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# From The Helm

September/October 2019

Wilson Central School District  
Timothy P. Carter – Superintendent

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*From the Desk of Tim Carter:*

### A Little Something More

As I reflect upon the story of Johnny the Bagger from opening day, I can't get out of my mind the thought that Johnny took a small action to try and help his customers and that small step had a giant impact on the store that he worked at. It had such an impact because it came from the heart. Johnny knew that if he made a special moment, and it came from the heart, he was helping his customers. I do not think he ever quite understood or realized the impact he had on the entire store, let alone others. Johnny's story was so inspirational that the writers of the book where I found his story told a few musician friends about Johnny. The musicians wrote a song about him that David Roth performed. I have attached the lyrics and a video of the song.

My big takeaway from the Johnny story is that it does not take much to make a big impact. I reiterate my challenge to you for this school year. Find a way to focus on the small moments. If you do, you will not only create big memories for your students, but you will find that it is rewarding to do **a little something more!**

Thank You for focusing on the small moments with our children and have an enjoyable weekend with your families!!



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### A Little Something More by David Roth

I run a local grocery store, a friendly place to shop  
One day a boy came to my market looking for a job  
He said his name was Johnny, I could see that he was different  
I also saw a sparkle in his eye and so I hired him

I started him collecting carts and sweeping up the floor  
In no time flat young Johnny was a bagger in my store  
He took such pride and worked so hard it rubbed off on my crew  
And just because he only did the best that he could do

Johnny is a bagger in our local grocery store  
Packing people's food away as they go out the automatic door  
Just a job ten thousand other people do  
But Johnny found a way to make it new

Johnny came to work one Monday grinning ear to ear  
He told me that his Dad was teaching him to use the home computer  
Typing this and printing that, whatever he had done  
The look on Johnny's face that day was brighter than the Indiana summer sun

A couple weeks went by and I began to notice something  
It started in the parking lot after people had done their shopping  
They were digging through their groceries and coming out with smiles  
I made a mental note and came inside to check the aisles

The store was pretty busy, must be 5 o'clock, I guessed  
And here the line in Johnny's lane was twice as long as all the rest  
"No wait on 1 through 4," I said, they didn't seem to care  
"We want to be on Johnny's line" they said, and stayed right there

That's when I discovered Johnny's magic secret brainstorm  
A little note he put in every shopper's bag before they went home  
Every note had what he called his "thought" for that same day  
And Johnny signed the back of each good thought he gave away



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I can't begin to tell you how the mood in our store shifted  
Whoever heard of coming home from shopping so uplifted  
We see new people every day we've never seen before  
And some folks say they come in now each time they pass our store

Johnny's got the longest lines of any place in town  
He's also got some syndrome that the doctors label "Down"  
If you ask me how one person makes a difference any more  
Come on by, see Johnny at our store

Johnny is a bagger in our local grocery store  
Packing people's food away as they go out the door  
And he's making things a little better than they were before  
The most important person in our store  
Johnny gives a little something more

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# "Thought of the Month!"

**Big Apple Crunch** -Last Friday, October 25, 2019, the Wilson Elementary students participated in the FarmOn! Foundation's Big Apple Crunch 2019. In partnership with local farmers across the apple belt of New York, and our dedication to bringing children closer to food and farming with healthy fun, the FarmOn! Big Apple Crunch hosted its 6th annual statewide coordinated CRUNCH to bring awareness during apple harvest and inspire us all to eat local with a pledge. At 2:00 PM everyone took a bite!



**Beehive the Musical** - The Drama Club presented the musical Beehive this past weekend. The musical was directed by Mrs. Gretchen Fournier and Mrs. Claudia Andres. The production featured the all-female cast of Elizabeth Humphrey, Olivia Kane, Addison Selbert, Abigail Young and Sierra Shepherd . They performed nearly 40 popular songs from the 1960s, including hits by Aretha Franklin, Tina Turner, Janis Joplin and Connie Francis. My wife and I attended the Saturday evening performance. I was blown away by the talent of our kids.



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**Historical Marker** - Ninth grader Jesse Rodgers unveiled a new historical marker he helped produce last Thursday near 1 Shore Drive in the village of Wilson. The marker recognizes Lake Island Park, which was a huge resort attracting thousands of visitors each year, back in the 1880s. Jesse, along with his teachers, Mr. Brett Sippel and Ms. Maureen Mahar, offered their thanks to the following community members who helped them with the marker creation: Mary Clark, John Sinclair, Charles Horton, Diane Muscoreil, Francis Gallagher and Melissa Langridge. Jesse secured funding for the marker through a grant awarded by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation . Unfortunately, I was not able to attend. I was in Rochester at a conference but I heard it was an awesome event.







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**Wilson Elementary School Character Assembly:** On Thursday, October 3, 2019, I attended a character assembly at WES. Brian Williams, a talented presenter, talked to the students about Kindness. He was very entertaining and he got his point across to the students.



## Updates

### Capital Project Update-

- The phone system and mass notification system at the elementary school are operational. At the HS/MS the wiring is continuing. the goal is on December 23rd, to have the phones in and connected. I am told the HS/MS will have phones after the break.
- Windows at the HS are almost complete. Final painting and touch up will be this week weather permitting. We will also have final window adjustment this week. The blinds are ordered and we are expecting them in the coming weeks.
- New window glass and glazing for two upstairs art rooms at the HS was completed.
- At a recent Capital Project meeting, we reviewed the incidental budget and have determined we have a bit of money still available. We discussed options and made the decision that we would do a pull out project and have the HS front entrance created into a secure vestibule. This was a priority for the District. LaBella, our architects, were given the go ahead to get a cost proposal and a drawing of what it would look like. When complete, the plans will go to the Board for review. If all goes well, the new front secure vestibule will go in this coming summer.



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- With the warm weather last week, track striping was completed. The track looks great.



**Capital Outlay Project 2019-2020-** The COP 2019-2020 secure vestibule at the MS had to go out for a rebid. The reason was that the first bid was too high. To cut some cost, we did some of the work under the current capital project and we are going to put the windows and secure doors under the COP. By the end of this school year, the MS will have a secure vestibule similar to the Elementary School.

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