



# Wilson District Newsletter

April 2025

## A message from Mr. Rose

### Ready, Set, Succeed – AASA Testing Season is Here!

Dear Wilson Families,

As we step into April, we find ourselves in one of the most important times of the academic year—**AASA testing for 3rd through 8th grade students**. This is a moment for our students to demonstrate what they've learned and how far they've come. I want to take this opportunity to encourage every student to approach these assessments with confidence, and every parent to support and motivate their child as we prepare for success together.

At Wilson Elementary School District, we believe that assessment is not just about a score—it's about growth, resilience, and readiness. I'm proud of the effort our students have already shown this year, and I know they are more than capable of rising to the challenge.

### Testing Tips for Success

Here are a few helpful strategies for both students and families:

#### For Students:

- **Get a good night's sleep.** A well-rested brain performs better. Aim for at least 8 hours the night before testing.
- **Eat a healthy breakfast.** Fuel your brain with nutritious foods like fruit, whole grains, and protein.
- **Read instructions carefully.** Take your time, pace yourself, and don't rush.
- **Stay positive.** Believe in your ability—you've prepared for this!

### For Parents:

- **Encourage a calm morning routine.** Keep things low-stress before school on testing days.
- **Offer words of encouragement.** A simple “You’ve got this!” can go a long way.
- **Make sure your child is on time.** Arriving to school a few minutes early helps students feel settled and ready.
- **Follow up with praise.** Celebrate effort, not just results.

We know that success during AASA testing doesn’t happen overnight—it’s built through months of dedication, strong instruction, and meaningful support. That’s why I want to take a moment to shine a spotlight on one of Wilson’s finest educators, **Mrs. Polet Aguilar**.

### Staff Spotlight: Mrs. Polet Aguilar

Mrs. Aguilar has been a shining light in our Wilson community. Her passion for teaching, her commitment to excellence, and her ability to foster meaningful relationships with students, parents, and colleagues is truly remarkable. She goes above and beyond each day to make her classroom a place of curiosity, structure, and belonging. Whether she’s preparing students academically, communicating thoughtfully with families, or supporting her fellow teachers, Mrs. Aguilar models what it means to be a **dedicated educator and valued stakeholder**.

Her classroom is not only a place where learning thrives but also a space where students feel seen, heard, and supported. We are grateful to have her as part of our Wilson family and proud of the impact she makes each and every day.

As we continue through the final stretch of the school year, let’s move forward with optimism and pride. To our students: **You are ready. You are capable. You will do great things.** To our families: thank you for your continued partnership and support.

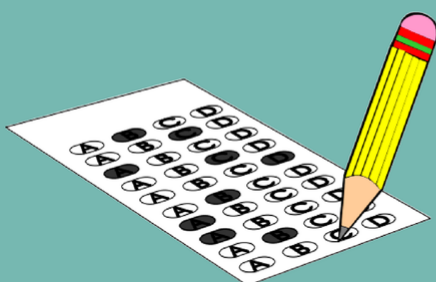
Let’s make this testing season a time to shine.

With appreciation,

**Ernest Rose**

Superintendent

Wilson Elementary School District



# Testing

## April 7th - 17th

## Attendance Matters!

## **Wilson Primary School**

### **Spring at Wilson Primary: A Season of Growth and Celebration**

As the flowers begin to bloom and spring settles in, we're entering a season of reflection, growth, and celebration here at Wilson Primary School. Our students have come so far, and this time of year brings a special opportunity for them to show all they've learned.

We understand that the word "test" can feel a bit overwhelming—especially for our youngest learners. But we want to reassure both you and your children: these assessments are simply a way for students to share all the amazing progress they've made throughout the year.

Our goal is to create a calm, encouraging, and supportive environment during testing. You can help your child feel confident and ready by:

- Making sure they get plenty of rest
- Providing a healthy breakfast each morning
- Sending them off with a big smile and a kind word—they've got this!

We believe in every single one of our students. These assessments are just one piece of the puzzle, and we're already incredibly proud of all they've accomplished.

#### **A Friendly Reminder:**

Attendance is especially important during testing. Being in a familiar, comfortable environment helps students perform at their best. We truly appreciate your help in making sure your child is present and on time each day.

#### **Spotlight on Partnerships: Gabriel's Angels Pet Therapy**

This year, we've had the opportunity to partner with some amazing organizations to support our students' growth—and one new partnership we're especially excited about is with Gabriel's Angels.

Gabriel's Angels provides pet therapy to help students build resilience and develop the core strengths needed for success. Thanks to the thoughtful coordination of our school counselor, Ms. Megan, selected students participate in 20-minute sessions where they practice reading skills while engaging in fun, relaxing activities with gentle, trained therapy dogs.

These sessions take place in a safe, non-judgmental space, helping students improve reading fluency, comprehension, and confidence—while also developing emotional and social strengths.

We are so grateful for this partnership and the joy and growth it brings to our students.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we'll help our students finish the year strong—with confidence and pride!



## Wilson Elementary School

### April Newsletter: State Testing & Spring Highlights

April is here, and with it comes an important time for our school—State Testing Month. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase all they've learned throughout the year. It's also a time for us to reflect on their growth, achievements, and all the small victories along the way.

We understand that testing can sometimes feel overwhelming, but with your continued support and encouragement, we know our students will shine. We kicked things off with AzSci testing last week, and we couldn't be prouder—our students were focused, determined, and truly gave it their all!

How you can help your child feel confident and prepared on testing days:

- Ensure they get a good night's sleep
- Provide a healthy breakfast
- Help them arrive to school on time—testing begins promptly
- Offer a few encouraging words to remind them to try their best and not to stress



While this season can be busy, it's also a time to celebrate just how far our students have come. We are proud of each and every one of them, and we are so grateful for the strong partnership we share with our families.

### Field Trip Highlights

Last month, our Audio Visual and Art classes took a creative field trip to the Desert Botanical Garden. It was a gorgeous day filled with inspiration, exploration, and artistry. We were joined by generous volunteers from American Family Insurance, who helped chaperone and provided thoughtful guidance and encouragement to students as they gathered ideas for their upcoming projects.

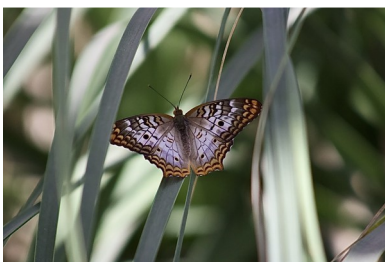
We're excited to showcase some of the incredible work that came out of this trip—take a look at the featured pieces below!

### Looking Ahead

As we head into the final stretch of the school year, let's continue to support one another and celebrate our students' hard work. Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns—we're here for you!

And don't forget—we have a number of exciting spring events coming up! Be sure to check our district website and Class Dojo regularly for updates and details.

Mrs. Wojcicki



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### Business Services

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## Business Services Update: Supporting April AASA Testing

- April is a critical month for our schools as students participate in AASA (Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment) testing. Behind the scenes, the Business Services Department is working to ensure a smooth and efficient testing process by providing essential support in several key areas:

- **Technology Readiness** – Our IT team has been busy preparing student devices, ensuring secure testing environments, and troubleshooting any technical issues that arise. Their efforts help minimize disruptions and keep testing running smoothly.
- **Facility & Logistics Support** – From coordinating quiet, distraction-free spaces to ensuring proper seating arrangements, we work alongside school staff to create an optimal testing environment.
- **Food Services Adjustments** – Our Food Services team has adapted meal schedules as needed to accommodate testing times while continuing to provide nutritious meals to students before and after their assessments.
- **Financial Oversight** – We support the procurement of testing materials and supplies, ensuring schools have everything they need for a successful assessment period.
- We recognize the hard work of **teachers, administrators, and staff** during this time and appreciate everyone's collaboration in making this testing season a success. If you have any questions about how Business Services supports testing or need assistance, please reach out.



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### Human Resources

Hello Wilson Community,

Spring is here, and so is the season of growth, resilience, and deep breaths. As we move through April, we know the pace picks up and the pressures rise—especially with state testing upon us. This month, we want to remind you to lean into belief, breath, and taking one moment at a time.

We know—state testing can be stressful for both students and staff. But just like everything else this year, you're meeting it with patience, persistence, and care. Take a deep breath, and remember: you only need to take one moment at a time. You've got this! Let your students feel that calm strength in you!

Every day you show up for your students, you are planting seeds of confidence, curiosity, and courage. Even if you don't see the flowers yet, trust that growth is happening. Believe in the power of yet – "You might not see what you want ... yet," but with your support, the "yet" shall arrive.

Breathe in. Breathe out. Repeat. It sounds simple, but those few seconds can work wonders on a busy day. A moment of pause gives your body a break and your mind a reset. Remember, you deserve a moment to pause!

You are doing incredible work. We see it, we appreciate it, and we're so grateful for the enthusiasm, compassion, and commitment you bring every day. Finish strong—but more importantly, finish whole. One moment, one breath, one day at a time.

With admiration,  
Jevon

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## Community Center

Dear Wilson Community Center Families and Friends,

Spring is here, and with it comes a season of growth and opportunity at the Wilson Community Center. From exciting sports camps to valuable health services, we have something for everyone this month. A big thank you to all our wonderful volunteers whose hard work continues to enrich our community. We are truly grateful for your support!

### Volunteer Appreciation

A heartfelt thank you to all of our volunteers! Your dedication and support help make Wilson Community Center a vibrant place where everyone can thrive. Whether you're assisting with events, helping with our food pantry, or simply lending a hand where needed, we couldn't do it without you. Your time and commitment are deeply appreciated, and we are so grateful to have you as part of our team. If you're interested in joining our volunteer network, we'd love to hear from you!

### FREE Football Camp

**Date:** April 12

**Time:** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Get ready for an exciting day of football at our Football Camp! This camp is perfect for all skill levels, from beginners to those with experience. Focused on improving skills, teamwork, and fitness, this camp promises to be an action-packed and fun event. Come join us and enhance your football abilities! This is open for all students in K-8th grade at the Elementary School.

### FREE Soccer Camp with Phoenix Rising

**Date:** April 26

**Time:** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

We're partnering with Phoenix Rising for a Soccer Camp on April 26th! Whether your child is a beginner or an experienced soccer player, this camp will teach them new skills and techniques. With the guidance of professional coaches, participants will improve their game while learning



teamwork and sportsmanship. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity! This is open for all students K-8th grade at the Elementary School.

### **Blood Drive**

**Date:** April 16

**Time:** 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Make a difference by donating blood at our community blood drive on April 16th! Every donation helps save lives. We welcome walk-ins, but to streamline the process, please consider making an appointment by calling [Insert Contact Number]. We look forward to seeing you there and coming together to support this important cause.

### **Make Way for Books (Birth to 5 Years Old)**

**Dates:** Tuesdays and Thursdays

**Time:** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Looking to encourage early literacy? Bring your little ones to "Make Way for Books," a fun and interactive program for children from birth to 5 years old. Through stories, songs, and hands-on activities, we'll help develop a love for reading and learning in young children. This is the perfect way to foster language skills and early education!

### **Food Pantry**

**Date:** April 16

**Time:** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Our Food Pantry will be open on April 16th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. If you or anyone you know could benefit from food assistance, we are here to help. We are committed to supporting families and individuals in need. Please stop by if you require assistance!

### **PCH (Phoenix Children's Hospital) Services**

**Dates:** Monday, Thursday, Friday

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Appointments:** Call 602-933-9339

We are proud to partner with Phoenix Children's Hospital to provide healthcare services to our community. The Primary Care Hub (PCH) is available on Monday, Thursday, and Friday mornings from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Whether you need a routine check-up, health advice, or medical referrals, the PCH team is here to assist you. To schedule an appointment, please call 602-933-9339.

### **The Importance of Test Preparation for Students**

As state testing season approaches, it's important for both students and parents to feel prepared and confident. Preparing for state tests is not just about studying content—it's about building confidence and ensuring that your child is ready to do their best.

Here are some tips for parents to help their students prepare for state testing:

#### **1. Create a Study Schedule**

Help your child break down their study sessions into manageable blocks of time. Encourage them to focus on one subject at a time and take short breaks to avoid burnout.

#### **2. Review Practice Tests**

Familiarize your child with the format and types of questions they will encounter on the test. Practice tests can help reduce test anxiety and give students an idea of what to expect.



### **3. Encourage Healthy Habits**

Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep, eats healthy meals, and stays hydrated. Good physical health supports mental clarity, so encourage positive habits leading up to and during the testing period.

### **4. Create a Quiet Study Space**

Set up a quiet, distraction-free area where your child can focus on studying. This will help them stay organized and on task.

### **5. Talk About Test Anxiety**

Reassure your child that it's normal to feel nervous but remind them that they are well-prepared. Encourage a positive attitude and emphasize that doing their best is what matters most.

### **6. Review Test-Taking Strategies**

Teach your child strategies for answering multiple-choice questions, managing time, and double-checking answers. These small tips can make a big difference in test performance.

**HAPPY Birthday to our Community Manager, Josue Parra April 19th. We appreciate you so much!**

### **Stay Connected!**

For more details on these events and programs, please follow us on social media or visit our website. We're here to serve you and look forward to seeing you at the community center! Thank you for your continued support. Together, we are building a stronger and healthier community!

Warm regards,  
The Wilson Community Center Team

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## **Maintenance**

### **Mastering Facilities Department Test Preparation**

Facilities department test can be a crucial step in securing a role in operations, maintenance, or facilities management. These tests often assess both technical knowledge and practical problem-solving skills. Whether you're aiming to be a building engineer, facilities manager, or general maintenance technician, structured preparation can help you succeed.

#### **1. Understand the Role and Responsibilities**

Before diving into test prep, it's important to understand the scope of the role you're applying for. Remember even an interview is a test of your abilities.

#### **2. Focus on Core Knowledge Areas**

- a. Building Systems and Maintenance
- b. Safety and Compliance
- c. Facilities Management Principles
- d. General Aptitude
5. Practice Hands-On Skills

## Conclusion

With the right combination of technical knowledge, practical skills, and strategic preparation, you can approach your facilities department test with confidence. Use this opportunity to not only pass the exam but also to sharpen the skills that will help you thrive on the job. Even as an adult we must prep for test to continue to grow in our current positions and for the future.

Director of Facilities/Transportation/Safety  
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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

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