

# Wilson District Newsletter

June 2024

#### A message from Mr. Rose

Hello Wilson Wildcats!

#### **Celebrating Juneteenth and Embracing Summer Family Time**

As we step into the warmth of summer, our hearts are filled with both celebration and reflection. June brings us a significant moment in history with Juneteenth, a day that marks the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States. This year, as we honor Juneteenth, we also embrace the joys of summer break with our families.

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, commemorates the day when Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865, and announced the end of slavery, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation. It serves as a powerful reminder of resilience, freedom, and the ongoing journey toward equality and justice for all.

In our schools, Juneteenth provides a valuable opportunity for education and reflection. Through classroom discussions, activities, and learning opportunities, we can deepen our understanding of African American history, celebrate the contributions of Black Americans, and reaffirm our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

As we transition into summer break, let us also cherish the time spent with our families. Summer offers a chance to unwind, explore new adventures, and create lasting memories. Whether it's a family picnic in the park, a day at the beach, or simply enjoying a book together, let's embrace these moments of togetherness and joy.

We encourage our school community to take this time to recharge, connect with loved ones, and nurture well-being. Let's make the most of this summer break by fostering a sense of belonging, unity, and positivity within our families and communities.

As we celebrate Juneteenth and embark on summer adventures, may this season be filled with learning, growth, and moments of joy for all.

# NOW ENROLLING



Ages 4+













Free full day programs • District-Wide AVID & PBIS • On-site Medical & Dental • Safe learning spaces
Food Pantry • On-site Counseling Services • Afterschool Programs • Free breakfast & lunch



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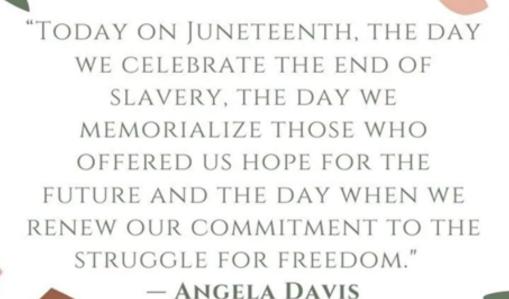
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# **Wilson Primary School**

Welcome summer! We wrapped up the year with many celebrations, including the awards assemblies, the banquet, and the 8th grade promotion. This year brought many excitements and learning for our students, staff and community. We have learned a lot from this year. As we went through the year, hope for the future is something we encouraged. Hope for progress, hope for change, and hope for greatness are some of the things we focused on this year. Each day, we worked diligently to improve our schools to ensure that our students are receiving the best education. Planning for next year is underway. We are researching, collaborating, and analyzing data to implement effective systems for the upcoming year. We encourage parents, guardians, and community members to get involved and voice your thoughts and ideas. We are on the road to making our schools a community school!

Summer Academy has begun. If you are interested in enrolling your child to the summer academy, please contact the school. In addition, we are enrolling for next year. Please visit the website for the QR code for the registration link.

Have a great month!



# **Wilson Elementary School**

It's hard to believe that the 2023-2024 school year has come and gone! We had a great year and are so excited for the future of Wilson Elementary School and the 2024-2025 school year! The month of June brings us an opportunity to reflect on the year and build for the future. Planning has already begun, and it promises to be a great year!

Summer School is here and will be held on the Elementary Campus beginning June 3rd and running until June 27th. Monday through Thursday from 8:00 to 12:00. If you have been invited, please be sure to attend and have some fun this summer!

#### SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS!!!

The Wilson 8th grade promotion ceremony was a huge success! Thank you, Mr. Gonzalez, and Mr. Brooks, for your hard work and dedication to our students and planning of the event. Thank you to all our parents and families that attended the ceremony making it a success.

We wish all our promoting students continued success at their new high schools and hope that they will come back and visit us sometime soon! You are forever a Wildcat!

#### HOLIDAY'S THIS MONTH

As we Celebrate June we think about the Holiday's attached to this time of year, with Father's Day and Juneteenth upon us.

Father's Day is on June 16th, we want to wish all the fathers in our community a Happy Father's Day and thank them for all their support of their children. The love, support, and care that our dad's show is an important part of who are students are and their presence is always appreciated! Happy Father's Day!

Juneteenth is on June 19th, Juneteenth is an important part of our history as a nation and an important part of the growth of our country. As we head into June let us all remember the growth and change in our country and recognize and understand we still have a lot of work to do. We need

to look to the past to make our future brighter and learn together. We should celebrate the uniqueness of all individuals that make this great nation what it is today.

#### LOOKING AHEAD...

We especially look forward to partnering with you during the upcoming, 2024-2025 school year!!! We are planning many additional opportunities for parent, family, and community involvement with campus committees and school/district initiatives. We recognize the value in building a culture of continuous improvement and collaboration. We are excited about making our school vision become a reality and we cannot do it without you! We are all in this together. We are Wilson!

Kind Regards,

Kevin Bulger, Vanessa Mangini, and Mikesha Crawford

#### **Enrollment - Wilson School District #7**

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#### **Business Services**

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#### **Human Resources**

#### What Is Juneteenth?

Juneteenth commemorates an effective end of slavery in the United States.

Juneteenth (short for "June Nineteenth") marks the day when federal troops arrived in <u>Galveston</u>, <u>Texas</u> in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. The troops' arrival came a full two and a half years after <u>the signing</u> of the <u>Emancipation Proclamation</u>. Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States and is considered the longest-running African American holiday. On June 17, 2021, it <u>officially became a federal holiday</u>. Juneteenth 2023 will occur on Monday, June 19.

Confederate General Robert E. Lee had surrendered at Appomattox Court House two months earlier in Virginia, but slavery had remained relatively unaffected in Texas—until U.S. General Gordon Granger stood on Texas soil and read General Orders No. 3: "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free."

#### **The Emancipation Proclamation**

The Emancipation Proclamation issued by President <u>Abraham Lincoln</u> on January 1, 1863, had established that all enslaved people in <u>Confederate states</u> in rebellion against the Union "shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free."

But in reality, the Emancipation Proclamation didn't instantly free any enslaved people. The proclamation only applied to places under Confederate control and not to slave-holding border states or rebel areas already under Union control. However, as Northern troops advanced into the Confederate South, many enslaved people fled behind Union lines.

#### **Juneteenth and Slavery in Texas**

In Texas, slavery had continued as the state experienced no large-scale fighting or significant presence of Union troops. Many enslavers from outside the Lone Star State had moved there, as they viewed it as a safe haven for slavery.

After the war came to a close in the spring of 1865, General Granger's arrival in Galveston that June signaled freedom for Texas's 250,000 enslaved people. Although emancipation didn't happen overnight for everyone—in some cases, enslavers withheld the information until after harvest season—celebrations broke out among newly freed Black people, and Juneteenth was born. That December, slavery in America was formally abolished with the adoption of the <a href="13th Amendment">13th Amendment</a>.

The year following 1865, freedmen in Texas organized the first of what became the annual celebration of "Jubilee Day" on June 19. In the ensuing decades, Juneteenth commemorations featured music, barbecues, prayer services and other activities, and as Black people migrated from Texas to other parts of the country the Juneteenth tradition spread.

In 1979, <u>Texas became the first state</u> to make Juneteenth an official holiday; several others followed suit over the years. In June 2021, Congress passed a resolution establishing Juneteenth as a federal holiday; President Biden signed it into law on June 17, 2021.





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# **Community Center**

Dear Wilson Community,

As we wrap up the year, we have some important updates and heartfelt messages to share with you

#### Farewell to Luz Munoz

It is with mixed emotions that we announce Luz Munoz's last day as the Community Center Liaison will be June 30th. Luz has dedicated many years of exemplary service to the Wilson Community, and her contributions have left a lasting impact. We are deeply grateful for her unwavering commitment and the positive difference she has made in so many lives. Luz, you will be greatly missed, but we are thrilled to know you will continue to be part of our community as a volunteer.

#### **Welcome Josue Parra**

We are excited to welcome Josue Parra as the new Wilson Community Center Manager. Josue brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to our team, and we look forward to the fresh perspectives and energy he will bring. Please stop by the community center to say goodbye to Luz and meet Josue. Your support in this transition period is greatly appreciated.

#### **Phoenix Children's Hospital Mobile Clinic**

Please check our Facebook and website for the schedule of the Phoenix Children's Hospital mobile clinic for June. This clinic provides essential healthcare services to individuals aged 0-24 in our

community. To schedule an appointment, please call the appointment line. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the community center.

#### **Looking Ahead: Community Resources and Food Pantry**

As we plan for the upcoming year, we are eager to hear from you about any resources you would like to see at the community center. We are excited to announce our collaboration with U of A Health Zone and other partners to establish a food bank. If you are interested in serving on an advisory committee for the food pantry, please contact Dina Cutler at <a href="mailto:dcutler@wsd7.org">dcutler@wsd7.org</a> or 602-683-2515. Your input and involvement are crucial to the success of this initiative.

#### **Community Highlight: Juneteenth**

Juneteenth, celebrated on June 19th, is a significant day in American history. It commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States. On June 19, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced the end of the Civil War and the freedom of all enslaved people. This day is a reminder of the ongoing struggle for equality and the importance of recognizing and celebrating our diverse heritage.

We encourage everyone to learn more about Juneteenth and participate in community events and activities that honor this important day.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in making Wilson a vibrant and inclusive community. We look forward to seeing you at the community center and working together to meet the needs of our community

Dina Cutler
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# Wilson Community Center

# June 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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3	9-12pm <b>2-5pm</b> 4	5	9-12pm 6	9-12pm 7	8	9
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17	9-12pm <b>2-5pm</b> 18	19	9-12pm 20	9-12pm 21	22	23
24	9-12pm 25	26	9-12pm 27	9-12pm 28	29	30



Phoenix Children's Crews 'n Health 602 933-9339 8:30-4:30pm Sports Physicals Well Checks Vaccinations Sick Visits STI Testing Health Education
Hearing and Vision Screens
Preventive Care
Referral Services
Assistance with Insurance

### **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. 8500.

# **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 602-683-2400, ext. 4001 for more information about this program.



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