

# WILSON SCHOOL NEWS

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Woodrow Wilson Elementary School \* Hays, Kansas \*  
NOVEMBER 2009

**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

The first nine weeks of school concluded and we have had our Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences for this year. Thank you so much for being here to meet with your child's teacher during your conference time. Your involvement in your child's education is so important, and times to get together with you and review your child's progress help all of us to work together for the best possible education for your child.

We are moving into a busy season for all of us as the holiday times are upon us. We will be doing a lot of "school business" these next two months, but there also will be several other things going on here at Wilson School. Please consult your calendars attached to the back of this newsletter so you can stay on top of those various activities. We really appreciate your attendance at our special programs and class activities. Thanks, also to the many parents who help us carry out our activities and help as sponsors on our fieldtrips. We couldn't do it without you!

Wilson School has received the official assessment results from last year and our Adequate Yearly Progress report. Wilson School achieved the Standard of Excellence in Grades 3, 4, 5 and building-wide for Reading, in Grades 4 and 5 and building-wide for Math, and in Grade 5 and building-wide for Writing! That is a wonderful accomplishment for our students, teachers, and for you, the parents. We are currently working very diligently with our students to help them be prepared for this year's assessments. Thank you for the time that you spend helping your child with the memorizing of their math facts. Our students can grasp math concepts so much quicker if they have mastery of these basic facts. Please keep supporting your student by continuing to review these every day. Also, thanks for helping with the studying of spelling words, reading books together, etc. Your involvement in your child's education is so important. We appreciate your support.

Hats off to the Home & School Association for all that they do for us. The food during conferences was great and we had another very successful Fundraiser Sales Campaign. We look forward to our December Sweet Shop!! Thanks for all your hard work and support!

As always, please feel free to visit us here at school anytime. We appreciate the opportunity to work with you and with your child. Have a great Holiday Season!!

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**FALL PORTRAITS  
RETAKES WILL BE TAKEN  
ON  
TUESDAY NOV. 10<sup>TH</sup>**



**NO SCHOOL ON  
NOV.25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>  
due to the  
Thanksgiving  
Holiday Break!**



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**WILSON SCHOOL  
WINTER CONCERT  
and  
HOME & SCHOOL  
SWEETSHOP  
DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>  
6:30 P.M.  
FELTEN  
GYM &  
CAFETERIA**

***Thanksgiving  
Holiday Meal***

Our Wilson Thanksgiving Meal will be on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. We will NOT be able to have guests that day. Thanks!

**\*\*REMINDERS\*\***

Please give us a call by 8:30 in the morning if your child is absent from school. We need to know that all of our students are safe and accounted for. If we do not hear from you, then one of our secretaries has to follow up with a call to you to be sure that your child is at home.

Also, please keep us updated with address and phone number changes. If we need to get a message to you, we have to have currently working numbers in order to do that. Also, we sometimes do various mailings and need to be sure that we have the correct address for those mailings.

When you pick your child up for an appointment, please sign him or her out in the office and, upon returning to school, please sign him or her back in. The same is true if your child comes late to school in the morning. Please come in and sign them in so we know that they are here. That way we always have an accurate accounting of all of our students. If we were ever faced with some type of crisis situation here at school, we would have to be able to account for every one of our students and adults, so this is important information for us to have in the office to assist with that task!

Thanks!!

Are you joining us for lunch? If so, please let us know by **8:30** that morning so we can get that information to the cooks. Also, we are limited on available change in the office so if you can pay with "small" bills that will help us out! Cost is \$3.00.

**NO AFTER-SCHOOL ACADEMICS**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

**WEATHER**

We continue to practice with our students what we would do here at school if severe weather would move in during the school day. Also, as the winter season moves in, please pay close attention to announcements related to that. Information about early dismissals or "No School" days will be given over all radio stations, through the USD #489 Text Alert System, and through local TV Stations.

**WEATHER**

**November Birthday Celebration  
Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>  
with cookies at lunchtime  
for those students!**

**December Birthday Celebration  
Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>  
with cookies at lunchtime  
for those students!**

Tom Meagher - Principal  
 Nancy Stramel - Counselor  
 Ashley Allen - Morning/Noon Sup  
 Christine Anderson - Para Educa  
 Annette Barber - Grade 3  
 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 - Slings  
 Olivia Davenport - WEAS Assistant  
 Judy Dawson - Para Educator  
 Joyce Dinkel - Para Educator  
 Diane Eggleston - Cafeteria Supervisor  
 Jennifer Faas - Resource Room  
 Laura Fabrizius - Cook  
 Erin Flax - HS Assitant  
 Amber Fulwider - WEAS Assistant  
 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  
 Mia Knoll - Admin Assistant  
 Molly Kohl - Para Educator  
 Chelsea Lang - 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 Neuburger - Resource Room  
 Paige Niernberger - Para Educator  
 Shayla Nix - WEAS Assistant  
 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  
 Nicole Sharkey - WEAS Assistant  
 Lois Smith - Grade 5  
 Erica Spangler - Head Start  
 Tony Stegman - Head Custodian  
 Ashley Steiner - AM/Noon Supervision  
 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  
 Carolyn Young - Occupational Therapy  
 Stacie Zimmerman - Grade 3  
 Julie Zollinger - Psychologist



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# Notes from the Nurse

**SICK CHILDREN...Send to school or keep home?**  
 Deciding when a child is too sick to go to school can be a difficult decision to make. Use the guidelines below to help.

**Go to School** - If your child has any of the following symptoms, they could probably go to school:

2. Sniffles, a runny nose and a mild cough without a fever (this could be an allergic response to dust, pollen or seasonal changes)
3. Vague complaints of aches, pains or fatigue
4. Single episode of diarrhea or vomiting without other symptoms

**Stay at Home** - If your child has any of the following symptoms, please do not bring them to school:

- **APPEARANCE, BEHAVIOR** - unusually tired, pale, lack of appetite,
- **EYES** - thick mucus or pus draining from the eye, matted eyelids after sleep, eye pain or redness
- **FEVER** - temperature of 100 degrees or higher. Remember that a child **must be fever free for 24 hours** before returning to school.
- **GREENISH NOSE DISCHARGE AND/OR CHRONIC COUGH** - should be seen by a health care provider. These may be contagious and require treatment.
- **SORE THROAT** - especially with fever or swollen glands in the neck.
- **VOMITING** - vomiting two or more times within the past 24 hours

Bringing a child to school with any of the above symptoms puts other children and staff at risk of getting sick. We will have a healthier winter if everyone follows the "Stay at Home" guidelines.

## ***WILSON SITE COUNCIL***

***Our November Meeting will be a combined meeting with all of the Site Councils in USD #489.***

***November 9<sup>th</sup>***

***5:30 p.m.***

***O'Loughlin Media Center***

**SCHOOL BEGINS AT  
 8:01 A.M.  
 PLEASE BE ON TIME  
 SO WE CAN ALL  
 BEGIN OUR DAY  
 TOGETHER!!**

**KINDERGARTEN  
 THANKSGIVING  
 PROGRAM**

**Wed, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>  
 2:00 p.m.**

**Wilson  
 Gym**



## Home & School

### Executive Committee

President: Julie Zollinger ----- 650-0275  
Vice Pres: -----  
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  
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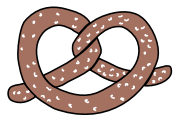
Fundraising:  
Angie Werth ----- 625-6324  
Stephanie Niernberger ----- 625-6988

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

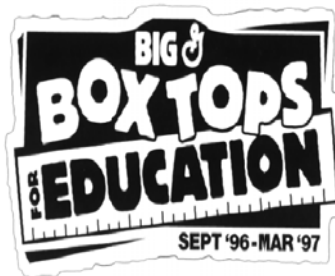
*Home and School meetings are usually held the 2nd Thursday of the month in the library. All are welcome.*



Snack Friday  
Dates for  
Nov/Dec

Fri., Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>

Fri., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>



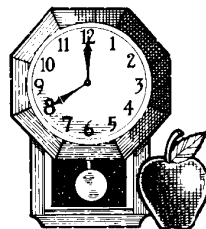
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## Please Help Our School



Please remember when you send snacks or lunches, that we are a ***peanut-free and tree-nut free school!!***

DAYLIGHT  
SAVINGS TIME  
ENDS ON  
NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>

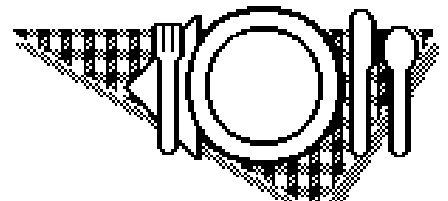


BE SURE THAT YOU SET YOUR  
CLOCKS

## BACK

ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT  
AND THEN ENJOY THAT EXTRA  
HOUR OF SLEEP!!!

*THANK YOU  
Home & School  
Hospitality Committee  
for the wonderful meals  
provided for the teachers  
during our Parent-  
Teacher Conferences on  
October 22<sup>nd</sup> and  
October 26<sup>th</sup>!!  
from the Wilson Staff*





## Please Call Us

Do your after-school plans for your child change during the day? If so, please call us as soon as possible so we can be sure your child, the bus, WEAS, etc. know about the changes.

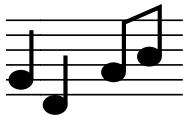
Calls after 2:30 make it very difficult to get the messages to everyone, as the end of the day gets very busy in the office! Thanks for your help with this.

### 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 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 the 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

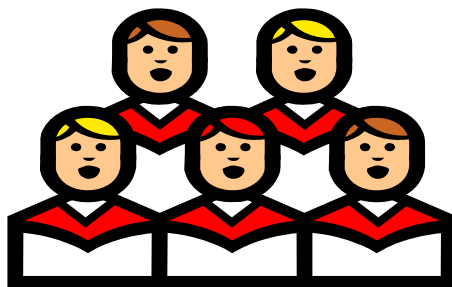
Many parents pay the \$40.00 a month to Wilson School for lunches. You have the option of paying more than that if you wish. All money you pay goes into your child's lunch fund and is drawn from it as he/she goes through our lunch line. A note will be sent home when the total left in your child's fund reaches \$2.50 or less.



*Notes from  
Mrs. Blackwell  
and the  
Music Department*

### Wilson Honor Choir

*The Kansas Music Educators Association Northwest District will be holding a mini-convention on Saturday, December 5, 2009 at Beach Schmidt Performing Arts Center. Six students from Wilson Elementary have been selected by audition to participate in the Elementary Honor Choir. These students are Sierra Brown, Ana Goodlet, Laura Montgomery, Megan Smith, Rachel Taylor, and Anniston Weber. Jordyn Dake and Halle' Tophoj have been selected as alternates. The students rehearse during October, November and early December to learn the songs that will be performed at the Elementary Honor Choir Concert on December 5, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. in the Beach/Schmidt Auditorium on the Fort Hays University Campus. Admission to the concert is \$2.00. The public is invited to attend. Please show your support and attend this outstanding Honor Choir Concert.*



*Wilson Singers will meet in the music room at 7:30 a.m. on the following dates: Tuesday, November 3; Tuesday, November 10; Thursday, November 12; Tuesday, November 17; Thursday, November 19; and Tuesday, November, 24. Please be punctual. Mrs. Blackwell*



**Honor Choir will meet in the music room at 7:30 a.m. on the following dates: Monday, November 2; Monday, November 9; Monday, November 16; Monday, November 23; and Monday, November 30. Mrs. Blackwell**



## Missing A Coat??

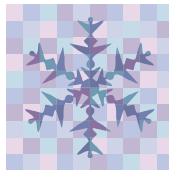
Are you missing a coat. We have several in the lost and found drawer in our office. Please come in and claim them!!



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## COLDER WEATHER IS COMING

Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for the Kansas weather for this time of year. Our weather can change suddenly from warm to cold, and students are often caught off guard without coats, etc. for that. This time of year, students need to always have a jacket with them so they are not needing to borrow one from the office. We are always outside unless the wind chill/temperature goes below 20 degrees or it is raining or snowing.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO

*Mrs. Stramel*



**WILSON SCHOOL  
MASTER TEACHER  
2009-2010**

*Larry Pray, evening custodian at Wilson, extends his "Thanks" to all who expressed words of comfort, sent cards and memorial gifts, or offered other gestures of sympathy upon the death of his mother.*

### Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week was celebrated at Wilson School during the week of October 26<sup>th</sup>. Different activities were held each day throughout the week.

Red Ribbon Week started on Monday with the students receiving their red ribbons to wear and also wearing crazy socks. Our theme for the day was "Sock It To Drugs" Day. Our Red Ribbon Week banner was also displayed on our east fence for the week and the Red Ribbon Pledge was displayed throughout the school for the week.

On Tuesday, our theme was "Put A Lid On Drugs" Day. Students were encouraged to wear their favorite hat for the day.

On Wednesday, our theme was "Say BOO to Drugs". Students were encouraged to wear orange and black, as our Halloween Parties were also scheduled for that afternoon.

Throughout the week, we recited our Red Ribbon Week Pledge after morning announcements.

Special thanks goes to the Red Ribbon Week committee for their many hours of planning and organizing the activities for the week.

**I pledge allegiance to myself and who I want to be... 'Cause I can make my dreams come true if I believe in me. I pledge to stay in school and learn the things I need to know, to make the world a better place for kids like me to grow. I pledge to keep my dreams alive and be all I can be. I know I can, and that's because I pledge to stay Drug-Free!**

