



# Wilson District Newsletter

December 2024

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

### **Celebrating the Season and Our Community**

As we approach the holiday season, it's the perfect time to reflect on what truly matters: spending quality moments with family, friends, and loved ones. The holidays present an opportunity for us all to slow down, appreciate one another, and cherish the connections that bring us together. Here in the Wilson Elementary School District, we recognize that our community's strength stems from these very bonds. We hope that your holidays are filled with warmth, laughter, and the comfort of loved ones close by.

This season, we also want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Wilson community for its unwavering support of our Bond and Overrides. Your trust and commitment ensure that our students receive the resources, facilities, and educational programs they deserve. Your support reflects a shared belief in the power of education and the importance of investing in our future leaders. Because of you, we continue to move forward in our mission to provide an outstanding learning environment for every Wildcat.

We've had an amazing fall semester filled with growth, learning, and collaboration. We are so proud of our students, staff, and families who have worked tirelessly to make this time a success. As we take a well-deserved break and recharge, we eagerly look forward to returning in the spring, ready to finish the year strong. Together, we will continue striving for excellence in all that we do.

We would also like to take this moment to celebrate our very own Governing Board President, Anna Martinez. Mrs. Martinez has recently been honored by the Arizona Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (AZALAS) as "Board Member of the Year." This distinction

recognizes her dedication, leadership, and unwavering advocacy on behalf of our students. Congratulations, Mrs. Martinez! The entire Wilson community is proud to have you championing our cause.

Additionally, we want to highlight one of our exceptional educators, Mrs. Carmen Lopez, a Kindergarten teacher who has shown extraordinary commitment to our students and families. Mrs. Lopez has not missed a single day of work this school year, demonstrating her tireless dedication to our youngest learners. Over her six years as a part of the Wildcat community, Mrs. Lopez has been a guiding light for countless children, helping them grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Our students are truly fortunate to have such a dedicated educator, and we extend our deepest appreciation for all she does.

As we close out this calendar year, we want to thank you again for being a part of the Wilson Elementary School District family. Together, we have made significant strides, and we look forward to continuing that momentum in the months and years to come.

Happy holidays, and here's to a joyful and restful break! We can't wait to see everyone back in the new year, ready to continue our journey toward excellence.



The holiday season is upon us, and as we reflect on the year, we want to take a moment to express our gratitude for all the hard work, dedication, and community spirit that make our school such a special place. Here's what's happening as we wrap up 2024!

- Winter Concert: December 12th at 5:00
- Parent Meeting: December 18th at 8:30
- Winter Sing Along: December 18th
- Holiday Party: December 20th
- Winter Break: December 23rd-January 3rd

This season also reminds us of the importance of community. Our Wilson Community Center has provided amazing resources for our families and students. From food boxes, uniforms, and backpacks to partnerships, they have been busy creating relationships with the local community organizations to help our cause. I want to express my sincere appreciation for your ongoing commitment to our shared goals from our community partners.

As we approach winter break, I encourage each of you to take time to rest and recharge. I hope this season brings you joy and peace. It is important to remember the value of kindness and giving during this time of year. As we look ahead to 2025, we have many exciting opportunities to continue our journey of learning and growth. I am confident that the new year will bring even more accomplishments, more connections, and more moments to celebrate together. We created many memories this semester with new activities and events. We are looking forward to making more in 2025!

Have a wonderful holiday season!  
Mrs. Wojcicki

**Enrollment - Wilson School District #7**

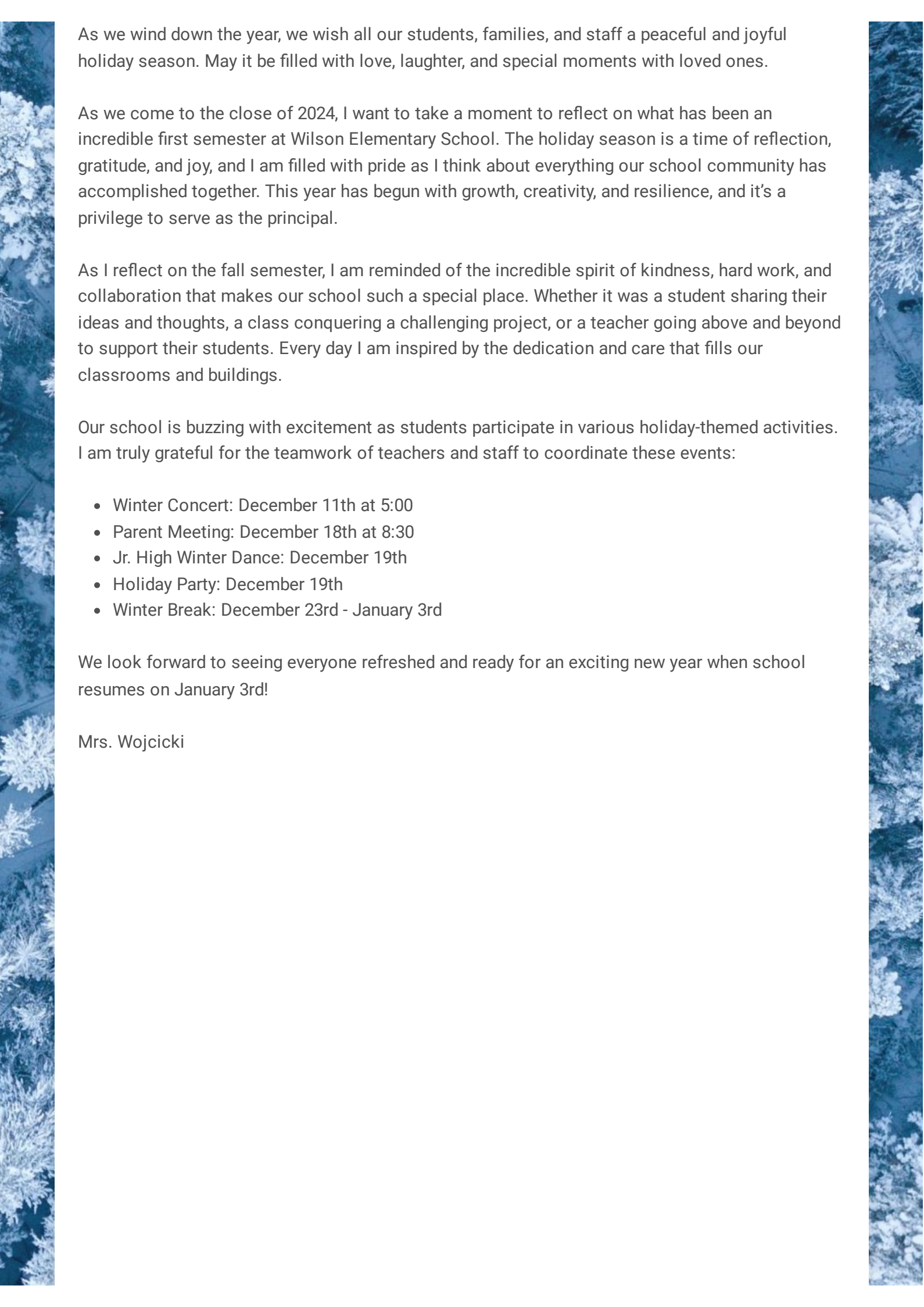
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# Winter Break

December 23rd - January 3rd



As we wind down the year, we wish all our students, families, and staff a peaceful and joyful holiday season. May it be filled with love, laughter, and special moments with loved ones.

As we come to the close of 2024, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been an incredible first semester at Wilson Elementary School. The holiday season is a time of reflection, gratitude, and joy, and I am filled with pride as I think about everything our school community has accomplished together. This year has begun with growth, creativity, and resilience, and it's a privilege to serve as the principal.

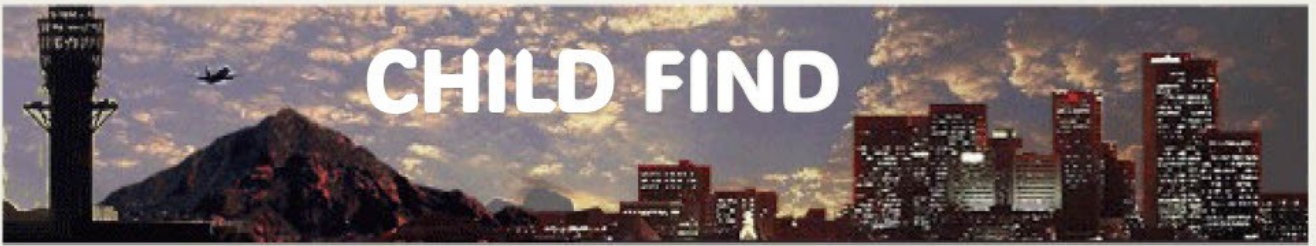
As I reflect on the fall semester, I am reminded of the incredible spirit of kindness, hard work, and collaboration that makes our school such a special place. Whether it was a student sharing their ideas and thoughts, a class conquering a challenging project, or a teacher going above and beyond to support their students. Every day I am inspired by the dedication and care that fills our classrooms and buildings.

Our school is buzzing with excitement as students participate in various holiday-themed activities. I am truly grateful for the teamwork of teachers and staff to coordinate these events:

- Winter Concert: December 11th at 5:00
- Parent Meeting: December 18th at 8:30
- Jr. High Winter Dance: December 19th
- Holiday Party: December 19th
- Winter Break: December 23rd - January 3rd

We look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for an exciting new year when school resumes on January 3rd!

Mrs. Wojcicki



# CHILD FIND

## WILSON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

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### Do you have a concern about a Childs' development?

If you live in the Wilson School District and are concerned about a child's developmental or academic skills, please share your concerns with school staff or get in touch with the Exceptional Education department.

The Wilson School District offers free developmental screenings and a variety of programs depending on the Childs' needs. These include:

- a. Hearing / Vision
- b. Cognitive development
- c. Physical/Motor development
- d. Communication development
- e. Social or emotional development
- f. Adaptive development

Wilson School District believes that all children can learn. The District is committed to finding, identifying, and serving children who require specialized instruction or therapy in order to progress through the general curriculum. Contact the Exceptional Education department at (602) 683-2400 extension 8500, to discuss your child's needs and develop strategies to help him/her overcome difficulties.

**For Screenings, please call the Exceptional Education Department at 602-683-2400 extension 8500, to schedule an appointment for:**

**DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

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## Business Services

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The holiday season is here, and while we're enjoying the festivities, the Business Services team is also gearing up for the upcoming tax season. We're committed to ensuring everything is ready to go so that the new year starts smoothly for everyone!



### A Few Things to Keep in Mind:



**W-2 Forms:** These will be distributed in January, so be sure your information is up-to-date in our system.

**Questions?** If you have any concerns about your payroll or tax documents, reach out to us before winter break.

But enough about taxes for now—this is a time for celebration, gratitude, and reflection. We are so thankful for all the wonderful people who make our district a great place to work and learn.

As you gather with loved ones, sip cocoa by the fire, and enjoy a little well-deserved rest, know that we're wishing you all the warmth and joy this season has to offer.

**Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!**

Wishing you happiness, success, and plenty of new opportunities in 2025.



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## Human Resources

Dear Wilson Family,

As we approach the holiday season, we want to take a moment to extend our warmest wishes to you and your loved ones. The winter break is a time to relax, recharge, reflect, and we hope you make the most of this well-deserved Winter Break.

### District Office Hours

To help you plan, here are the adjusted office hours for the winter break: • Closed: December 23rd - 27th, January 1st • Open: December 30th, December 31st, January 2nd, January 3rd from 7:30AM – 4:30PM • Reminder: Primary / Elementary-January 6 is an instructional Day (No students). Certified and IA's do not work. For particular questions concerning January 6, please speak with your supervisor. Note: Maintenance staff schedules may vary and may not align directly with the above dates and hours.

### A Reminder for Self-Care

While you take care of holiday plans and celebrations, don't forget to take care of yourself! This is a perfect time to prioritize self-care and self-love. Here are some gentle reminders for the season:

- **Rest:** Allow yourself to sleep in, take naps, and relax without guilt.
- **Reconnect:** Spend quality time with family, friends, or even just with yourself.
- **Reflect:** Take a moment to appreciate your accomplishments this year and set intentions for the next.
- **Rejuvenate:** Whatever this looks like for you, push yourself to enjoy that which brings a smile to you.

### Paycheck Reminder

Paychecks will be processed as per the usual cycle. If you pick up your paycheck, the district office will be open. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Payroll if you have any questions.

### Trip Reduction Program

Congratulations to Mrs. Monica Castaneda for being selected the TRP monthly raffle drawing winner for the month of December 2024. Mrs. Castaneda was awarded a 20 Gift Card! Congrats!

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## Community Center

Dear Wilson Community,

As the year comes to a close, we are filled with gratitude for the incredible support and generosity of our partners and community members. November was a month to remember, and December is shaping up to be just as exciting!

### A Look Back: November Highlights

We kicked off November with a delightful **Fall Festival** that brought smiles and fun to our families. A big thank you to **Kiewit** and **Sky Harbor International Airport** for sponsoring this fantastic event! Your contributions helped create a memorable day for all.

### **Thanksgiving Gratitude**

This Thanksgiving season, we witnessed incredible acts of kindness:

- **Wilson Education Foundation:** Thank you for sponsoring a warm and welcoming sit-down Thanksgiving Dinner for our students and families. It was a wonderful celebration of community and togetherness.
- **Haydon Construction:** Your donation of 30 turkeys ensured many families could enjoy a hearty holiday meal. We deeply appreciate your generosity.
- **Sprouts Farmers Market and Pappas Kids Foundation:** Thank you for sponsoring 140 full dinners for families to cook and enjoy at home. Your support brought joy and nourishment to so many!

### **December Festivities**

The holiday season is in full swing, and thanks to the incredible support of local businesses, **all Wilson students will have their own Holiday Parties** this month. These events will be filled with fun, laughter, and holiday cheer—we are so thankful for your continued generosity!

### **Exciting News Ahead**

Mark your calendars! In **January**, we'll celebrate the **Grand Opening of the Wilson Community Center Food Pantry**. This new resource will provide much-needed support to families in our community. Stay tuned for details!

### **PCH Clinic Schedule**

The Phoenix Children's Hospital (PCH) Clinic will be at the Community Center on the following dates in December. Call 602-933-9339 to make an appointment:

- **Mondays and Fridays 9 AM-12 PM**
  - **Tuesday December 11th and 17th 2 PM-5 PM**
- The above clinics are open to anyone in the Community 0-24**
- **Thursday December 5th and 12th- Open only for Wilkson Enrolled families**

These clinics offer vital health services to our community. Don't miss the opportunity to visit!

### **Warm Holiday Wishes**

As we close out 2024, we want to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported the Wilson Community Center. Your kindness and commitment continue to make a difference in the lives of our students and families. Please feel free to stop by if we can support you with anything. We wish you all a joyful holiday season and a bright, happy New Year!

With gratitude,

Dina and Josue



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## Maintenance

As we enter the Holiday season, we are reminded that this day is dedicated to expressing gratitude for the blessings we've received over the past year. It's a moment to reflect on the positives in our lives and to acknowledge those who have supported us along the way. Whether it's gathering with loved ones at the dinner table, taking a quiet moment to appreciate what we have, or sharing our thanks for the many gifts' life has offered us, this Holiday is about celebrating all that is good. We hope you savor this time with family and friends—indulge in delicious food, share hearty laughter, and enjoy some well-deserved rest.

**In other words (Eat too much, laugh too hard, and sleep in too long)**

### The Maintenance Team

I want to thank my whole Maintenance Team for all the dedication and hard work that they have performed for the Wilson students, teachers and staff throughout the year 2024.

Thank you all and be safe!

Roy



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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. 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 Josue Parra at 602-683-2515, ext. 6008 for more information about this program.



## Wilson School District No. 7

Excellence in Education

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