



WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wilson, New York

Fall 2022

Dear Wilson Middle School Students, Parents, and Staff,

“Welcome back” to our 7th and 8th grade students and parents, and **“welcome to the middle school”** to our 6th grade students and parents. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to a year of learning, teaching, sharing and providing a great education for your child. We are committed to working diligently with you to bring out the best in each child that enters our doors.

Please review the Middle School Student handbook, that outlines the procedures necessary to run a safe environment that is conducive to learning. Policies will be consistently enforced, as all students have indicated that they will cooperate, both academically and behaviorally.

Students will receive every opportunity to earn a complete education. With that being said, it is mandatory that your child attend class every day. Being punctual, coming to school and participating during the school day are integral parts of receiving a quality education. Make sure that your child/children come to school and report to class on time. We will definitely do our part at school, as you do your part at home.

I am thrilled about how the year has begun and look forward to working with students, parents, and staff. We are a team and we need your support, your suggestions, and your sacrifice as you review agendas and daily homework with your child. Together we will make this year the very best.

Grade level teams have been meeting with parents and guardians since the first day of school and will continue on a daily basis. Parents and teachers are communicating through the use of meetings, Google Meets, student agendas, emails and phone calls. I commend parents and teachers for taking the initiative and time to communicate for the betterment of our students. If you are unsure how to contact your child's teachers, please call the office and we will guide you through the process.

We are a few weeks into the 2nd quarter. Is your child doing everything possible to meet middle school and parental goals?

- Utilizing 12th period consistently?
- Turning in quality work?
- Attending school every day?

If the above items are being done, your child will have a successful middle school year.

Please do not hesitate to call if I can be of assistance and I hope you enjoy the Holiday Season.

Sincerely,
Mr. Scott Benton, Principal
Wilson Middle School



SEPTEMBER WILSON WINNERS

Each month, two students from grades 6-8 are nominated by their teachers as Wilson Winners. Students may be nominated for any number of reasons, and this spring, all 54 students will attend a field trip to celebrate their achievements. Congratulations to the Wilson Winners for September 2022!

Sixth Graders:

Teddy Andrews was nominated by **Mr. Benton** because he is an amazing student. He comes to school full of joy, eager to learn, and just as eager to help his classmates. Teddy makes friends easily and has a lot of empathy for them. He is to be commended for creating 'The Anchor News' channel as well.

Brooklyn Nye was nominated by **Mrs. Reagan** for putting a lot of effort into her schoolwork and doing very well in school. She is a great role model for others as she consistently chooses to do the right thing.

Seventh Graders:

Henry Wortkoetter was nominated by **Mr. Moberg** for his willingness to work hard to be successful and having a positive attitude.

Andrea Faery was nominated by **Mr. Sippel** and **Mr. Moberg**. Mr. Sippel nominated Andrea because she is a dedicated and diligent student. She is always willing to help out when asked and is a wonderful classmate to her peers. She serves as a terrific role model for the other middle school students. Mr. Moberg nominated Andrea because she actively participates in class discussions and is a leader amongst her peers.

Eighth Graders:

Olivia Donovan was nominated by **Mr. Friedrich**. Olivia has started off her 8th grade school year extremely strong, and her teachers have already taken notice. Olivia is consistently prepared, asks questions and completes her work without hesitation. She is a dedicated student, who pushes herself frequently to do her best. Olivia is truly a role model for the rest of her peers on what it takes to be successful.

Max Harmon was nominated by **Mrs. Aloisio** for being a responsible, proactive student. He shows leadership qualities in various ways and displays an extremely caring attitude towards his academics, going above and beyond required assignments. Max is a role model to his peers.



OCTOBER WILSON WINNERS

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Sixth Graders:

Bryson Frerichs was nominated by **Mrs. Reagan** for being a great student. He is ready to tackle any task he is presented with and gives it his all. She loves his enthusiasm for learning!

Kayden Pollow was also nominated by **Mrs. Reagan** for being an outstanding student. He comes in every day ready to do what it takes to learn as much as he can. He meets challenges straight on and it is wonderful to work with a student that is so willing to work hard.

Seventh Graders:

Archer Simpson was nominated by **Mr. Moberg** for being an active participant in class who shows great character and leadership.

Kiernan Santana was nominated by **Mrs. Alessi** for always coming to class with a smile on her face, ready to learn. She is kind, respectful and always willing to help. She has had a great start to seventh grade!

Eighth Graders:

Damien Connor was nominated by **Mr. Alderman** because he is a great kid with a great sense of humor.

Benjamin Meyers was nominated by **Mrs. Aloisio** for being a proactive and dedicated student. He is focused and driven to be the best that he can be. His hard work and determination is an inspiration to his teachers and peers. There is no doubt that Ben will be successful in his future endeavors.

KINDNESS PROGRAM

The idea to start a Kindness Program was born last spring. Students and staff were all feeling the pressures of living life during a pandemic, and also dealing with the fear and anger of senseless gun violence in Uvalde, Texas and Buffalo, New York. With a renewed emphasis on mental health, twenty staff members in the middle school decided to team up and make kindness a priority this year. Their first idea was to design a tee shirt inspired by the 'Choose Love' shirts worn by the Buffalo Bills. Thanks to donations from the following organizations, over 300 shirts were purchased for every staff member and student in the Middle School, at no cost to them:

- MS/HS PTSA
- Shared Decision Making Committee
- MS Student Council

About once a month, 'Kindness Days' will be scheduled, with activities happening at each grade level, centering on kindness. Additionally, Kindness Coins are distributed each week to deserving students in grades 6-8. The coins may



be redeemed in the cafeteria for 50 cents. Teachers and staff members may also give out Kindness slips, recognizing students for random acts of kindness. During the Kindness Day in September, **Mrs. Reagan** read the book *One Kindness* by Jacqueline Woodson in her sixth grade classes. Students also created bookmarks that were donated to Wilson Elementary and the public library. Eighth graders in **Mr. Alderman's** classes worked in groups to create kindness-themed posters, that were hung around outside his room. Some classroom activities and gestures that have been offered include:

- wearing Kindness shirts in a show of togetherness
- painting kindness rocks
- writing Thank You notes to veterans
- making yummy treats to share with classmates
- creating kindness posters for display in the hallways
- watching videos that feature random acts of kindness
- studying true, significant acts of kindness throughout world history
- receiving free goodies from the lunch room (thanks Mrs. Bell)
- reading books and short stories centering on kindness
- receiving tokens and appreciation slips for random acts of kindness
- making bookmarks to donate to the public library and WES
- creating weekly announcements centered on kindness
- writing Teacher Appreciation cards
- singing songs about love & peace in music class

Imagine the impact that could be made on daily life if we were simply kinder to one another. Today, and every day, please make a conscious effort to put kindness first, and do at least one extra-special thing for someone to brighten his or her day. Want some ideas? Here's a [great student calendar](#) filled with ways to practice kindness on a daily basis!

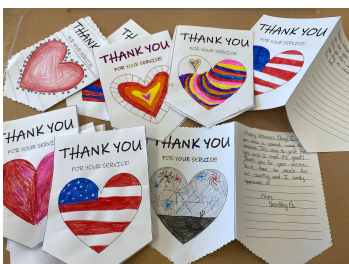
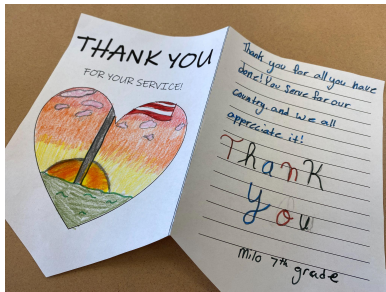
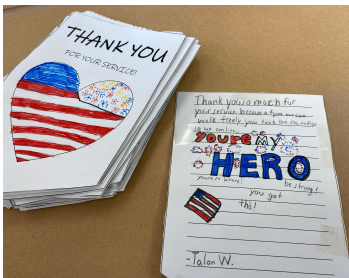




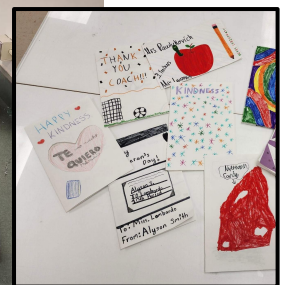
To support the Kindness Program, students painted rocks to help replenish the existing 'Kindness Rocks' gardens at both the MS/HS and Wilson Elementary. Thank you to **Mrs. Reagan, Ms. Henzel & Mrs. Aloisio** for spearheading this activity.



KINDNESS ROCKS!



Seventh grade students expressed gratitude in November by writing Thank You cards to veterans and their teachers. Thank you to **Miss. Zeller and Mrs. Harvey** for coordinating these activities.





Middle School students were treated to a *Kindess Rocks* concert on the day before Thanksgiving. Featured performers included: **Riley Kolan, Savanna Jones, Luke Howard, Will Howard, Katrina Nye, Tyler Woolson and Mr. Brayley**. Students selected songs that centered on peace and kindness. A few of the songs covered include *Here Comes the Sun* by the Beatles (sung by Riley), *Riptide* by Vance Joy (sung by Savanna) and *No Rain* by Blind Melon (sung by Katrina). Thank you to **Mrs. Andres** for putting together the concert. It was such a hit that tentative plans are to offer another one preceding the break in February.



A NOTE FROM THE FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

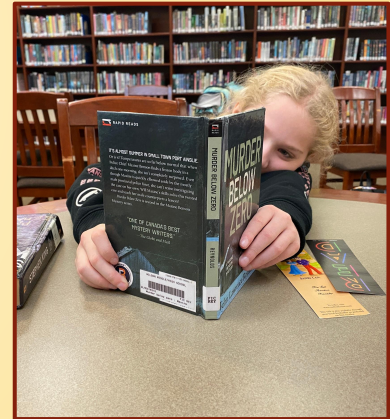
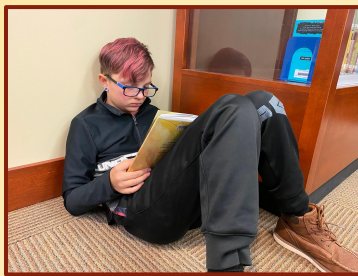
We have had a great time celebrating **Kindness Day** each month. In October we had 109 students receive a *free cookie* with their lunch meal, and in November we had 71 students receive a *free ice cream* with their lunch meal.

If you would like to participate in future kindness days in the cafeteria, all you have to do is wear your kindness tee shirt and get a lunch meal on the announced day and you will receive the free treat of the day. Listen to the announcements to hear about upcoming dates and treats!

The Food Service Department would like to thank the **Merino family** for their generous donation of fresh picked apples. We were able to offer them at both breakfast and lunch. The middle school and high school students loved them. As always, thank you for your continued support of our meal programs!

READ-A-THON

The Read-a-Thon is held each year, to support the **25 Book Club** program. This year, it was held on October 27th in the Library Media Center. Monies raised during the Read-a-Thon are used to offer rewards and incentives. This year the student raising the most money for the Read-a-Thon was 6th grader **Aliah Hallatt**. She was awarded an Amazon gift card. Thank you to our participating students for reading and raising money for the 25 Book Club program!



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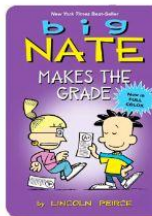
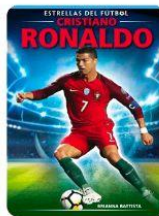
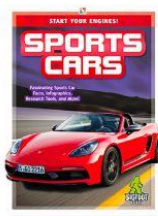
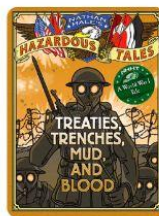
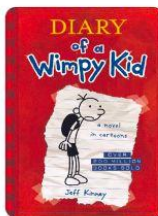
The Library Media Center has partnered with other school libraries to provide students with over 1,000 new eBooks this year! SORA is an online reading platform similar to OverDrive, that is accessible through the LMC card catalog. Use the eBooks link on the LMC website, to see the different ways available to access eBooks. Happy reading!

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MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

The Middle School Student Council kicked off the 2022-23 school year with an AMAZING fundraiser selling fall mums from Treichler's Nursery in Sanborn. Over 60 students participated and sold mums to make this year's fundraiser a huge success. Students who sold three mums or more will be invited to a pizza party and those students who sold phenomenal numbers as the top seller of their grade level will be receiving an award/prize for their efforts.

The top sellers of each grade include: 6th grader **Aliah Hallatt** with 32 mums sold. 7th grader **Madden Harris** with 29 sold, and the top seller this year with a new all-time record was **Aiden Mills** with 42 mums. Congratulations to these top sales people!

Overall it was an awesome fundraiser and we've raised some nice funds to help support end of the year Middle School events for students. Thank you to all who participated and supported the Student Council sale, and we sincerely hope you enjoy your fall mums.



THE ANCHOR NEWS



WILSON MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

THE ANCHOR NEWS

Sixth grader **Teddy Andrews** showed interest in serving as **Drew Dabill's** replacement on *The Wilson Sports Network*, but since he's a little too young right now, **Miss Mahar** suggested that he start a new MS/HS News Network where he can cover all kinds of school events. He was very receptive and as a result, *The Anchor News* was born (his mom Jamie helped design the logo).

The Anchor News is a new venture, and will hopefully be expanding throughout the year, adding more reporters, camera crew, etc. More information will be shared if/when the channel grows. Please look for The Anchor News on the district YouTube page at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBBdXQ9DZHvtokomfvJQQLg>

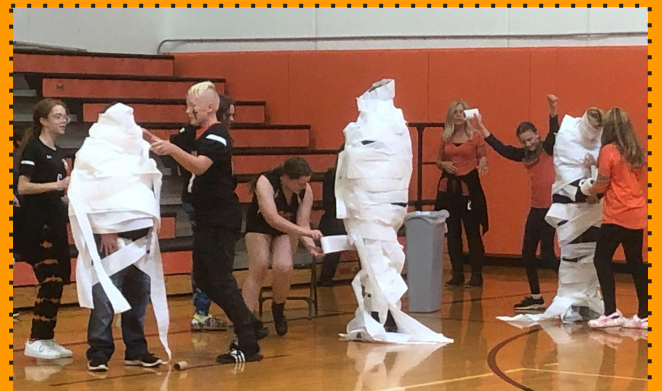
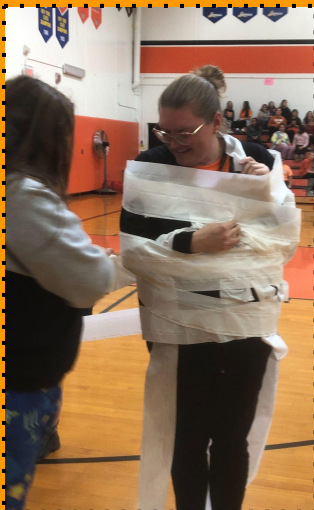


HOMECOMING

The theme for this year's Homecoming week was *biomes* and the 7th grade won the door decorating contest. During the kickball game tournament, the 6th grade beat the 7th grade in the first game, but the 8th graders were crowned champions after the final game! The Pep Assembly featured some classic games including pie eating, the toilet paper race, and the basketball free throw competition. Students enjoyed participating in theme days on each day of the week. Special thanks to **Mrs. McCarthy** for all of her hard work coordinating the week-long activities.



HOMECOMING PEP RALLY FUN!



DOOR DECORATING RESULTS

1st place: 7th grade (aquatic)

2nd place: 8th grade (polar)

3rd place: 6th grade (jungle)



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ATTENTION all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students:

Laker Lure is our middle school newspaper written 'for the students by the students'. We would love for you to come and join us in writing articles for our next edition. We write many types of articles from sports to stories to poetry and beyond. You don't have to love writing to join this club. Sharing something that you're passionate about can be awesome!

Laker Lure is looking for writers to create the following articles for our Christmas edition. Please know that all articles do not have to be Christmas themed.

Articles:

- **Health or Beauty Tips article**
 - Write an article for how to better your health or a make-up tutorial
- **Art, Music, Entertainment news, Book review**
 - Write an article about your favorite music artist/song, art piece, or book
- **Holiday traditions, recipes, puzzles etc.**
 - Share a special family tradition or recipe
- **Stories**
 - Write an interesting story and share your creativity
- **Opinion article**
 - We all have opinions, write an article about a topic of your choice
- **Current Event**
 - Write about something important that is going on in your community, state, country
- **World News**
 - Write about something important to you that is going on in the world today
- **Advertisement**
 - Advertise you or your family's business or an item that you would like to
- **Poll**
 - Take a poll of your teachers or peers for something that interests you
- **Historical**
 - Write about a time in history of your favorite topic to share with others

If you are interested in writing any of these articles, please contact Mrs. Aloisio at kaloisio@wilsoncsd.org.

The Laker Lure Club holds meetings every Wednesday in Mrs. Aloisio's room #1, however if you are interested in submitting an article you do not have to attend the meetings.

*NOTE: Any and all articles must be school appropriate to be published. If in doubt, please contact Mrs. Aloisio. Mr. Benton gives final approval of all articles.

LAKER LURE

*A newspaper for the students,
by the students!*



7th GRADE FIELD TRIP TO FORT NIAGARA



The seventh grade field trip to Fort Niagara has become a favorite each fall. Students were guided around the grounds and learned what life was like for early settlers. Living history interpreters showed students how to cook over an open flame, fire cannons and survive with limited resources. Thank you to **Mr. Sippel** for organizing the trip, and to the chaperones who spent a great day with students exploring this historic fort.





MOCK ELECTION

Each year, **Mr. Sippel** offers his 7th graders a lesson about the electoral college. He holds a mock-election to illustrate the difference between the popular vote and electoral votes. Two presidential candidates present their platforms to each class of voters, who are split up into states. This year, **Mr. Sippel** and **Miss Mahar** were the candidates. Each candidate presents a platform of opposing issues, followed by a question and answer session. Platform issues are geared to be school-specific, and this year's issues included: a cell phone policy; dress code; legal driving age; school lunch menu; homework; length of school day and length of school year. Candidates hold opposing views on each issue, so students use a chart to weigh the pros and cons, before casting their vote. Since there are very few times when a student agrees with 100% of a candidate's platform, s/he must make an informed decision, based on what issues s/he believes to be most important. After votes are cast, **Mr. Sippel** displays a chart and records both the popular vote and the electoral vote. He uses a

modified list of states (less than 50), with each classroom having states that range in the number of electoral college votes they have. Since states like New York and Florida have more Electoral College votes (29 each) than states like Vermont and Alaska (3 each), students are able to see how certain states influence the outcome of an election more than others. In the week leading up to the election, signs are put up in the hallways and each candidate filmed campaign commercials for students to view. **Mr. Sippel** and **Miss Mahar** have been teaching the lesson for a long time and this year, the popular vote was tied going into the last class period of the day! **Mr. Sippel** and **Miss Mahar** believe it is a fun, informative way for students to learn about elections and the electoral college.



VETERANS DAY

Veterans, including **Principal Benton**, visited Wilson Elementary School for donuts and coffee. Following the refreshments, they visited classrooms and read books to students and answered many, many questions!

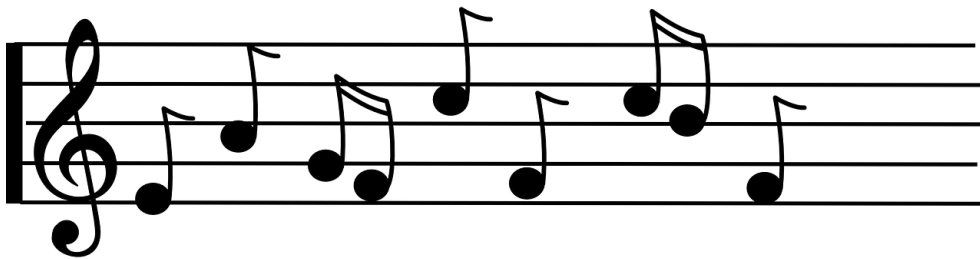
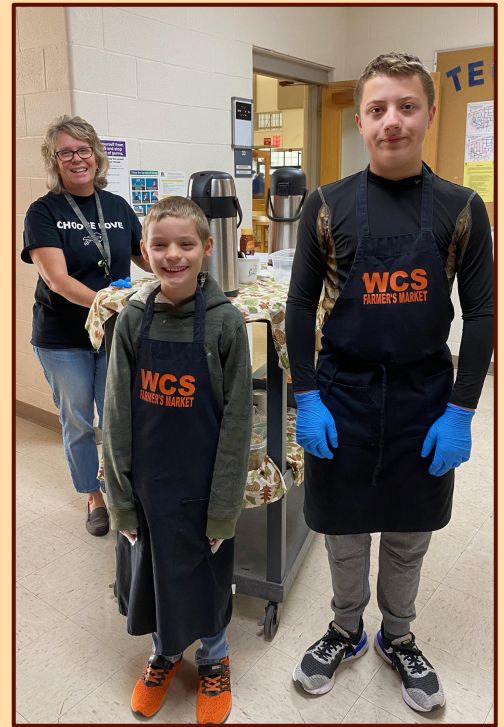


THANK YOU, VETERANS

We honor you and are so thankful for your service

PATHWAYS PROGRAM

The Pathways Program in the middle school has been busy with a variety of activities so far this school year. We have successfully run our coffee cart for a few weeks now. We are very thankful for all of the coffee drinkers and supporters of our program, and look forward to serving the staff and faculty once a week. The students have worked hard to shop, bake, take and fill about 30 orders each week. We were also happy to help with the organization and distribution of the Kindness shirts that were given out to the middle school students and staff. We appreciated the opportunity to help out with this great program.



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

By Ms. Rachel Birkman

It has been a pleasure getting to know the students at Wilson Middle over the past few months. In music class, we have been working on rhythm and note-reading skills, and have worked together to perform some music in class. Pictured below are students from music class during the first quarter, where we learned a traditional

African drumming piece called *Funga*. The bands here at Wilson MS/HS have also been working hard to prepare for our upcoming December concerts. The MS Band concert is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 13th at 7 PM** in the auditorium. Hope to see you there!



CHESS CLUB

Mr. Neumann will be offering a Chess Club after school to sixth graders. The club will start on November 30th during 12th period in Mr. Neumann's room (room 3). The club will be held on Wednesday and Thursdays. All eligible students are encouraged to attend. If students are ineligible, they will be asked to spend 12th period with a classroom teacher to help improve their grades.

The club will start with the beginner group for the first couple weeks. After this, the more experienced group will rotate days with the beginner group. There will be some tournaments offered along the way. Most of the time, students will be scheduled to have Chess Club one day per week. Later on, Mr. Neumann may combine groups and then students may attend on two days. They will be able to take the 3:08pm late bus home after club.



Questions or concerns may be emailed to Mr. Neumann at tneumann@wilsoncsd.org.

AIS UPDATE

By Kevin Bovanizer & Tanya Flynt



In the spirit of Thanksgiving, the AIS students created turkeys displaying reasons they are thankful for Math and/or ELA. The students listed reasons ranging from liking poetry to being able to play math games with their friends to using the information in everyday life. We feel it's important for the students to be mindful of what they are doing in school every day as well as how it will benefit them in the future. It's important for the stu-

dents to not only be active in their current learning but also to understand why they are learning the material so that they are more motivated to participate. Not everyone in the world has access to education like we do, so it is necessary sometimes to take a minute and be grateful for the educational programs we do have and be reminded of how lucky we truly are.

6th GRADERS MEET 'DEPUTY Z'

On September 12th, the 6th graders had the opportunity to meet **Deputy Zuchlewski**, our new SRO. Deputy Zuchlewski explained his role in our school which includes monitoring the school buildings and the grounds. He also talked about his experience as a drone operator, being a member of the SWAT team, and touched upon ways to stay safe in our school and on social media. We were happy to learn that "Deputy Z" is here to keep us safe and to be our friend!



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL FLOWER PLANTING

Student Council members took advantage of the great weather this fall, and planted tulip and daffodil bulbs throughout the courtyard and at the front entrance of the middle school. Thank you to advisors **Mr. Scott**

Harvey and **Mrs. Janelle Harvey**, for replenishing the flowers. We are all looking forward to seeing them bloom in next spring!



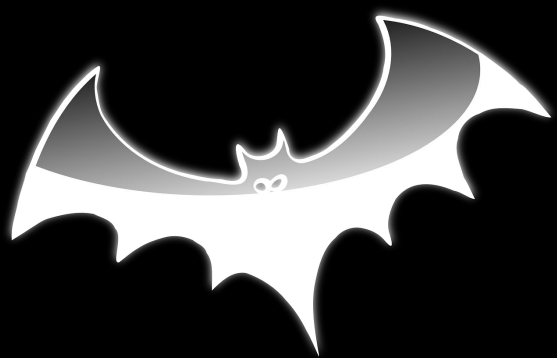


HALLOWEEN CONTEST WINNERS

1st Place: Madison Horn
Grandfather Clock

2nd Place: Abigail Fisher
Sally from Nightmare
Before Christmas

3rd Place: William Merino
Joker



MEET OUR NEW TEACHERS

Mrs. Stacey Danner
Special Education



Ms. Rachel Birkman
Music/Band



Mrs. Tanya Flynt
AIS/ELA



Mr. Carmen Tripi
Accelerated Math



MEET OUR NEW STAFF

Mrs. Carrie Sottile
Building Based Sub



Mrs. Lynn Lynch
Guidance Office



Mrs. Amanda Phillips
MS Office



Mrs. Elizabeth Barnum
Nurse (WES/HS & MS)



Mr. Stephen McCarthy
Aide (ALC)



Ms. Sarah White
Classroom Aide



Mrs. Laura Pino
Food Service

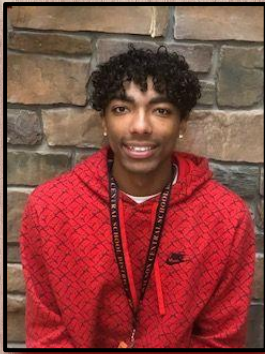


Mrs. Kendra Fellows
Food Service



MEET OUR NEW STAFF

Mr. Nicklos Streuber
Facilities



Mr. Joe Miosi
Facilities



Deputy Talon Zuchlewski
Student Resource Officer (SRO)



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AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

‘**Buddy Blood Drop**’, the mascot for the American Red Cross, visited the Middle School recently to let people know there will be a mobile Blood Drive on Thursday, December 15th from 11:30 AM - 5 PM. To make sure the drive is appropriately staffed, **appointments are preferred**, but walk-ins will also be welcome. For appointments, please visit this [link](#) or use the QR code below. All presenting donors will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card and Red Cross swag. Special thanks to high schoolers **Josh Hannam & Peyton McInnis** for bringing



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Buddy to life, during the Bills Tailgate and Turkey Trot race. For questions or more information, please contact **Christine Waters** at cwaters@wilsoncsd.org. The drive is sponsored by the National Honor Society.

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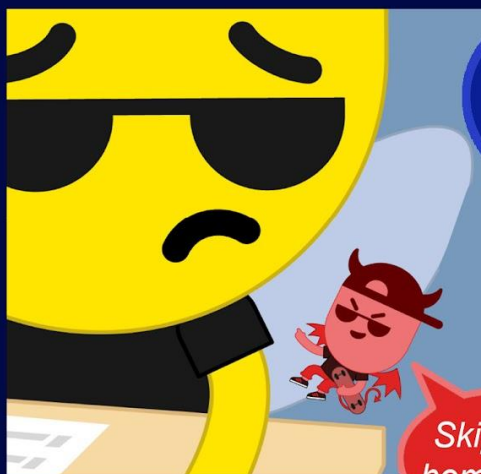
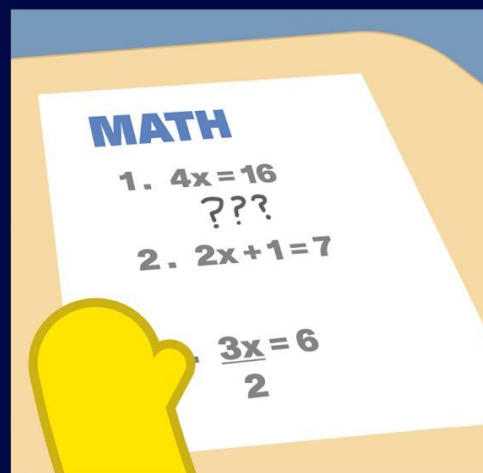
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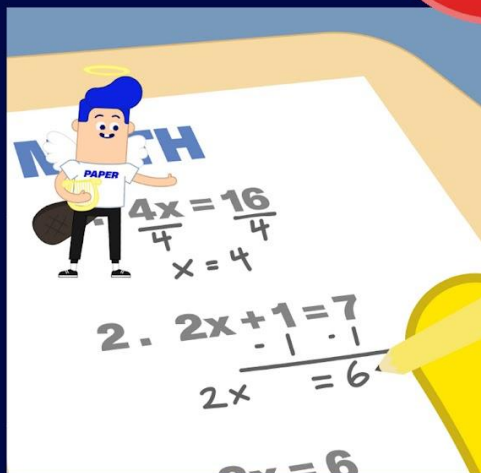
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homework



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- feedback on writing assignments
- reviewing concepts before an exam
- getting 'unstuck' if you become confused while completing an assignment

SEWING IN SEVENTH GRADE

Seventh grade students made some really creative projects in **Mrs. Harvey's** Home and Careers class this fall. They began by drawing colorful monsters on paper, which eventually became the patterns for fabrics and 3-D construction. Students practiced their hand-sewing skills and brought the monsters to life. After that, they graduated to sewing machines and used them to sew their own locker organizers. Mrs. Harvey has really enjoyed this very creative group of students and is looking forward to seeing what kinds of dishes they will whip up in the kitchen during the second quarter!



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