



Central School District

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Message from Your Superintendent

Wilson Families,

As we move along with the 2018-2019 school year, I want to thank the students, staff, parents and community for getting off to a great start. At this point in the school year, students have already developed solid relationships with their teachers, have learned the daily routines, and should be ready to excel in their school work. Academic success is not something that occurs, it is a habit that must be formed by hard work, perseverance, dedication and a willingness to be in school every day.

Over the summer, the administrators and Board of Education members took the input from teachers and staff and created the following goals for the District:

1. Continue to improve internal and external systems of communication including the use of the latest technology. Continue to build upon and reinforce open lines of communication between the school and the community.

Priority Areas:

- Improve our social media presence
- Foster a relationship between school and community and engage the community into the buildings
- Alumni Association

2. Continued fiscal responsibility that reflects community needs while keeping current programs and standards.

Priority Areas:

- Adequate staffing
- Strong academic standards
- Fiscal creativity and conservancy

3. Continue to focus on maintaining a clean and secure school environment that utilizes all district resources with special emphasis on technological improvements for the mental, physical and emotional wellness of all stakeholders throughout the District.

Priority Areas:

- Building safety
- Mental health
- Illicit substance awareness

4. Continue with our strong academic traditions during a time of

rapid change by maintaining high standards while focusing on student participation and academic excellence.

Priority Areas:

- Professional development
- Curriculum alignment
- Technology integration

5. Continue the leadership transition plan that identifies the key qualities of future district leaders within the district and fosters their development into leadership roles. Acclimate, through mentorship, new leaders to ensure this is a smooth and meaningful transition.

Priority Areas:

- Update mentor program
- Allow time for collaboration
- Work together as a team

6. Students with Disabilities will receive a continuum of supports and services delivered by highly trained professionals.

Priority Areas:

- Build a long-range continuum
- Professional Development teachers and General Ed. teachers
- Compliance to state/federal guidelines

7. Build multi-disciplinary teams equipped to analyze a wide range of student data and assist in determining appropriate tiers of academic support.

Priority Areas:

- Data teams
- Research Basal instruction
- Fully supported tier 2 and 3

Our Building Principals and Department Directors will be busy working collaboratively with their teams to build their Comprehensive District Educational Plan (CDEP). Once completed the administrators will present the action plan to the Board.

Best Wishes,

Timothy P. Carter
Superintendent



Calling all WCS Alumni, We Need You!

For several years now, Wilson coaches have hosted alumni games in their chosen sports. Current Varsity Girls Basketball coach, Brian Baker, has seen the turnout for his Girls Alumni Game increase each year. So much so that in 2018, he invited male alumni of Wilson's basketball program to participate as well. Over 75 players turned out for the combined Boys and Girls Alumni Basketball game, with even more alumni in the audience.

At halftime of the inaugural event, 1942 graduate, Mr. Walter Evans was honored with a standing ovation, as the announcer recalled Walter's successes during his days on the court. It was a touching moment for all in attendance.

The turnout inspired Superintendent, Tim Carter, to pursue the formation of an official Alumni Association at Wilson Central School District (WCSD). The purpose of the association will be to distribute pertinent information about school reunions and alumni activities and to potentially yearly award scholarships to current WCSD seniors.

The first step in forming an alumni association will be to hold an introductory meeting. "This will allow us to gauge interest and support," explains Mr. Carter. "If there is enough interest, a committee will then be formed, with officers in place to oversee the committee's activities." The district has already collected contact information from over 300 alumni through various forms of communication, and is hopeful that the community would be receptive to an official alumni association.

If you are a graduate of Wilson Central School District and interested in finding out more information, please consider attending the introductory meeting on December 6th, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School/Middle School library.

We encourage all graduates to fill out a brief alumni questionnaire on the WCS website with their contact information. The form can be found at: <http://wilsoncsd.org/Page/947>. For any further questions, or if you cannot attend the initial meeting, please contact Maureen Mahar (Class of 1987) at mmahar@wilsoncsd.org or 716-751-9341 x 129.

Thank you in advance for your participation! We are excited about this new endeavor and look forward to hearing from you and your fellow graduates.

Wilson Honors 2018 Athletic Wall of Fame Inductees

The Wilson Athletics Wall of Fame was established in 2006 to honor individuals and teams, through participation or support, who have made outstanding contributions to the Wilson Central School District's Athletic program. Superintendent Tim Carter remarked "It was a great evening of celebrating the accomplishment of past athletes. It was also amazing to watch the current Fall Sports captains escort the Wall of Fame members into the dinner. Each athlete was introduced and then had an opportunity to give a few remarks. I particularly enjoyed listening to each athlete's accomplishments, not only in sports, but in life as well. Every athlete remarked upon how being a high school athlete made them a better person."

Congratulations to this year's inductees:

Rick Elia, Jr. (1997) - a Baseball and Soccer star for Wilson. A six-time All-League selection, two-time All-WNY, and an All-State pick (soccer). Member of four league championship teams, two sectional teams, and one Far West Regional championship. He finished his soccer career with the 3rd most assists in Wilson history.

Joel Feagin (2001) - a Basketball and Baseball star for Wilson. Considered one of the best basketball players in the league his junior and senior years. His junior year he averaged 17 points and 10 rebounds per game. His senior year he averaged 21 points and 11 rebounds per game. He holds the Wilson record for most points scored in a season! Joel went on to score 1,000 points at NCCC and 500 points at Post University in Connecticut.

Paul Hill (1963) - was inducted into our Honorary Category for those who excelled outside of the regular high school sports realm. His bodybuilding career took off in 1969 when he won Mr. Junior California and Mr. Pacific Coast. After that, he recorded top five finishes in Mr. California in 1971, Mr. USA (1971, 1972 and 1973) and Mr. America in 1973 and 1974.

Tom Reubens (2007) - in his first year of eligibility, Tom was inducted for his outstanding achievements in Cross Country and Track and Field here at Wilson. Tom had multiple first-place finishes in All-League events and meets. He is a seven-time sectional champion and he is the 2006 State Champion in Cross Country.

Stuart Shull (1968) - a three-sport star in Football, Basketball, and Tennis for Wilson. Stuart was the league leader in points scored in football in 1967 and ran for over 200 yards that year against Newfane. In basketball, he led the league in scoring in 1967 and had a 38-point game against Akron. In tennis, he was undefeated for three years and finished his four-year tennis career with two losses while accumulating four league team championships and four straight sectional team titles.



(LtoR) 2018 Inductees of the Wilson Athletic Wall of Fame: Rick Elia Jr., Stuart Shull, Tom Reubens and Joel Feagin.

Wilson Golf Team Gets a Hole In One for Helping Life Skills Students

Mark Kurtz is the Wilson School District Golf coach. He is also a teacher at Orleans/Niagara BOCES working with Life Skills students at the North Tonawanda High School.

Since all the Wilson sports teams do a community service, he thought it would be a great idea to see if his golfers would be willing to spend a day teaching his BOCES students how to play golf. The golf team, consisting of: Patrick Seeley, Josh Seider, Lillie Sanborn, Emma Nugent, Nathan Meyers, Richie Meyers, Sam Georgal, Michael Bubar and Jared Barry, were game to help out. Thanks to the generosity of Jim Furlong, from Willowbrook Golf Course in Lockport, the Life Skills students and the team got to spend an afternoon on the course so the students could learn and practice the game.

Jeff Roth, Wilson CSD Athletic Director, says at first the proposition was a little nerve-racking for the golfers. "None of them had ever taught anyone to golf before. But once they saw how fun it is and what Mr. Kurtz's class is taking from it, they really ended up enjoying themselves."

"I feel good about helping out today," says Richie Meyers. "It was fun working with Coach Kurtz's student Michael. He had some good shots." Emma Nugent added, "I felt very excited about today. I thought it was a good opportunity for them to actually learn golf and maybe they will end up pursuing it later on in life and keep going with it."

Coach Kurtz says he was very pleased on how the day went and how proud he was of his golf team for their patience with his students. "I think they did a fantastic job teaching and really showed my students a great time. My students loved the outing and especially loved riding in the golf carts! I really want to thank, not only Mr. Furlong for his invitation to play and Mr. Roth, Wilson Superintendent Tim Carter, but also my BOCES supervisors, Ann Logel and Ron Barstys and of course our physical education teacher Rick Hilts for helping out. It was a great day for everyone!"



Wayne Mielcarek and Michael Bubar



Pictured are BOCES students who participated in the "Golf Training Day" with members of the Wilson golf team.



Students Peyton Bell, Alex Wiepert, Gage Gailie and Summer Pratz are gearing up to take a big "crunch" at Wilson Elementary School.

Wilson Elementary Get Their Crunch On

Students at the Wilson Elementary School participated in the statewide Big Apple Crunch.

Students joined schools around the state in biting into a New York grown apple to create what can only be described as a "Big Apple Crunch". Last year, more than 2.3 million people participated. The purpose of the event is to celebrate locally grown food and the New York apple industry.

The Big Apple Crunch is an annual event hosted by the FarmOn! Foundation, the New York Apple Association (NYAA) and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. FarmOn! is a non-profit organization that creates and funds youth educational programs. The organization's goal is to help preserve family farming in America by inspiring students to consider careers in sustainable agriculture.

"The Big Apple Crunch is an amazing way to bring attention to local growers," says Susan Bell, Food Service Director for the Wilson CSD. "Here at Wilson Central Schools, we have a great relationship with area farmers. We expose our students to local, fresh produce every chance we get. When we heard the New York Apple Association was promoting the Annual Big Apple Crunch, we couldn't wait to get involved. Hopefully this was another record-breaking year for the event."



Halloween Costume Winners

Things got a little spooky during the Middle School Halloween costume contest! We had some very creative and fun looks to choose from.

Congrats to our winners (LtoR) Joshua Hannam, Gavin Sauer, Taylor Newman, and Delayna Harris.

Rocking It With Kindness

Mrs. Jaime Lepsch's High School and 6th grade Health classes brought life back to the Kindness Rock Gardens located at the Wilson Elementary School, Zipp Gym, and Fitness Center entryways.

Her students were asked to create a positive and kind message on their rock to spread kindness and put a smile on someone's face. This year, a winner was selected from each group. The High School winner was Allie Alessi and the 6th grade winner was Rayn Cooper. Many congratulations to all her students who did a fabulous job!

We encourage anyone to feel free to add rocks to the gardens any time of the year.



Students Allie Alessi and Rayn Cooper with their artwork.

Elementary School Children Have New Playground

Members of the community came out to celebrate the ribbon cutting of the brand-new modern playground located at the Wilson Elementary School.

The previous playground was constructed through a community effort in 1987. After 30 years, the wooden playground was deemed unsafe and needed to be removed. Around this time, the recent capital project was being planned and money was allotted to build a new playground.

A committee comprised of teachers, parents (PTA), Board of Education members and administration was formed. The students also played a big part and had input on different aspects and parts of the playground that they wanted. "I appreciate and would like to thank all of the committee for all the discussions and input, says Elementary School Principal John Diodate. "I also want to thank the Board of Education for their support through the capital project, the students' for their input, Mr. Harmon's coordination efforts and Mrs. Oliveri and Mr. Carter's efforts in getting this part pulled out early from the Capital Project so our kids didn't have to wait another year for this to be built."



Pictured is the new playground at the Elementary School



Pictured (l to r) John Diodate, Elementary School Principal; George Waters, Board President; Kathy Stewart, Board Member/Playground Committee Member; Timothy Carter, Superintendent; Carolyn Oliveri, Business Administrator; Todd Harmon, Director of Facilities

National Junior Honor Society Induction

Twenty seventh and eighth grade Middle School students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) during an induction ceremony reception in their honor.

NJHS membership is open to qualified students selected by faculty members on the Academic Standards Committee. In order to be considered for membership, a seventh grade student must have a cumulative average of 95% for sixth grade. An eighth grade student must have a cumulative average of 93% for sixth and seventh grade. The Academic Standards Committee then reviews the nominees who not only meet the academic requirements, but also the qualifications of leadership, service, character, and citizenship.

Middle School Principal, Mr. Scott Benton, addressed the inductees with the following thoughts:

“So, what does it mean to be a member of the Honor Society? We know, at a minimum, that it means to maintain the commendable grade point average that is required for admission. While we as a society always place a strong emphasis on academic performance, we also know that the world is filled with many smart people who don’t always demonstrate the morals and ethics that are at the very core of what it means to be a member of an honor society. As Honor Society members, you are the leaders of your class and represent the very best of our school. The Honor Society is built on five pillars: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Citizenship and Character. You are already hitting the mark in each of these areas, and it is for this reason that you are part of this elite group of students.”



Row #1 (l to r) : Rian Faery, Leia Cloy, Abigail Castile, Victoria Soles, Holly Stover, Cassidy Wagner, Linsey Myers Row #2: Mr. Benton (MS Principal), Clifford Humphrey, Nathan Meyers, Jesse Rodgers, Lilyana Avery, Abigail Freatman, Morgan Kurial, Logan Wolfe, Emerick Muck, Mr. Moberg (NJHS Advisor) Row #3: Madison Miller, Megan Shaughnessy, Elyse O’Lay, MaKenzie Dagustine, Allison Hurtgam, Madelaine Schultz, Noah Yerne, Brayden Lepsch, Broderick George, Casey Healy Row #4: Micah Pemberton, Joshua Hannam, Matthew Fox, Brandon Martin, Breckyn Schultz, Tyler Myers, Peyton McInnis, Caitlin Cliffe, Katrina Nye, Benjamin Wortkoetter.

Wilson Elementary Students Learn About Fire Prevention

Students at Wilson Elementary were recently visited by firefighters from various local fire companies to learn about fire prevention and fire safety. Fire personnel demonstrated and instructed students on how to be aware of fire hazards and what to do in an emergency.



(LtoR) First Row: Students Teagan Kropp, Kyla Johnson, Nyx Tim and Wyleigh Reabold. Back Row: (LtoR) Firefighters from the Ransomville Volunteer Fire Company are John Record, Bryan White, Josh Smith and Jessica Jeffords.



Students gain first-hand knowledge on fire prevention as firefighters visit classrooms.

The HS Independent Living Class Prepares for Senior Citizens Breakfast

They are the closest thing to Santa's elves these days! High School students in Mrs. Sweeney Independent Living class, have been hard at work preparing gifts to be handed out at the school's annual Senior Citizens Breakfast. The event will take place just before Christmas on December 12th.

This is the third year that the students will be showing off their sewing skills for their guests. They are creating flaxseed bags that can be heated or cooled to help with pain or an injury. Last year, after donating some of the bags, a community member commented that they would like a warming bag that would fit around the back of their neck. Mrs. Sweeney and her students decided to create bags for just that purpose. The students also make a variety of sizes of bags that can be used for the feet, back and neck.

The students would also like to make another gift for their guests. They are asking the community for new and used t-shirts that they will recycle into cloth bags. Students will cut off the neckline and sleeves and sew the bottom of the shirt together which forms a washable multi-use bag. Every person attending the breakfast will receive a t-shirt bag and a flaxseed bag.

Outstanding job to our community-minded students and staff for all their hard work with this project and making someone's holiday a little bit brighter.



Students (l to r) Brianna DeLine, Zack George, Meagan Froelich, Tiffany McCanna. Seated - Kelsey Bugyi, teacher Deborah Sweeney.



Middle School Students Show Off Woodworking Skills

Students recently completed their woodworking unit in Mr. Scott Harvey's 7th grade Technology class. The students built a hat/coat rack using the basic power tools in the Tech Lab such as a band saw, belt sander, spindle sander and drill press.

Students personalized their projects by using the LASER engraving machine to put their name on the front of the project.

Halloween Happenings



SafeShot Munitions Takes Over Wilson's W.H. Stevenson Elementary Building

Wilson Central School District closed the doors to W.H. Stevenson Elementary School in 2013 because the District could not justify keeping the school open. Wilson CSD Superintendent Tim Carter said, "We don't have the student population or the money and resources to keep it running as a school. It's a huge piece of property and the town of Porter had been having conversations about this building and how beautiful it was and what it could be used for. We wanted someone to do something with it, but somebody who would honor what has already been done here with the community."

The District had been maintaining the property to use for community recreational programs and BOCES workforce development training, but was hoping to find someone to lease or buy the property. Enter SafeShot Munitions LLC. Stephen Cliffe, General Manager and Dr. Jon Hykawy, President of SafeShot Munitions will be leasing the building with the option to buy. Duffy Johnson at the Town of Porter brought it to Mr. Cliffe's attention. As a resident of Ransomville he saw the potential as a site for their business. "We thought this would be an ideal building to use for law enforcement training," he says. "We deal with specifically nonlethal training ammunitions, things that are safe to use in very close distances. We want to assure the community that there will never be live ammunition on the property. We are trying to turn it into a full first response training center. That will allow all the local law enforcement groups to train locally instead of traveling all the way to Oriskany or out of state. It will help them save on their expenditures."

Mr. Cliffe also has a company called Imminent Threat Defense Systems LLC that will be operating in the space as well. "We have been running the TeachSafe active shooter response for classroom defense training program since 2006. We bring educators in the training mix and getting them educated in how to respond to a situation." He says he hopes to partner with teaching colleges to offer the training to its students. "There will be 7,000 educators graduating from Western New York teaching colleges this year. If we can put them

through our facility for training we can bring in state and federal monies involved in safe school initiatives to assist the local schools and the economy. If we graduate them with that training, they are that much more employable."

"We have developed curriculum for emergency response for EMTs and also how to do extractions of casualties in inactive shooter/mass casualty incidents known as "warm zones". We want to turn it into a full first responders training center. Everyone will be welcome. We are hoping to get a lot of support from the community because we know the school has been an intimate part of Ransomville for a long time. I think it is going to be very positive for the community because it will be bringing a lot of business in to the area and a lot of opportunities for part-time work."

Mr. Carter says it has been a long road to get the deal in place. "It started at the end of the last school year with a lot of conversations with a group of community members of what to do with the building. When Mr. Cliffe and Dr. Hykawy came in we were having bigger and better conversations for the use of this building with law enforcement

training. As a district we wanted this building to be useable and also to have the town itself be able to use it as much as possible. I think the Board of Education, administration and the teachers are happy to see the building being used. We want to see the community using it as well around SafeShot's business schedule. I think it is going to be a great collaboration moving forward."

"The support from Wilson School District has been fantastic in pushing things forward and getting stuff done," says Mr. Cliffe. "Without them this would not have happened. They put their nose to the grindstone and got it done. It's a project and half. We are hoping as we go forward it will turn into bigger and better things. We are looking to be up and running by mid-October."

"No one wants them to be more successful than I do," says Mr. Carter. "I hope it is an unbelievable asset for them. We need to have this building being used as much as possible. It has really been great to see the community using it and he wants to keep the community as involved as possible. I think it is a win-win for everyone."



SafeShot Munitions LLC General Manager Stephen Cliffe and Wilson Superintendent Tim Carter.

Wilson Pep Rally



Going Solar in Technology

The 8th grade students in Mr. Scott Harvey's Technology class certainly showed off their bright ideas when they were tasked with engineering and building solar-powered cars.

Students had to design a vehicle that would hold a solar panel, but it had to be able to move side-to-side and forward and backward. This was to allow the panel to adjust to the sun's angle no matter what direction the vehicle was traveling and no matter what time of the day the sun was shining. Student Ariel Roberts stated, "I liked the project a lot. It was fun to build and we got our car to move, which was a success. When we ran into a problem, we had to improvise to solve it to get the car to move." Classmate Madeline Schultz added, "I liked the project, my partner and I constructed our vehicle very well. Our car was lightweight and it was fast, so we won the race!"

"Each vehicle had to carry the weight of an empty 12 oz. pop can as its passenger, not an easy task," commented teacher Mr. Harvey. "The solar car project is a great engineering challenge. More than the mechanics of building a small solar powered vehicle, it teaches lessons in problem solving, trouble shooting and perseverance. This is a tough activity to do and the ability to keep trying when things don't always work the first time is what I'm most proud of the students for working through."



Working on their designs are students Emalee Krantz, Ariel Roberts, Jayme Stone, Madeline Schultz and Jayden Kline.



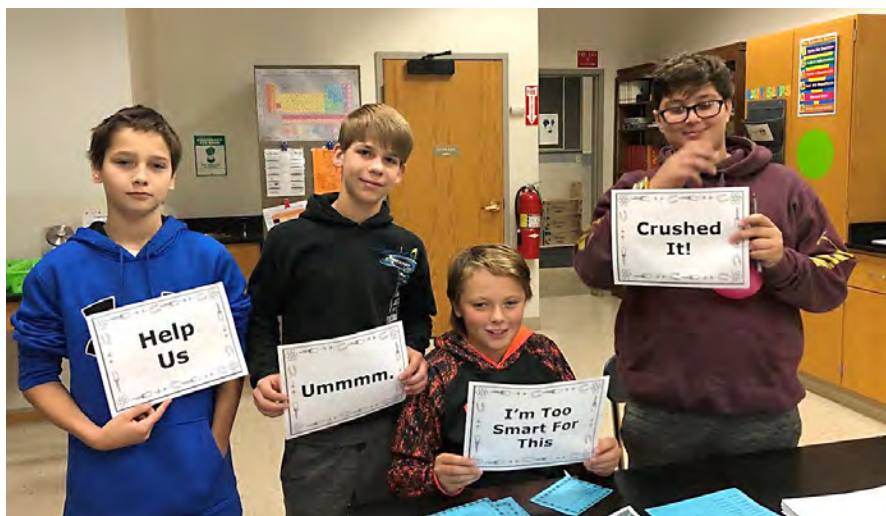
Students John Mercurio, Dylan Wolfe, Drew Dabill, John Ernest, Jordan Stephenson and Gracie Phillips.

Middle School Students Enjoy Puzzling Project

Seventh grade students in Ms. Salvatore's Science class had a real treat as they navigated their way through learning while being quite "puzzled".

The class tackled puzzles that were used to review chemical and physical reactions. There were seven different puzzles for the students to solve. The first gave descriptions of a reaction and the students had to determine what type of reaction it was, the second was a reading passage they needed to decode and the third they had to answer eight multiple choice questions correctly to move on to the next task.

As the students maneuvered their way through the task, they came upon more to solve. In the fourth puzzle, students had to match a description of a reaction to the type of reaction, the next centered on a jigsaw puzzle covered with descriptive words that the students had to put together and then determine the type of reaction being described. Finally, the last two to be solved, were puzzles where students had to use a decoder ring to unlock a message and a puzzle involving sorting chemical and physical reactions correctly. For the finale, the students used a black light to read the message written in invisible ink. "It was good and challenging and a good team building activity," said student Brody George. "It was really challenging, but really fun," added Austin Gordon. Abby Freatman summed it up best when she said, "It was educational!"



Isaiah Schearer, Conor Peck, Jarod Jagewski and Troy Wilkins



Vaida Webb, Bridget McBride, Allison Hurtgam and Leia Cloy

Pep Rally



Beloved Teacher Honored by Tree Dedication

The WCSD family held a small tree dedication ceremony at the Wilson Elementary School. A “Celebration Maple” tree has been planted on the east end of the school, in memory of Mrs. Cheryl T. Shaw. Mrs. Shaw was a beloved kindergarten teacher who spent 34 years in the Wilson District, investing in her young students as if they were her own.

The leaders of the Wilson Teachers’ Association (WTA), knew that as a group, they wanted to honor Cheryl’s memory in a symbolic way. They decided that planting a tree seemed like the perfect memorial. At the ceremony, Cheryl’s colleagues described their thoughts about the tree’s symbolism:

“Planting a tree is an investment in tomorrow... a promise to look forward. Much like Cheryl nurtured her young seedlings, her little kindergarteners, for 34 years here, we’ll watch this tree grow and quietly inspire each season, throughout the year. Every fall, its green leaves will give way to a brilliant red that will be sure to inspire oohs and ahhs when the sun hits it just right. After a long winter, the first glimpse of leaves returning will remind us that the warmth of summer is right around the corner. As it grows over many decades here at Wilson Elementary, it will be used as home base for hundreds of games of hide and seek, and it’s just the right distance from the playground, to provide a nice, quiet spot for little ones to enjoy a good book during recess. The kind of tree we chose is called a “Celebration Maple”, and we thought it was a fitting tribute. Our hope is that for years to come, whenever folks pass by this tree, they’ll read the Dr. Seuss passage on the plaque and remember Cheryl with a smile: “Don’t give up, I believe in you all. A person’s a person, no matter how small.”

The WTA invited a few guest speakers to share their memories of Cheryl, including a group of her former kindergarten students, who are now mostly in middle school. Students happily recalled how they would arrive to their room on St. Patrick’s Day to find that naughty leprechauns had painted their desks green and left chairs flipped upside down. They also shared how she: taught them to tie their shoes, saved drawings they had made for years, wore festive hats in the Easter parade and instilled a love of reading in them. Students who shared their stories include: Stephanie Atlas, Mia Swick, Nicholas Palermo, Keegan Herman, Kiernan Santana, Mason Coulter, Morgan Kurial, Bridget McBride, Lily Avery, Jack Mahar ,

Ethan Lackner, Conner Ernest, Leia Cloy and Caitlin Cliffe.

After all the students spoke, they performed two bars of The Milkshake Dance, and invited Ms. Meg Thompson (Cheryl’s sister) to join them. They explained that Ms. Thompson taught them the dance in 5th grade, and then they taught it to Mrs. Shaw’s kindergarteners, who then performed it at Kindergarten Graduation last year. The students did a wonderful job sharing their favorite memories of Mrs. Shaw, while bringing smiles and laughter to the dedication ceremony.

Retired WTA member Kathy Stewart, who taught 1st grade in the district for over 30 years alongside Cheryl, spoke fondly of their days together. Kathy also recalled how much Cheryl loved St. Patrick’s Day, even convincing Kathy to use food coloring to dye her hair green! Lynn Bohlman helped Mrs. Shaw for many years as her classroom aide, and shared some thoughts on behalf of her colleagues at Wilson Elementary. Lynn also presented Ms. Thompson and Ms. Katie Shaw (Cheryl’s daughter) with two large purple mums, to keep and plant. Meg Thompson was the last presenter to speak, and did a wonderful job recalling her favorite memories of her sister, and thanking everyone for the support her family has received.

WTA Vice President, Ms. Maureen Mahar, concluded the dedication by describing a few more sources of symbolism used in the ceremony. A purple ribbon (Cheryl’s favorite color) was tied around the tree’s trunk, and the tree itself was at the peak of its fall color for the ceremony, filled with dazzling red leaves. Guests were invited to write messages on paper tags and hang them from the tree’s branches before leaving. Purple bookmarks were also given to all guests, designed with another one of Cheryl’s favorite Dr. Seuss quotes on them, “The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go!”

Ms. Mahar organized the dedication ceremony, on behalf of the WTA, and thought the event was very well received. “I invited a few students to speak and bring along some friends, and they ran with the idea and did a tremendous job. We had one meeting, to review what everyone was going to say, and after that meeting, I knew the kids were going to make the ceremony a very special one.” Ms. Mahar offers her thanks to everyone who played a part in making the day so touching and memorable.



Some of the participants that took part of the tree dedication are :Left side of tree (l to r) Caitlin Cliffe, Bridget McBride, Lily Avery, Ms. Katie Shaw (standing), Leia Cloy, Morgan Kurial, Stephanie Atlas, Mia Swick and Mason Coulter. Right side of tree: Kiernan Santana, Nick Palermo, Keegan Herrmann, Ms. Meg Thompson, Conner Ernest, Jack Mahar and Ethan Lackner.



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Wilson Athletes Take Honors

It's been quite an exciting start to the year in the Wilson Athletics Department. Students have come together to showcase their talents and have been awarded titles of distinction for their very hard work. We are proud to recognize:



Wilson soccer goalie Ralph Grizanti was selected by the league as "Player of the Year".



Boys basketball coach Brett Sippel eclipsed the 200 win mark last year with an upset victory over league champion Medina.



Wilson golfer Lillie Sanborn was selected by the league as "Golfer of the Year".



Wilson Boys Soccer team (coached by Jeff Hart) are Niagara Orleans League Champions