



WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wilson, New York

Fall 2023

Dear Wilson Middle School Students, Parents, and Staff,

I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits as we embrace the vibrant colors and cool breezes of November.

Reminders:

- Veterans' Day Observance November 10th. School will be closed as we honor the brave men and women who have served our country in the armed forces.
- 11/21: Bills tailgate party (before school, Periods 1 & 2), Kindness Rocks Concert (4th period), Turkey Trot @ 1:30.
- Thanksgiving Break: School will be closed from November 22nd - 24th for the Thanksgiving holiday. We wish everyone a safe and joyful break with their loved ones.

I am thrilled about how the year has begun and look forward to continue 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.

The 2nd quarter begins Monday, November 13th. Is your child doing everything possible to meet middle school and parental expectations?

- 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 upcoming 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 2023!

Sixth Graders: **Grace Faery** was nominated by Mrs. Reagan and Mr. Baker. Mrs. Reagan nominated Grace because she is an amazing student in every way! She is hard-working, friendly, diligent, and completes high-quality work. Mr. Baker nominated Grace because she is a pleasure to teach. She is super creative and brings a positive attitude to class every day.

Marley Halona was nominated by Mrs. Reagan because she does outstanding work! She always puts a lot of effort into doing her assignments well. Marley is also a great artist and her artwork is amazing!

Seventh Graders: **Lucy Metro** was nominated by Mr. Sippel and Mrs. McCarthy. Mr. Sippel nominated Lucy because she has been a pleasure to have in class this year! She exemplifies everything you want from a student. Lucy is hard-working, kind to all of her classmates, and always does her best! Mrs. McCarthy nominated Lucy because she comes to school on a daily basis with a kind, caring, and positive attitude. She hands in quality work, and when she finishes her work early, she will help others or complete extra work. She is a joy to have in class!!

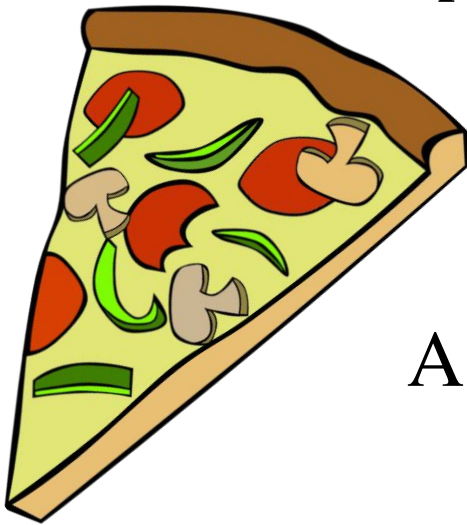
Levi Barnum was nominated by Mrs. Feeley. Levi is a dedicated and hardworking student, he is prepared and participates. Outside of the classroom, he displays character with his willingness to help others, friendly demeanor, and positive attitude. Levi has a strong sense of integrity making him a great role model to his peers.

Eighth Graders: **Isabella Matias** was nominated by Mr. Friedrich. Bella has shown great resilience, proactiveness, and dedication toward her school work to start this year. Bella will frequently ask questions, check in with her teachers, and make sure that she is following the directions as they are written. Bella is also quick to lend a helping hand to her classmates. Bella truly embodies what it means to be a Wilson Winner and is a perfect role model for her classmates!

Henry Wortkoetter was nominated by Mrs. Danner and Mrs. Feeley. Mrs. Danner nominated Henry because he is such a hard worker. He is always ready to learn and sets high expectations for himself. Henry is kind, willing to help his peers, and is a friend to everyone. Mrs. Feeley nominated Henry because he is the type of kid who is always willing to go the extra mile. He cares deeply about how well he performs in the classroom and on the football field. He's tenacious and hardworking and does it all with an optimism we all could aspire to. Watching how Henry interacts with his peers and teammates is heartwarming. Henry displays strong character and is intrinsically motivated in everything he does.

THE WILSON CENTRAL SCHOOL
FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT
IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE
THAT WE ARE OFFERING
FREE MEALS TO ALL STUDENTS.
EVERY STUDENT MAY HAVE

A BREAKFAST

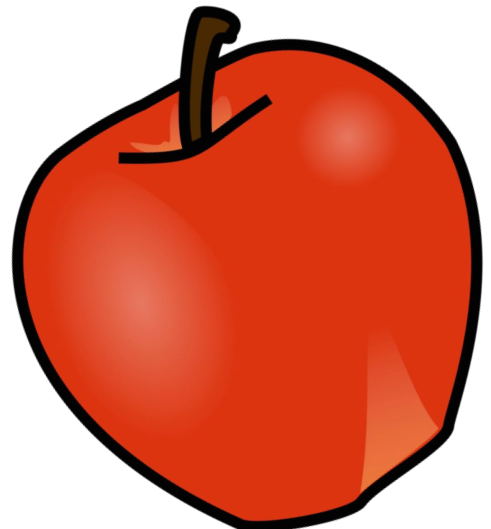


AND

A LUNCH MEAL
EACH DAY



AT
NO COST!



TURKEY TROT

1 MILE RUN & WALK • WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-8

RACE BEGINS AT 1:30 PM • PARENTS WELCOME

BUFFALO BILLS TAILGATE PARTY

'KINDNESS ROCKS' CONCERT DURING 4th PERIOD!!



Donations will also be collected for the Movember Charity through 11/30, which raises awareness of prostate cancer and mens health. A coin drive will be happening in homerooms or you can scan this QR code to donate. The homeroom that raises the most money will get a pizza & donut party!



Scan me
to donate!

**PRIZES: TOP 3 MALE &
FEMALE RUNNERS
IN EACH GRADE LEVEL**

**COSTUME CONTEST
ONE OVERALL PRIZE
WINNER PER GRADE LEVEL**

MAKE ~~NOVEMBER~~ MOVEMBER!

Hutch will be setting the example this month, growing a moustache in recognition of 'Movember'. Movember helps bring awareness to Prostate Cancer (similar to how October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month). Instead of wearing pink, men are encouraged to grow a moustache during the month of November, making it 'Movember'.



To make donations to the Movember Foundation, see the flyers in the hallways for information.

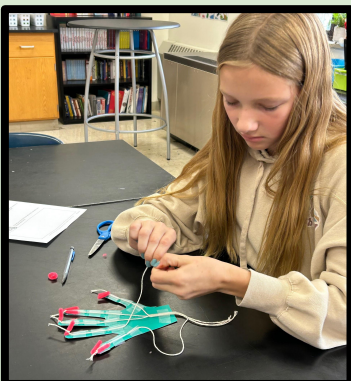
Watch as Hutch grows his moustache throughout the month of November!



MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB

The Middle School Science Club has had lots of fun this fall. Earlier this month the students had the opportunity to participate in the “A Day in the Life” field trip thanks to the Sea Grant Project. Students were able to work with environmental scientists from the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and park staff to conduct water sampling activities at the Lake Ontario shoreline at Fort Niagara State Park. Students tested the water for chemicals, classified small organisms found in the area, and discussed weather conditions and land features that could affect our local watershed. The data we collected will be used as part of the Lake Ontario Lakewide Action and Management Plan Annual Report.

Students have also used their critical thinking and engineering skills to complete some fun STEM challenges. Before Halloween the students designed and created candy grabbers that mimicked how the bones and tendons in our hands function. Students also completed the Pumpkin Chunkin' Catapult Challenge. They designed and tested catapults to launch pumpkin candy corn. The winner sent his pumpkin over 9 meters!



HOMECOMING

The theme for this year's Homecoming week was *Buffalo Sports Teams* and the 7th grade won the door decorating contest. During the kickball tournament, the 7th grade dismantled the 6th 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.



MORE HOMECOMING PEP RALLY FUN!



7th GRADE FORT NIAGARA FIELD TRIP

On October 13th, the 7th grade class participated in the **Fall Frontier Days** at Old Fort Niagara. The goal of the program was to show students what it was like to live in the Niagara Region when the area was still a frontier. Students had the opportunity to discover the skills necessary to survive in a harsh environment. During the program, students rotated through a variety of learning stations, including the business of the French Fur Trade, daily life of a French soldier, and the artillery firing demonstration. The students also had the opportunity to see the United States Flag that flew over Fort Niagara the night the British overtook the fort.

After lunch, students took a ride up River Road and visited 5 Mile Meadows. This was the location the British Army used as a landing point when they invaded the United States from Canada during the War of 1812. Students were able to walk down to the Niagara River and observe the terrain and landscape.

It was a great experience and the kids enjoyed learning about some of the local history that took place in Niagara County!



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 holiday edition. Please know that all articles do not have to be holiday 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 Tuesday 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!*



Announcing the... **KINDNESS STORE**

Last year, Wilson Middle School launched its Kindness Program. It was so successful that we've decided to continue it and add something new: The Kindness Store!

The Kindness Store will be housed in Mrs. Harvey's room (room 23), and will be open once a week, during 12th period. A sign is posted outside room #23 that confirms the store hours, each week. Students who have earned Kindness Coins are welcome to stay after school and shop, when the store is open.

The store has been stocked with snacks, toys and simple games. The items may only be purchased with Kindness Coins, and some items are worth more coins than others, so you can stock up and save your coins to buy the item of your choice. *****Please note: you must also bring the certificate you receive with any coins you earn, in order to shop in the store. It will have your name on it and be signed by the adult who gave you the coin(s).*****

So how do you earn Kindness Coins? That's simple... **be kind!** ALL the teachers and staff members in the middle school (including Principal Benton) will be on the lookout for students who perform acts of kindness. Those acts can be small and simple (holding the door open for someone whose hands are full) or large and complex (volunteering on a weekend to clean up a neighborhood park).

If you have questions about the Kindness Store, please see one of the adults on the Kindness Committee. Have a great year!

The Kindness Committee

6th: Mrs. Lepsch and Mrs. Reagan

7th: Mr. Sippel, Ms. Henzel, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. Eick

8th: Mr. Alderman, Mrs. Aloisio, Mr. Bovanizer, Mrs. Flynt, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Danner, Mrs. Palmer and Mr. Friedrich

Additional: Mr. Benton, Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. Andres, Mrs. Walch, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Seeley and Miss Mahar



Photo courtesy of Robert Carlo

WILSON JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY

Congratulations to the members of the *Wilson Junior Honor Society*. This year's induction was held on November 1, 2023. Our master of ceremonies for the evening was Taylor Ernest. Madison Horn spoke on scholarship, Archer Simpson spoke on service, Andrea Faery spoke on leadership, Natalie Shackelford spoke on character, Mason Coulter spoke on citizenship, Kiernan Santana introduced present members of the Wilson Junior Honor Society, and Andrea Faery and Taylor Ernest called new inductees to the stage.

Present members are Mason Coulter, Taylor Ernest, Sophie Everest, Andrea Faery, Madelyn Freatman, Brendan Gormley, Katie Hardy, Madison Horn, Lucy Madan, Shiann Mason, Kiernan Santana, Natalie Shackelford, and Archer Simpson.

The new inductees are Jude Cyphert, Lydia Enser, Kyra Fellows, Gage Gailie, Yeardley George, Luke Howard, Maria Taravella, Henry Wortkoetter, Zoey Beck, Kiera Croisdale, Bryson Frerichs, Jamison Geier, Jameson Guenther, Caspian Gustafson, Aliah Hallatt, Trinity Kaminski, Brynn Lepsch, Lucy Metro, Alonna Rumsey, Elizabeth Wasik, and Grace Wills.





DID YOU KNOW?



LIBRARY INFO!

Slideshow of **New Books** featured on the library website

Our collection of **eBooks** has grown exponentially over the past few years! Login to the card catalog to explore the collection.

Several links to support research for **Class Projects**

Our **Bibliography Guide** (both online and print) illustrates how to write proper MLA citations

Visit the LMC website at:
wilsoncsd.org/librarymedia

Our **Library Media Center** continues to be one of the best around! The library collection consists of over 14,000 items, including both print and online resources. The space itself is inviting, organized and efficient. **Miss Mahar** and **Mrs. Perry** are quick to help patrons with whatever they need. **Visit us today!**

Seasonal and genre-specific **displays**

We offer a variety of both print and digital **Magazines**

Over 300 new fiction and non-fiction **Print Books** were added to the collection this year

Teacher **resources**

Access to **World Book Online Encyclopedia**. Also includes an atlas and dictionary. ID and password: **wilsonwbo**

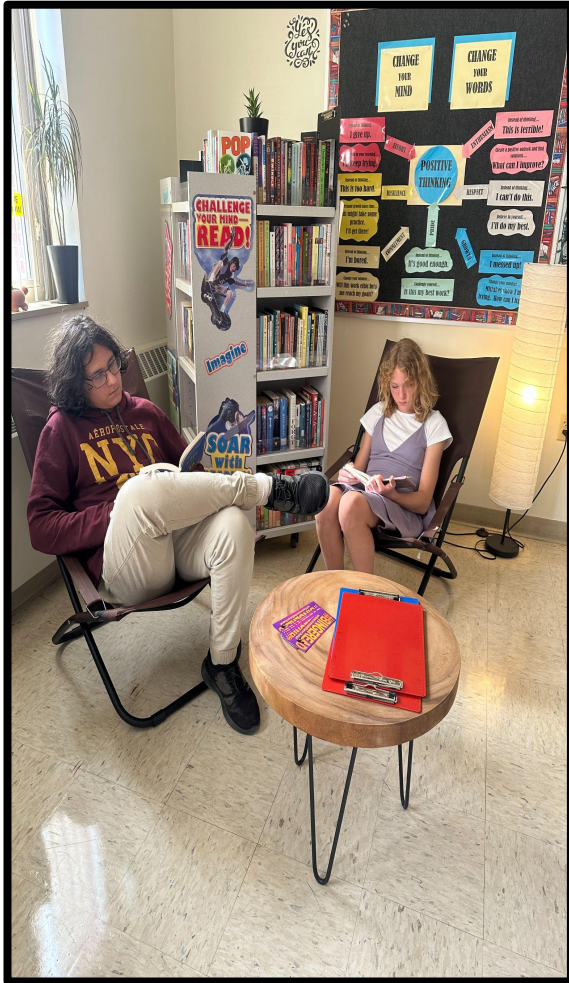
Our **Online Card Catalog** means that students may renew their own books, write reviews and curate their own reading collections.

Our **Book Nook** provides a dedicated spot just for reading





SUSTAINED SILENT READING (SSR)



In an effort to increase student reading comprehension, build vocabulary and connect to writing, this year our 7th and 8th grade students are free reading in their various classes each week.

Joan Sedita of AdLit states, “The more students (of all ages) read, the more their reading skills improve and their vocabulary grows. We also know that motivation and self-directed learning is critical to promote reading by teenagers.” Furthermore, “One way that motivation and engagement are instilled and maintained is to provide students with opportunities to select for themselves the materials they read and topics they research. One of the easiest ways to build some choice into the students’ school day is to incorporate independent reading time in which they can read whatever they choose.

Each quarter, students will have an assignment tied to their reading of choice. While the assignment will change each quarter, it will offer accountability for their reading. We believe through fostering our students independent reading, they’re sure to enhance their vocabulary, reading and writing skills.



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