



# Wilson District Newsletter

January 2024

## **A message from Mr. Rose**

Happy New Year Wilson Wildcats!!!

I am so excited about entering into 2024 with a renewed sense of commitment and focus for our school communities. As we continue to prepare our students for academic excellence, we also are committed to increased community engagement activities. Please be on the lookout for announcements of events to come.

## **January is Board Member Appreciation Month!!!**

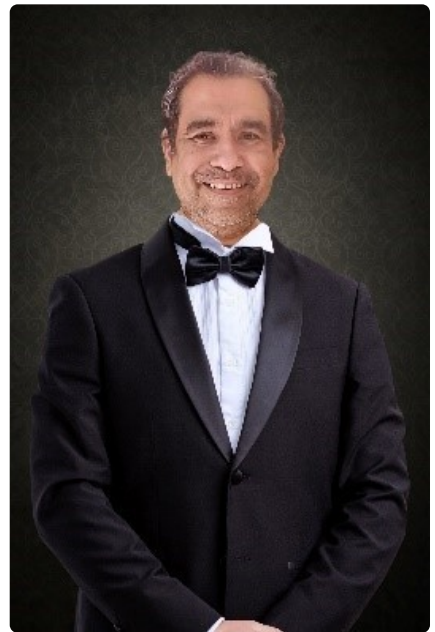
We are honored to have three dedicated Board members who have long lasting ties with the Wilson School District. It is because of their commitment and support that we are able to provide the resources and support to our many stakeholders. Please thank them for their service if you happen to run into them in the community or on campus.



**Mrs. Anna Martinez**  
Board President



**Mrs. Maria Felix**  
Board Member



**Mr. Mario Martinez**  
Board Member

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## Wilson Primary School

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful and restful holiday season. When we welcome the new year, we often set goals and look forward to what is to come with excitement. This time of the year is especially exciting for us because this is the semester where our students shine! Our younger students learned the basics and foundational skills during the first semester and now during the second semester, our young scholars gain deeper concepts and apply them in various ways.

Our PreK students are learning not only the social-emotional skills, but kinder-ready skills as well. They are beginning to read and write as well as gain number concepts. The kindergarten students are extending their knowledge of writing a short paragraph, reading independently, and adding/subtracting. We are seeing great progress in our first-grade students in problem solving skills in reading and math. Our teachers are creating student-centered lessons to ensure that students are engaged and taking ownership to their learning. As you can see, the new year brings lots of excitement as we watch what these younger students can demonstrate!

Open Enrollment for the school year 2024-2025 will begin soon. Please continue to check our website for the latest updates and announcements regarding enrolling your students.

Have a wonderful month!

Mrs. Wojcicki

**Enrollment - Wilson School District #7**

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## Wilson Elementary School

Hello WES Wildcat Families,

Happy New Year! As we begin 2024, it is a great time to reaffirm our hopes, goals, and dreams for our scholars and district. We are committed to S.E.A.S. – Successfully Educating All Students. 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 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.

We want to give a heart-felt THANK YOU to all the sponsors Wal-Mart and AZ Financial Credit Union, and others, that supported WES in our Holiday Celebration to ensure that all students received a gift card.

We are excited about the opportunity for scholars to participate in extracurricular activities such as AVID, sports, student council, art, and orchestra just to name a few. Thank you to all the families that participated in AVID Family Night, Winter Orchestra Concert, Art Show, 1st Quarter Awards, and Breakfast with Santa.

We will have group/homeroom class pictures and a special bullying program in January. Let's prepare to finish the school year strong...with the T.E.A.M. approach – Together Everyone Achieves More.

Blessings to All,  
Demetra Baxter-Oliver, PhD  
Proud Principal  
Wilson Elementary School  
Capturing Hearts and Changing Minds

Demetra Baxter-Oliver, PhD





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## THIS MONTH IN THE WILSON SCHOOL

### DISTRICT...

THE FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT CLOSED OUT THE 2023 YEAR WITH FUN EVENTS.

SFE HOSTED A FAMILY COOK NIGHT WITH U OF A. THIS WAS SUCH A FUN EVENT

WE HAD OUR MONTHLY ROVING CHEF AT THE PRIMARY. THE STUDENTS ARE ALWAYS SO EXCITED TO MAKE THEIR OWN PERSONAL PIZZA AND DECORATE THEIR CHEF HATS.

AT THE ELEMENTARY, WE HELD AN EVENT "BREAKFAST WITH SANTA" WE MADE FRESH PANCAKES, BACON, EGGS AND SAUSAGE. IT WAS VERY EXCITING TO SEE PARENTS COME AND EAT BREAKFAST WITH THEIR CHILDREN.

SFE SPONSORED TWO CLASSROOMS AT THE PRIMARY FOR CHRISTMAS. THE STUDENTS WERE SO HAPPY TO RECEIVE GIFTS FROM SANTA AND EAT THEIR SNOWMAN PIZZAS.



## Human Resources

Top New Year Resolution Ideas for Boosting Work Productivity  
By [20North](#) | December 13, 2023|

[Revitalize Your 2024: New Year's Resolutions for Productivity](#)

([meetatroam.com](https://meetatroam.com))

As a new year unfolds, it presents us with a fresh start, a period to reflect on our past year's successes and lessons learned, and a canvas to jot down our new year's resolutions. Resolutions are not just confined to our personal lives but extend into our professional realm, acting as a powerful tool in molding our perfect work-life balance. Let's go over some must-consider resolutions that can be key to turbocharging your productivity at work.


### Top New Year Resolution Ideas for Advancing Career Goals

As we step ahead into a brand-new year, it's also the perfect time to reevaluate your career goals and adjust your professional path accordingly. Here are some resolution ideas focused on advancing your career goals.

### Learn a New Skill

The first resolution you might want to consider for the new year is boosting your professional development by learning new skills. The upcoming year might rope in unique challenges that





demand different skill sets. Therefore, equipping yourself with new skills can be instrumental in meeting these demands. Maybe you want to learn coding, grasp the intricacies of project management, or sharpen your public speaking abilities.

### **Improve Communication Skills**

Additionally, good communication and effective leadership skills are the oil that keeps the office machinery moving smoothly. If your leadership skills have been on the backlog, now is the perfect time to bring them forward. Take up a resolution to be more open, direct, and clear in your communication. Cultivating strong leadership skills can foster a more positive, engaged, and productive workplace culture.

### **Cultivate Your Online Presence**

In the ever-evolving digital era, having a strong 'online presence' is crucial. Your 'LinkedIn profile' isn't just social media. It serves as your digital portfolio and personal brand, so improving it should always be on your resolution list. Take time to update and polish your profile, and showcase your achievements, skills, and endorsements. This not only helps in networking but also can draw the attention of potential clients or employers.

To wrap up, pursuing your career goals in the new year doesn't necessarily mean significant changes in your professional life. Sometimes, it's the minute adjustments that ultimately trigger significant impacts.

Remember that progress might sometimes be slow, but as long as it's steady, you're on the right track. Your journey toward fulfilling your New Year's resolution ideas starts now. Don't wait for the perfect time to start because the best time is always now!

### **Personal Goals for Enhancing Mental and Emotional Health at Work**

In the pursuit of advancing career goals and elevating work productivity, the importance of mental and emotional health in the workplace cannot be overstressed.

First and foremost, it's essential to take 'self-care' seriously. Burnouts can occur any time when we push ourselves too hard without setting aside time for relaxation and enjoyment. Committing to self-care as a resolution doesn't necessarily mean extravagant spa days or indulgent treats. It can be as simple as taking short breaks throughout the day to clear your mind, involving yourself in a new hobby, or ensuring you're nurturing your body with a healthy diet and regular exercise. Small things like time spent away from screen time, and immersed in activities that make you happy, can rejuvenate your mental health significantly.

In addition to taking care of your mental well-being, creating 'healthy habits' can also be a game-changer. Habits form the bedrock of our daily routines, and cultivating healthier ones can have profound effects on our mental and emotional health. This could mean decluttering your workspace at the end of each day to start fresh the next day or perhaps penciling in a fixed lunch break so you're not eating meals in front of your computer. It could also mean setting reminders to hydrate throughout the day or meditating for a few minutes. The key here is consistency. Even small changes to your day can make a big difference over time.

When making these adjustments, you might find that some habits are easier to form than others. Don't be disheartened by this – it's perfectly normal. There's no rushing through this process, and

it's the effort and gradual progress that matters most. Remember, every 'new thing' you incorporate into your work life is a step towards a healthier, happier, and more productive you.

### **The Best Goal Setting Practices**

Before diving in, it's essential first to take time to identify and set your 'career goals' for the upcoming year. These goals should be based on where you see yourself in your current role and where you'd like to be by year's end. They should be SMART goals: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound. This process will not only propel your career ahead but will also instill a sense of purpose and direction in your daily tasks.

To keep all these goals straight, why not use a bullet journal to keep track of your milestones and to-do list? Bullet journaling helps organize your day, week, and even year. It is an analog to-do list, diary, notebook, and sketchbook all in one; it's your small space in the world where you can break down your long-term goals into actionable tasks, keeping you geared up and motivated throughout your journey.

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### **Community Center**

Happy 2024! We hope you had a great Holiday Season. I want to take the time to introduce myself. My name is Dina Cutler, and I am the new Director of Community Engagement for the Community Center. I am honored to serve in this role. Community Development is a passion for me.

A little about me. I am a native of AZ. I have been in education for 28 years, serving as a teacher, principal, and Director. I also worked in the non-profit world for 5 years at Sojourner Center and Chandler Foodbank. My role in my career that set me up for being so passionate about community is Principal at Thomas J Pappas School for 6 years until its closure in 2008. I have been married to my husband Barry for 10 years and we have a fur baby Jameson. In my free time, I like to be outdoors with my husband and puppy. We love also spending as much time with family as we can.

We have so many plans for the Community Center for 2024. This is to include a Family Resource Room that will have non-perishable food along with hygiene items and clothing. We also will be expanding classes to include GED in English, Computer Literacy classes and Financial Literacy classes. We are also looking to add a mobile dental office and medical services.

Our school community was so blessed with being surrounded by Holiday Cheer. Each classroom at the Primary was adopted by a business and was provided with gifts and a Holiday Party. Each student at the elementary school was provided with a \$25 gift card and a party. Thank you to the following donors. Our staff, students and community are so thankful to you:

*APS, Mercury Systems, Bison Venture, Valley Metro, Erma Lyons and Friends, Kylie Lombardi, American Family Insurance – Brandee Turner, Scottsdale Sweet Adelines Chorus, Sonoran Roots, American Family Insurance- Andrea Larson, Sagicor Life Insurance Company, CCV Angels, Four Season Resort Scottsdale, DC Ranch Country Club, Just Blaze, Barrows Brain and Spine, SFE, Neuro ICU St Joseph Hospital, AZ Department of Gaming Phoenix PD, Tolin Mechanic A/C, Red Tree Consulting, Waxie Progressive Roofing Services Inc, AZ Financial, Chad Steffen, Gust Rosenfeld and Associates, Erika Coombs, Primrose Primary Care & Wellness, Roy Sucanick*

I would also like to give a big thank you to Luz Munoz and Mariana Melendrez at the Community Center for all of their hard work with the Holidays.

We are always eager to know what our community wants and needs. Please either email Dina Cutler at [dcutler@wsd7.org](mailto:dcutler@wsd7.org) or Luz Munoz at [lmunoz@wsd7.org](mailto:lmunoz@wsd7.org) or just stop by Monday- Friday 8 AM-4PM and let us know. We are so excited for 2024 and serving the Wilson Community.



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## 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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