

WILSON PARENT NEWSLETTER

February 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Wilson Families-

I can not believe we are already in the month of February! We just finished our Winter assessments and will share those results as well as other information from the teachers during our conference time.

Our conferences are on February 15th (3:00-7:00 p.m.), February, 17th (3:00-7:00 p.m.), and February 18th (7:40-11:00 a.m.). Please make sure you sign up if you have not already. Here is the PTC Fast [link](#) if you still need it. It's important to highlight your students strengths and opportunities to grow.

February also marks Kindness and "[I Love to Read](#)" month at Wilson Elementary School! During this month we come together as a school community to promote the love of reading through several fun events and focus on bringing more kindness to each other and the world. Click [here](#) for a list of fun activities. In addition, every student will receive a book from Wilson.

A reminder that our Kindergarten Open house is March 3rd from 5:00-6:30 p.m. If you have not registered your student yet please do so as soon as possible. This helps determine our staffing for next year and prepare for our Kindergarten interview days. Here is the [link](#).

The Wilson Science Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2022! Ray Bissen is advising and information was sent home with your child. At this time it is our hope parents/families will be able to attend and the Wilson PTO will be selling pizza. The 3rd -5th graders that are selected to move on to the VIRTUAL Regional Science Fair will receive more information as it becomes available.

This is a reminder that our after-school programming ends on February 10th. We also have ACCESS testing starting on February 8th-into March for our multilingual learners.

I want to thank you for your understanding, flexibility, and partnership as we continue to work through COVID. Our goal is to keep in-person learning instruction a priority.

Kind regards, Mel Hoffner

UPCOMING PE EVENTS @ WILSON SCHOOL - COMING SOON!

ROLLER SKATING!

Yes, it is true! We are going to be partnering with Skatetime and the other elementary schools in Owatonna to offer students at Wilson the opportunity to learn how to roller skate. We are very excited to bring this lifetime skill and activity to Wilson! Please keep an eye out for a permission slip to sign and return along with the fee so that we can run the program successfully. Permission slips are due back by February 7th!

2022 Healthy Husky Challenge

The Healthy Husky Challenge is a fundraising and physical activity event that is designed with the goal to increase awareness of the importance of being physically fit as well as raise funds for local physical education needs and local organizations. This year 75% of all proceeds collected will go to the "We ALL Play" inclusive playground in Owatonna and 25% will go back to Wilson Elementary to purchase equipment to help our students stay healthy and fit. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic we haven't been able to hold this event since 2019. In 2019 we raised over \$4000 dollars and donated a total of \$3,394 dollars to the "We ALL Play" organization. We were also able to start up our Willies Running Club and purchase a new Ninja Slackline to use in the large gym and outdoors at Wilson. Within the last year the construction of the inclusive playground in Owatonna has been completed but there is still a need to help pay off the remaining construction balance and our efforts to help with this do not go unnoticed.

Keep an eye out in March for details regarding this event at Wilson!

BAND CONCERT INFORMATION FROM HOLLY GUENTHER 5TH GRADE BAND DIRECTOR

5th Grade All-District Band Rehearsals:

OHS Band room. 3:15-4:15pm

February - 2, 9, 16, 23

March - 2, 9, 16

Wilson Band Students will ride the following bus # to OHS for rehearsals:

Wilson: Bus #26

5th Grade Band/OHS Concert Band Concert Sunday, March 20. OHS Auditorium. 3:00 pm.

(All buses - except Washington - leave right from school at 2:30 with the regular buses.)

UPCOMING WILSON SCIENCE FAIR - SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 10TH

Contact Ray Bissen - rbissen@isd761.org - with any questions.

Dr. Maria Montessori, who developed this educational program, believed strongly that parents play a critical role in their child's education.

Montessori students display:

- Self-directed work habits
- High level of responsibility to work independently
- Enjoyment of hands-on learning

There are two Montessori Classrooms:

- E1- Grades 1-2
- E2- Grades 3-5



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WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

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Please send your children in appropriate winter clothing - coats, boots, mittens, hats & scarfs. Walk & drive safely and enjoy these upcoming winter months.

PTO INFORMATION

The Wilson PTO is in need of new members! This amazing group of volunteers meets at 6:00 p.m. one Tuesday per month now via a Zoom meeting due to the time change. The time commitment is minimal, but the benefit to our students is significant!

Our PTO provides opportunities such as:

- student planners
- t-shirts
- Pizza With the Principal
- bowling celebration
- Ice Cream Social
- Wilson School Carnival
- iLearn
- fundraisers
- and so much more!
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If you are available to volunteer your time and/or talents, please contact the PTO at wilsonpto1@gmail.com

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

- Call the Attendance Line at 507-444-8405 before 9:00 a.m. if your child will be absent. If it is after 9:00 a.m., please call the Main Line at 507-444-8400 to report an absence.
- The first bell rings at 7:50 a.m. If students enter the building after 7:55 a.m. they will need to check in at the office, as they will be marked tardy.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Address: 325 Meadow Lane

School Hours: 7:55 a.m. - 2:25 p.m.

Main Line: 507-444-8400

Attendance Line: 507-444-8405

Health Office Hours: 7:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Spanish Liaison Hours: 7:50 a.m. - 1:50 p.m.
Somali Liaison Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

