

Wilson District Newsletter

January 2023

A message from Mr. Rose

Happy New Year Wilson Community,

The new year brings with it many opportunities for the Wilson Elementary School District. We began by successfully appealing our Elementary School Letter Grade. We now celebrate a letter Grade of **"B"** and just as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr had a Dream, we too have a Dream of being an **"A"** school District. We can accomplish this goal by remaining steadfast; instilling in every student that they are capable of success, no exceptions. We also continue our commitment to surround every student with a **CARING ADULT**.

In honor of School Board Member Appreciation Month, I would like to highlight our amazing Board members who volunteer their time to ensure that our District provides high quality educational programming. Please take the time to thank them for their service when you see them. Each of them is to also be congratulated for their recent election and re-election.

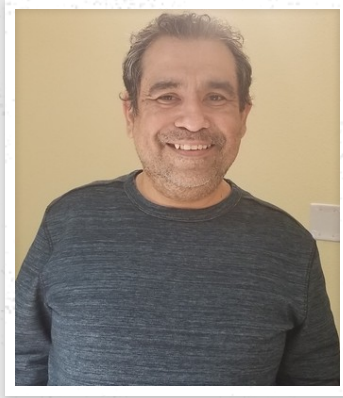
Board President: **Anna Martinez**, has served on our board for 12 years now.

Board Member: **Mario Martinez**, has served on the board for 16 years now.

Board Member: **Maria Felix**, Newly Elected!



**Board President:
Anna Martinez**



**Board Member:
Mario Martinez**



**Board Member:
Maria Felix**

Wilson Primary School

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a restful holiday break. As we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we are reminded that working closely and collaboratively with our staff, families and community leaders is key to ensure that our students achieve their dreams. Our focus is building a whole child. When we continue to provide academic, social and emotional foundations to our students, their level of accomplishment is limitless! We will be celebrating and recognizing many of our students for their growth and achievements at the quarterly assembly later this month. Recognizing them for their hard work builds their confidence and growth mindset needed to be successful in the future.

We wrapped up 2022 with a few memorable experiences. Mrs. Womack, our talented music teacher, brought back the holiday recital. What an amazing production it was. Grade levels performed The Night Before Christmas by singing and dancing their hearts out. The turnout of the audience was beyond our imagination. In the two decades of being at Wilson, I have never seen so many families and friends attend an event like that. Who knows, some of our students' dream may be to become a performer!

We also had our annual holiday sing along which began with a performance by the Elementary Orchestra. It was a special treat for our Primary students to see the older students perform their instruments. We ended the semester with the Holiday Party where each class was sponsored by our community members and businesses. There were loads and loads of presents delivered by the helpful elves, and each student received special presents to take home. We are so grateful for the generosity of our community to make this special day so memorable for our students.

As we enter the second semester, our leadership team is working diligently to prepare for the upcoming year while preparing our students for the state assessments that will be starting next month. Open enrollment will be opening soon. If you have families and friends who live outside our school's boundaries but are interested in joining the Wilson Family, please let them know that we will be accepting application for open enrollment soon.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact the front office.

Mrs. Wojcicki



Wilson Elementary School

Hello Wildcat Families,

Happy New Year! As we begin 2023, it is a great time to reaffirm our hopes, goals, and dreams for our scholars and district. The theme for the school year is capturing hearts and changing minds. We are committed to showing care and concern for our scholars, families and communities. We are dedicated to moving toward a growth mindset that encapsulates our intentional efforts in raising the bar instructionally, academically, socially, and emotionally. This takes lots of work and cannot be done alone. We must have the support of parents / guardians and our community.

We are fortunate to report that our efforts to appeal our letter grade was granted. I am honored to report that Wilson Elementary School officially has a "B" letter grade. I extend sincere thanks to our scholars and teachers for their hard work.

We are expecting even more remarkable acts from our scholars. We need scholars in school every day. We need scholars prepared to learn every day. We need scholars focused on what they can do, not what they cannot do. We need scholars respecting faculty and staff and each other every day. We need parents/guardians and community members encouraging and assisting our scholars in giving their best effort toward excellence.

I am extending a personal invitation to each person reading this message to assist Wilson Elementary School as we embark on Project "A". Project "A" is our work to receive an "A" letter grade and become a Blue Ribbon School. We will accomplish this goal...Let's Go!!!

Blessings to All,

Demetra Baxter-Oliver, PhD

Proud Principal

Wilson Elementary School

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

JANUARY 16TH



Community Center

Wilson Community Center ended 2022 with an amazing holiday program at our schools and we are so thankful to all our amazing sponsors for making this event possible. We can't do this without all of your support. Thank you to:

- *Barrow Brain & Spine
- *Scottsdale Chorus of Sweet Adelines
- *CCV Angels
- *St. Joseph's Hospital
- *American Family Insurance
- *Homeowners Financial Group
- *Bison Ventures
- *Four Seasons
- *Department of Gaming
- *Sagicor Insurance
- *Arizona Financial Credit Union
- *Just Blaze
- *Sonoran Roots
- *The Country Club at DC Ranch
- *Phoenix Police Department Violent Crimes Bureau & Laboratory Services Bureau
- *Valley Metro
- *Gust Rosenfeld
- *Camp Swift
- *Landsberg
- *Changing Hands Bookstore
- *UPS
- *APS
- *HOLA Community Outreach
- *Village Medical
- *APEX
- *Friends and staff of our wonderful Wilson community

As we look forward to 2023 and all the possibilities, we hope that Wilson Community Center can be a support system for all our students, staff, families and stakeholders. We encourage

everyone to participate in all our programs, classes and events and let us know how we can better serve and provide your needs. Providing knowledge and empowerment is what we aim to do and we look forward to an incredible year.

Make sure to stay informed on all our current and upcoming events via our website and by following us on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/WilsonCommunityCenter>

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<https://www.wsd.k12.az.us/domain/17>

[Community Center / Home - Wilson Elementary School District](https://www.wsd.k12.az.us/domain/17)

Welcome to the Wilson Community Center! Established in 2001 through a successful grant application to the U.S. Department of Education's 21st Century Community Learning Center, our Community Center continues its efforts to enrich the lives of students and families living in our district.

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Wilson PTO Meeting

WHEN

Thursday, Jan. 26th, 5pm

WHERE

415 North 30th Street
Phoenix, AZ

Community Center Website

Community Center Facebook Page

Advanced Learning Experiences

Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education". Here in Wilson School District, our goal is to teach each and every student to think critically using AVID strategies and to develop strong character (acting safely, responsibly, and respectfully) using PBIS. It is my mission, as the new Advanced Learning Experiences Director, to support our staff and students in making this a reality. Thank you for welcoming me into your learning community and reach out if there is anything I can do to assist you as we work together to develop intelligence AND character simultaneously.

Jason S. McIntosh, Ph.D.
Director of Advanced Learning Experiences

Family Engagement: Winter Reading/ AVID Night

WHEN

Tuesday, Jan. 31st, 5pm

WHERE

2929 East Fillmore Street
Phoenix, AZ

MORE INFORMATION

Gym

Human Resources

Excerpt from: **Top Priorities for HR Leaders in 2023**
Published by **Rytfi.ai**

Nov 18, 2022

One of the top priorities pointed out to investment in is the employee experience. We foresee this as one of the many top priorities for investment to the employee experience at the Wilson School District.

Invest in Employee Experience

Investing in an employee experience program can have a profound impact on a company's success. It can help attract and retain employees and improve customer satisfaction.

While employee experience isn't a one-size-fits-all concept, it's important to remember that it is more than a series of policies and processes. The concept encompasses everything from the workplace environment to working conditions, culture, and perceptions of the job.

Companies need to regularly assess the needs of their employees. These needs can be as simple as being offered a safe place to work. Having a supportive work environment is crucial, as it encourages employees to be their best selves.

Providing employees with opportunities to advance and learn is also important. Younger employees value interesting work and the chance to learn new things. A good employee experience program will also include a thorough onboarding process.

Business Services

From the Business Office...

January – a month to celebrate the new year, new beginnings! How perfect that it is also the month we celebrate Martin Luther King Day.

As we reflect on the beauty of diversity, we at WSD embrace the creative solutions that are born out of exploring challenges with a team of people who have different priorities, different views... this is life, this is humanity, this is the business of today.

How do we embrace this celebration in the Business and Operations of the Wilson School District? What better way than reflecting on this famous quote by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "Whatever your life's work is, do it well. A (person) should do (their) job so well that the living, the dead, and the unborn could do it no better."

I consider myself one of the luckiest people at the district as I get to interact with so many of the support staff and management who are "hands on" daily to support the goals and visions of the teachers and district. I hear the custodians wanting the time in the day to ensure rooms are cleaned for students and teachers. Think about that! People so passionately in-tuned with what it takes to ensure a clean environment for learning, that their biggest frustration is not having enough time in an average workday to be able to do their work to the level of perfection they desire. Wouldn't it be wonderful to pass such a work ethic on to our students – "Whatever your life's work is. do it ... so well that the living (and) the dead... could do it no better."

With that in mind, do your students show an interest or aptitude for certain activities?

Did you know our IT team comes to life when your students share their interest in technology? Whether they are interested in learning how to build or repair a computer, or maybe they are interested in designing their own game or competing in e-gaming... maybe they are interested in cybersecurity. I hope they know their interest would be welcomed by Randy and Chelsea – they would love to share their joy of technology with your students.

What about mechanics? Do your students ask you how your car engine works, why the air filters need to be changed out? How do they build a table or a wall? If your student is brave enough to ask Roy or Kiko, they have a wealth of information and would enjoy the opportunity to share. (Just not during class time!)

Do your students have a favorite chef? Food service loves to share culinary tips and tricks! Do they want to run a restaurant? Work in hospitality? Check in with Yvette or Candice – they love to share their passion for their work.

And then there is the business/finance team... Often people think of business and finance as being all about just math. No, my friend. We are about finding solutions that will blend the multiple priorities of each part of the business of education. We have to know the numbers, reconcile the numbers, be accurate with the numbers – yes. But only as a tool so that we can ensure when a teacher, or class, or activity needs money to accomplish a goal, we can legally and responsibly ensure the money is there for that need. Are your students interested in learning how the basic skills of reading, writing and arithmetic prepare their brains to be CEOs, CFOs, CIOs? Check in with us, we'd love to share how we use the basic skills of elementary school all throughout our daily lives! May 2023 Bring You Much Joy and Closer to your Dreams! Be Blessed

Child Find

Child Find, a component of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), enables states to locate, identify, and evaluate all children with disabilities, aged birth through 21, who need early intervention or special education services. Special education services are available for children of any age (birth through 21 years). Wilson School District is responsible for locating, identifying, evaluating, and serving all children with disabilities (ages 3-21) and referring children ages 0-3 to AzEIP for evaluation and appropriate services. AzEIP is the Arizona Early Intervention Program for infants and toddlers. Wilson provides free and appropriate public education that includes special education and related services to children at public expense, under public supervision and direction without charge to parents. For all school-age students who are new to the district, the classroom teacher will complete screening activities within 45 days of enrollment. If any concerns are noted, the child will be referred for help. Parents who have concerns regarding their child's education may contact the Special Education Department at Wilson, (602) 683-2400, ext. 4205.

McKinney-Vento

Are you currently experiencing temporary living arrangements due to eviction, job loss or a traumatic event? Wilson School District offers services to families through the McKinney-Vento Assistance Act. Services such as enrollment and immunization assistance, uniforms or school supplies, community referrals and in some cases, transportation can be available. Your family may qualify due to living with another family or friend due to financial hardship or living in a shelter, transitional housing, or motel. Please contact your school office or Mariana Melendrez at 602-683-2515, ext 6002 for more information about this program.



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