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FROM THE HELM

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Wilson Central School District
Timothy P. Carter – Superintendent



From the Desk of Tim Carter:

The Positive Pledge

In one of Jon Gordon's books, I came across the attached positive pledge. I read it once and I set it aside thinking about it occasionally. I read it recently at one of our administrative meetings and since then cannot stop thinking about it. I keep focusing on some phrases like: I choose, I vow, I look for the opportunity to learn, I promise, I pledge and I will be resilient. Wow!! These phrases really make me think about how difficult it is to be positive all the time. Some days it is easy to get negative or focus on what is not going well for you. However, as you keep reading, I think the answer is right in Gordon's message.

If you truly believe and you want to be a positive influence on others then:

- Faith is stronger than fear.
- Your best days are ahead of you.
- You are here for a reason and your purpose is greater than your challenges.
- Being positive not only make you better but makes others better too.

Please consider continuing to be a positive person and make a positive impact on the world.

Please read the pledge as often as you need to feel its impact.

Have a great week!!!

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I pledge to be a positive person and positive influence on my family, friends, co-workers and community.

I promise to be positively contagious and share more smiles, laughter, encouragement and joy with those around me.

I vow to stay positive in the face of negativity.

When I am surrounded by pessimism I will choose optimism.

When I feel fear I will choose faith.

When I want to hate I will choose love.

When I want to be bitter I will choose to get better.

When I experience a challenge I will look for opportunity to learn and grow.

When faced with adversity I will find strength.

When I experience a set-back I will be resilient.

When I meet failure I will fail forward towards future success.

With vision, hope, and faith, I will never give up and will always move forward towards my destiny.

I believe my best days are ahead of me, not behind me.

I believe I'm here for a reason and my purpose is greater than my challenges.

I believe that being positive not only makes me better, it makes everyone around me better.

So today and every day I will be positive and strive to make a positive impact on the world.

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"Thoughts of the Week!"

Random Act of Kindness Week- Two of our students, Yvonne Shepherd and Brooke Wisor, organized a "Random Act of Kindness" week in the Middle and High School during the week of April 16-20. During that time, they created a bulletin board outside of the cafeterias that included envelopes holding a variety of different tasks prompting random acts of kindness. They asked the teachers and coaching staff to grant students who participate in this movement an incentive for participating. They were hoping that by students receiving an incentive the first time, this would encourage them to want to continue engaging in this mature and helpful lifestyle. For proof that the students have actually taken part in this movement, the students were to post a picture or a video of themselves doing their random act, using the hashtag #WCSKindness and posting it on social media. If the student didn't post about it, he/she simply did not receive the credit. This program, inspired by our students, is a positive movement that will hopefully leave a memorable impact on them, the staff and community of WCS. I share with you two of the pictures I took, one of the bulletin board and one of the flyer, advertising the event.





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Niagara County School Nutrition Association Spring Workshop- On Tuesday evening, April 17, 2018 I had the opportunity to spend the evening with Sue Bell and our entire cafeteria staff at the NCSNA Spring Workshop hosted here at Wilson Central Schools. The evening began with a gathering of all area food service workers in the Association. We were then treated to a presentation in the auditorium by Ruth Conner about relationship building entitled “Looking Beyond the First Impressions.” After the program we had dinner. They also had a basket raffle but unfortunately I did not win a prize.

Athletic Signing- A big congratulations goes out to Senior Sarah Yousett on signing to play soccer at Alfred next year



The Mark Filsinger Eleventet- On Friday, April 13, 2018 the students of Wilson were treated to a wonderful concert by the Mark Filsinger Eleventet. This group was a Jazz musical group that gave 3 performances. One for the High School students, one for the Middle School students and one for the 4th and 5th graders. I saw the Middle School performance. The students seemed engaged in the music and seemed to enjoy themselves. Thank you to the Wilson Music Department for bringing this group to the school.



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New York State Skills USA Competition- The following students traveled to Syracuse on Friday April 27, 2018 for the New York State Skills USA Competition. Winners will move on to June's National Competition in Kentucky:

Carnegie, Josiah
Dispenza, Frank
Feathers, Jared
Fournier, Cooper
Johnson, Patrick
Kam, Tristan
Mattoon, Dustin
Moore, Samantha
Newton, Nicole
Nowicki, Nicholas
Penque, Louis
Sarratori, Trevor
Simpson, Ross
Taylor, Kasey
Webb, BettyLou
Wilcox, Robert
Wollaber, Cameron

NY STARS Program- On Thursday, April 26, 2018 the Wilson Elementary PTA put on a program entitled NY STARS (State Troopers Advancing Relationships in Schools) The program was a community forum led by Sergeant Corey Harmon for the purpose of discussing safety in schools. It was a great event with many good questions asked about school safety.



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Updates

Budget Update- The 2018-2019 budget is completed. You can see the tri-component budget which is available in all of the school offices or in central office. The shortened version is on our website in the form of the budget newsletter. Our budget hearing is Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the High School Auditorium. The Budget vote and Board Election is Tuesday, May 15, 2018 from 10 am to 8 pm in the Zipp gym.

Capital Project- We had some positive news about the Wilson Elementary playground pull out project. The third party reviewer has OK'd the project. State Ed. has asked a few questions and we are expecting final approval this week. The playground equipment has been ordered. We are on track for installation sometime this summer. As for the rest of the project, we are approaching the end of the design phase and are ready to compare our design to the overall budget. Once that is completed, we will submit to a third party reviewer to look at the project.

District Safety Team Update- At recent District Safety Team meeting we saw a video of the Raptor system that the District Safety Team has been looking into. Todd Harmon and Carolyn Oliveri attended a webinar about the system and said that it is a simple system that gives some additional protection on who enters the buildings. The District Safety Team decided to move forward on getting the system for the three buildings. The Raptor system is designed to have all visitors show their license prior to entering the building. The license is scanned and compared against a registry of sex offenders in all 50 states and it allows us to scan against our own registry of custody issues. Once the visitor is declared OK to enter, a visitor tag is printed. Recently I went to a school that uses this system and below is what the visitor tag looks like. This system gives us one more level of protection on who we allow to enter the school building.





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to educate themselves throughout their lives.
-Robert Maynard Hutchins*