19th at 9:30 a.m.** in the Wilson Gym.

As always, 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. tm

*Wilson Spring Concert
&
Home/School Meeting*

*Thursday, April 15th
6:30 p.m.*

Felten Middle School Gym

*Wilson Singers will meet in the music room
at 7:30 a.m. on the following dates:*

*Monday, March 1; Tuesday, March 2; Monday,
March 8; Tuesday, March 9; Thursday, March 11;
Monday, March 22; Tuesday, March 23; Thursday,
March 25; Monday, March 29; and Tuesday,
March 30.*

*Please be here and ready to sing or play instruments
at 7:30 a.m. Thank you. Mrs. Blackwell*

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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
 Jessica Lehmann – WEAS Assistant
 Kenda Leiker – SPARK
 Andrea McClain – Para Educator
 Lindy McDaniel - ECSE
 Matt Meagher – Morning Supervision
 Jennie Meagher – Morning/Noon Supervisio
 Mandy Meagher – Kindergarten
 Lori Morgan – Grade 1
 Angela Moxter – Interrelated Room
 Amy Neuburger – 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
 Jordy Webb – WEAS Assistant
 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

Site Council

The Wilson Site Council will meet on Monday, March 22nd. The Council will be looking at:

- 2010-2011 Calendar
- Technology Improvements
- Assessments for Spring 2010
- School Improvement Goals
- School Finance
- Capital Outlay Improvement List
- Enrollment Plans for 2010-2011
- Class Size and projections for 2010-2011
- Updates from Home & School

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

Our official **Enrollment Day for 2010-2011** will be **August 4th**, from **7:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.** Enrollment forms will be completed on the computer again this year. More information will be included in our end-of-the-year newsletter.

KinderCamp will be held on Monday, August 9th. The Home & School Ice Cream Social will be held on Tuesday, August 17th from 6:30 until 7:30. The staff has an In-Service Day on Wednesday, August 18th, and the first half-day of school will be on Thursday, August 19th.

Once the Board of Education has formally adopted the 2010-2011 calendar, it will be posted on the Wilson Website.

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!

STUDENTS GO TO THEIR ROOMS AT 7:56 a.m. AND CLASSES BEGIN AT 8:01

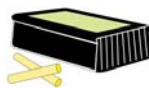
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PLEASE DON'T BE TARDY!!

NO SCHOOL
March 15–19
Enjoy your
Spring Break!!



**Samples of various links available on the
Wilson Web Site
wilson.usd489.com**



Rainforest Math

Spelling City



Calling All Parents

It is that time of year when we begin filling positions for our Wilson Home and School Officers and Committee Chairs for the next school year. We are in need of some volunteers for those positions. Wilson School has always had a very strong Home & School Association that has been a tremendous support to our school. Students love to see their parents involved in the various projects and activities throughout the year.

We really would love to get more people to attend our meetings and get involved in our decision-making and the projects that we do for Wilson School. If you would be willing to help out, please come to our next Home & School Meeting on March 11th and get involved.

We hope to see you there!!



**Celebrate Youth Art
Month at The Hays
Public Library!**

March is National Youth Art Month! Youth Art Month is an annual observance each March to emphasize the value of art education for all children and to encourage support for quality school art programs. As part of this celebration of the arts, the Children's Department of the Hays Public Library will host an exhibit of student work from USD 489 elementary and middle schools. The dates of this exhibit are March 1st through April 11th.

In addition, the Hays Arts Council will host the annual **Spring Gallery Walk** on Friday, April 30th from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME.** For more information contact the Hays Arts Council at 625-7522 or see Mrs. Gross.



**Read Across
America Day**



March 2, 2010

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

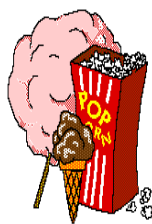
Fundraising:
 Angie Werth -----625-6324
 Stephanie Niernberger -----625-6988

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

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

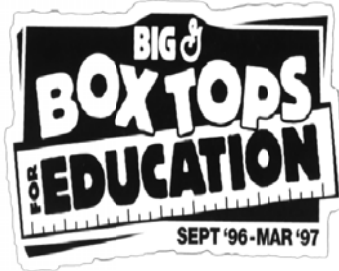
Principal:
 Tom Meagher -----625-3685

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



Snack
 Friday
 Dates for
 Mar/Apr

Fri., Mar. 12th
 Fri., Apr. 16th



Continue To Save!

Please Help Our School



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!*



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.)

HOME &
 SCHOOL
 MEETINGS
 Mar. 11th
 Apr. 8th
 WILSON LIBRARY

March Birthday Celebration
Thursday, March 11th
July Birthday Celebration
Thursday, March 25th
Cookies at Lunchtime!!