

Wilson District Newsletter

September 2022

A message from Mr. Rose

Greetings everyone, the month of August has come and gone, Wilson Elementary School District continues to assist our students in their growth process socially, emotionally, physically and academically. We remain optimistic that every student that enters our district is provided with the most rigorous and individualized education program possible.

Families play a key role in that success. Our students and schools want and need your involvement and support to continue to help our students make academic progress. We value you as a partner in your child's educational journey. Research shows that family involvement promotes student success resulting in improved academic performance, regular school attendance, better social skills, and students continuing on to post-secondary education.

Many of you have actively participated in either Curriculum Night or our first PTO Meeting for the 2022-2023 school year. We are going to be increasing the number of on campus events that we have this year, so please be on the lookout for what is upcoming. I would like to personally encourage all stakeholders to take an active role in our educational programs, after all "it does take a village".

In 2022-2023 we are *Capturing Hearts and Changing Minds*.

**PARENT / TEACHER
CONFERENCES**

SEPTEMBER 7TH & 8TH



Contact your student's teacher to schedule your parent/teacher conference.
Comuníquese con el maestro de su estudiante para programar su conferencia de padres y maestros.

Wilson Primary School

Welcome to September, a month full of family engagement events! Actually, this entire fall is filled with fun, interactive family events. One of our goals this year is to increase parent involvement through family engagements. Together with the wonderful staff at the Wilson Community Center, we are planning nights where parents, friends, and community members can visit our schools and learn what exciting things are occurring here at Wilson.

We kicked off September with a Curriculum Night on the first. Following that, we have parent-teacher conferences scheduled where parents can discuss student progress this year. We also have a Game Night, PTO meeting and AVID meeting planned to wrap up this month. The rest of the fall will be filled with the annual Fall Festival, Costume Parade, Books on Blankets, Fundraiser Night, and Neighborhood Clean-Up.

Parent involvement in education is an integral part of a child's educational success. We thrive in promoting family engagement and participation to ensure that our students are empowered to build individual strengths and achieve greatness.

We hope to see you all at our family events this fall!

Sincerely,

Maki Wojcicki
Principal
Wilson Primary School



Family Fun Night

WHEN

Tuesday, Sep. 27th, 4-5:30pm

WHERE

Primary School Cafeteria

Wilson Elementary School

Hello Wildcat Families,

As we move into the second month of school, I must report that our scholars are engaged in learning and our teachers have been doing a variety of student-centered fun activities to make learning fun. I want to thank our families for participating in our Open House and Title I/Curriculum Night. Mrs. Silvia Hernandez was the winner of a gift card in the parent drawing on Title I/Curriculum Night – Congratulations!!! Just to let parents/guardians know...there will be a gift card drawing with each event that is held at WES this year...and YES, you must be present to win.

September is going to be very busy - Fourth and Fifth graders started the month off with a stampede by attending the Arizona Black Rodeo at West World in Scottsdale. There is two student holidays, September 5th and 6th, Parent Teacher Conferences will be September 7-9, and Fall Picture Day is September 15th. We also elect Student Council Officers for the 22-23SY – President, Ashley, Vice President, Eian; Treasurers, Yerenys & Henry , and Secretary, Kimberly. I know they will represent WES well.

Parents we ask that students are dropped off by the playground on E Fillmore Street and not in front of the school. We want all students to be safe and the best supervision is on our football fields.

Our teams are practicing and preparing to take the field soon, so please come out and support our student athletes. I look forward to cooler temps and even more excitement around WES in October!!

Dr. Demetra Baxter-Oliver,
Proud Principal
Wilson Elementary School



Parent Teacher Conferences

WHEN

Wednesday, Sep. 7th, 3pm to
Thursday, Sep. 8th, 5:30pm

WHERE

Your Student's School

MORE INFORMATION

Wednesdays from 3pm - 6:30pm

Thursday from 2:30pm-5:30pm

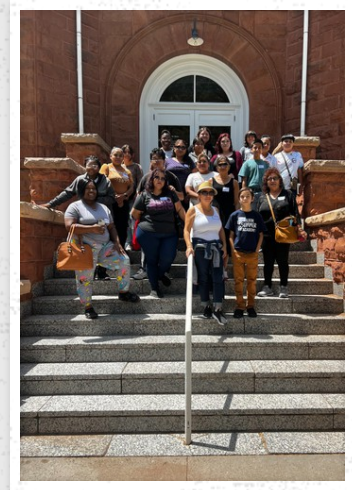
Community Center

The Wilson Community Center is thrilled to have so many engaging classes, workshops and partnerships with our community. Our ESL classes are underway, but registrations are still open. We have begun our Kith & Kin classes for parents and our finance classes will begin September 9th. As well as our nutrition classes on September 12th.

Our partners from Ballet AZ have started the 3rd grade afterschool program and our partners from Swift Foundation will begin their afterschool program for 4th-6th grade on September 14th.

September will kick off our monthly family fun nights with the theme of Game Night. All students, parents, and staff are welcome to come have some fun and enjoy all the games we will have set up.

Arizona Alliance for Community took a trip to NAU this summer with some of our students and parents to tour the campus and learn more about life at NAU. We thank them for giving our families an opportunity to explore and learn more!



Our goal is bringing ALL our students, parents, staff and stakeholders to Wilson and provide them with a place to learn, explore, and have fun. We look forward to working with everyone and providing the services that are needed. Please visit our website and follow us on Facebook.

Gaby Duran
Coordinator for Community Relations

[Community Center Website](#)

[Community Center Facebook Page](#)

PTO Meeting

WHEN

Thursday, Sep. 29th, 5pm

WHERE

Primary School Cafeteria

Advanced Learning Experiences

What is AVID and what does it mean to be an AVID National Demonstration School?

AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. In short, AVID supports our students' drive to attend the best high school, university, and have the best career. Wilson

students are Wildcats with College Dreams and AVID is here to help them achieve all their goals.

Wilson is an AVID National Demonstration School and a Schoolwide Site of Distinction. This means that we are the best of the best. AVID has approximately 8,000 schools in their program and approximately 203 demonstration schools. So, to be a National Demonstration School, a school must be in the top 3% of all AVID schools – Wilson is one of them! Wilson is the best of the best!

Our Elementary students learn WICOR strategies which focus on writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading. AVID teaches the students the “hidden curriculum” of schools – how to learn. It supports them in all subject areas as students learn to be the spokesperson for their education. As our students enter Jr High, they take a class specifically designed to help them navigate more rigorous courses while receiving help through tutorials. When our students enter high school, they begin to research careers, universities, and scholarships. We want all our students prepared to enter a four-year university on a full scholarship! Wilson students ARE Wildcats with College Dreams!

Cindy Campton
Director of Advanced Learning Experiences

AVID Night

WHEN

Thursday, Sep. 29th, 5:30pm

WHERE

Your student's school

Human Resources

Human Resource Management for Community Groups

Community groups wishing to demonstrate leadership within their community will benefit from a comprehensive approach to managing their personnel, whether they have 10 or 1000 staff or volunteers working for them.

Not-for-profit organizations can invest in staff and secure long-term stability just as effectively as commercial businesses and should show leadership in this area. As employers they should look at retirement plans, health insurance, holiday plans, and maternity/paternity leave issues and devise plans to suit staff needs.

Employee rights should not only be maintained, but wholly endorsed. Consumers are increasingly more socially aware and are increasingly supporting organizations with a social conscience. This concern for ethics includes workers' rights. Companies endorsing sweatshop labor are fast falling out of favor with a more discerning consumer market, and

while these are extreme examples it is true to say that Australian companies that look after their employees well gain the reputation of an employer of choice and have less trouble hiring good staff. You should aim to be a community organization of choice.

Again, the same is true in relation to volunteer staff. Volunteers are not slaves and nor should they be exploited or used to replace jobs done by paid employees. Generally, the same rules apply in community groups and in business - happy, healthy, enthusiastic volunteers whose work is appreciated and respected tend to be your best marketing tools and have the ability to draw other people into your organization.

Alex Dumas
Director of Human Resources

Business Services

Having trouble thinking of what to pack for your children's lunches? Do you run out of time to pack lunches?

Save yourself some time and effort. Wilson offers a great food program offering both breakfast and lunch for your students. And, because Wilson Elementary School District continues to qualify for provisional assistance, we are able to offer free breakfasts and lunches every school day for your students.

Here's where we need you! For Wilson to continue to qualify, we need your help. Please fill out the Application for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Whether you and your student qualify has no effect on your student receiving a free breakfast and lunch on each school day.

However, if we do not receive these applications, then Wilson is at risk of not qualifying for various government sponsored programs and grants that allow Wilson to continue to offer free meals and receive additional grant opportunities to provide supplies, instruction and instructional aids for the students in their classrooms. When the federal food and nutrition program sees no applications come in for Wilson... they happily say, "oh, I guess Wilson doesn't need our assistance anymore!" If that is the case - that's wonderful! But, if in fact it helps your budget to have the District feed your students two meals a day for free, imagine how much more it helps Wilson schools' budget to continue to qualify for the federal food and nutrition provisional programs.

The application link can be found below or on the District website at:

<https://www.wsd.k12.az.us/Food>

If you have any questions or concerns with the application, please reach out to Yvette Duarte at ylowe@wsd7.org or Candice Whitbeck at cwhitbeck@wsd7.org.

Thank you so much for your effort and your time.

Catherine King

English Application for Free and Reduced Price Meals

Solicitud para Comida Gratuita y de Precio Reducido

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It's More Than a Meal Application!

The information collected on meal applications for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) can do more than just provide free and reduced-price meals.

Meal Application

- School Funding**
Maintains funding for student programs and services.
- Academic Tests**
Reduced registration fees for AP, SAT, and/or ACT tests.
- Athletics**
Free or discounted fees to participate in most sports.
- College Application Fees**
Discounted rates on fees associated with college applications.

Breakfast & Lunch Menus

Visit [Nutrislice.com](https://www.nutrislice.com) for all menus and more!

[Employment Application](#)

Lunch Applications

- [Spanish Parent Letter for School Meals](#)
- [Parent Letter School Meals](#)
- [Spanish Application](#)
- [ENGLISH Application](#)
- [Media Release July 2022](#)

Our district participates in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. These

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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