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# FROM THE HELM

October 2018

Wilson Central School District  
Timothy P. Carter – Superintendent

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## From the Desk of Tim Carter:

### Trust- An Essential Ingredient

In Jon Gordon's book *Soup* he talks about how trust is one of the essential ingredients to build a great relationship, winning team and culture of greatness. Without trust, you can't have engaged relationships and without engaged relationships you won't be a successful leader, manager, sales person, team member, principal, teacher, nurse, coach, etc. Then in a recent article, Jon Gordon shared his thoughts on how to build trust. He came up with the following thoughts about trust.

- Say what you are going to do and then do what you say!
- Communicate, communicate, and communicate. Frequent, honest communication builds trust.
- Trust is built one day, one interaction and one decision at a time.
- Value long-term relationships more than short-term success.
- Trust generates commitment; commitment fosters teamwork; and teamwork delivers results.
- Be honest!
- Become a coach. Coach your customers.
- Coach your team at work. Guide people, help them be better and you will earn their trust.
- Show people you care about them.
- Always do the right thing.
- When you don't do the right thing, admit it.
- Trust is the force that connects people to their leader.

Trust is something we are all looking for in a leader. Trust takes time, commitment and hard work. Thank you for giving me the time to build that essential ingredient—trust!!



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### "Thought of the Month!"

**Walk Around-** While doing a walk-around at Wilson Elementary School in early October, I came across these two kindergarten students working on the Chromebooks. I actually was in the room earlier while the children were sitting on the rug. The teacher was explaining to the students what they would do during station time. At the end of the explanation, the students got up, went to get their Chromebook, and in minutes were working away. I was just amazed at their level of independence with technology after just a few weeks of school.



### **High School Guitar Class-**

On Thursday, October 11, 2018, I was invited into the high school music class where the students in the guitar course were being treated to a classical guitar concert. James Piorkowski, a professor from Fredonia, was here showing the students what a classical guitar looks like. He took time to talk to the students and answer questions. What a great experience for our students.





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**Fire Prevention Program-** As part of our fire prevention program, the students at Wilson Elementary School had the opportunity to tour the various apparatus of our local fire department.







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**Wilson Wall of Fame Dinner**-On Saturday, October 13, 2018, I had the opportunity to attend the class of 2018 Wilson Wall of Fame Dinner. It was a great evening of celebrating the accomplishment of past athletes. It was also amazing to watch the current Fall sport captains escort the Wall of Fame members into the dinner. The food was awesome and the conversations were even better. I particularly enjoyed listening to each athlete's accomplishment not only in sports, but in life also. From left to right is Rick Elia, Jr. ('97), Stuart Shull ('68), Tom Reubens ('07) and Joel Feagin ('01). Unfortunately, for health reasons Paul Hill ('63) was not able to make the dinner.





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**Serving Lunch at Wilson Elementary School**- On Wednesday, October 17, and as part of National School Lunch Week, I had the opportunity to spend the lunch periods with the elementary students. I was able to serve them lunch and tell them to have a great day. In between lunch periods, I was able to go out into the cafeteria and sit down and talk with the students. It was an awesome day.





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**Wilson Field Hockey**- On Tuesday, October 16, 2018, the Wilson Field Hockey teams did a community service project called Play for a Cure. During the school day students and staff in Wilson made donations and wore pink. They collected \$1,030.00 in donations. Then at the Field hockey game after school, they had a special recognition. The team recognized teachers selected by a Varsity Field Hockey player as someone who has made a difference in their life as a person and student. What a great event.



**The Big Apple Crunch**- On Thursday, October 25, 2018, the children and staff at Wilson Elementary School participated in the Big Apple Crunch Challenge. At 2:00 PM everyone present took a bite out of an apple and then proceeded to eat the rest of the apple. Farm On! hosts this statewide event in hopes of encouraging everyone to purchase local apples to promote sourcing locally, eating healthy, and supporting our farmers. Wagner Farm donated the apples.







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**Wilson Variety Show-** On Saturday night, October 20, 2018, the Wilson Music Parents Association sponsored a Variety Show. It was an awesome event showcasing the talent of our Elementary, Middle School and High School students. Even some of our staff members got into the action and entertained all of us with a few musical numbers.





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### Updates

**Congratulations**- The Wilson Central School District has been identified on an elite list as a Buffalo's Business First Upstate Five Star School District. Wilson is designated as a Five Star School District because we ranked in the top 10% of all New York School Districts for the last four years in Social Studies.

Wilson CSD ranked 73 out of 431 overall academically K-12 in upstate school districts. Congratulations to the Students, Teachers, Administrators, and Staff for this outstanding recognition.

**Alumni Association**- I have had a few meetings recently having conversations about the creation of a Wilson Alumni Association. So far we have worked with ON BOCES on having an Alumni page in our newsletter. We are also working on creating a logo for the Alumni Association. In addition, we are creating an e-mail list of alumni so we can contact them. We have scheduled the first Alumni Association meeting. It will be on Thursday, December 6, 2018; 6:00 PM in the HS/MS library. Please mark your calendars.

**Mentoring Program**- The Mentor committee has completed its task of updating the Wilson Mentor Program. We met 3 times to review and make changes to the mentor program. The new mentor program will be presented at the November Board meeting and then the Board will vote to approve it. I want to thank the committee for their guidance and input. I also want to mention that Amy Phillips was instrumental in compiling and providing technical advice for this document.

*The object of education is to prepare the young  
to educate themselves throughout their lives.  
Robert Maynard Hutchins*