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From The Helm

May 9, 2025

**Wilson Central School District
Timothy P. Carter – Superintendent**



From the Desk of Tim Carter:

Dear Wilson CSD Families and Staff,

As we continue through this school year, I want to share a message that speaks to both the excitement and the uncertainty that often comes with learning and growing. It's a quote from comedian and actress Tina Fey, who once said,

"You can't be that kid standing at the top of the waterslide, overthinking it. You have to go down the chute."

This image is a powerful one, vivid, funny, and deeply relatable. We've all been there: perched at the edge of something new and unfamiliar, nerves buzzing, heart pounding, mind racing with "what ifs." Whether it's starting a new grade, tackling a challenging subject, stepping up to a leadership role, trying out for a team, or simply speaking up in class, we face countless moments that feel like the top of that waterslide.

But as Tina Fey reminds us, growth doesn't happen by waiting at the edge. It happens when we gather our courage, let go of fear, and push off, down the chute, into the experience, into the unknown. That's where the learning happens. That's where the fun begins.

For our students, this might mean giving their best effort on a difficult project or making a new friend at lunch. For our teachers and staff, it could mean innovating in the classroom, adapting to changing needs, or supporting students in new ways. For our families, it might mean trusting the process, encouraging resilience, and being a steady source of support as children navigate both the easy and the hard days.



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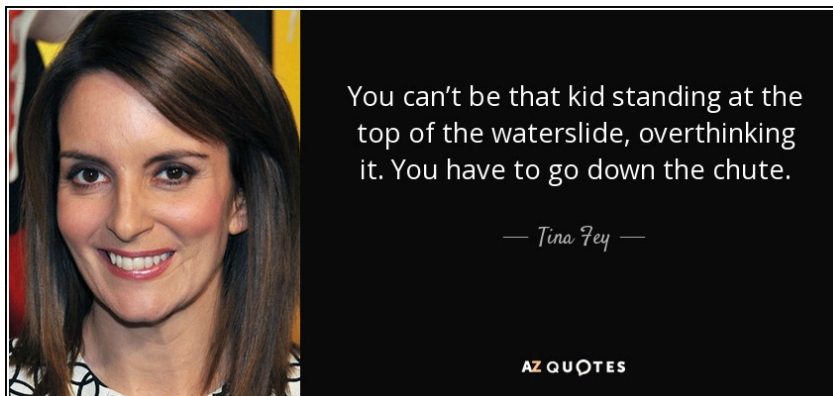
So as we look ahead, whether toward final exams, final projects, new initiatives, upcoming transitions, or simply the challenges of everyday learning, let's remember Tina Fey's advice. Let's remind ourselves and each other not to get stuck at the top, paralyzed by doubt or fear. Take the risk. Ask the question. Raise your hand. Share your ideas. Go down the chute. Thank you for being part of a community that supports courage, creativity, and continuous growth. Let's keep moving forward—together.

Have a wonderful weekend, and enjoy the time with your family!

Timothy P. Carter

Superintendent

Thought of the Week



Updates

The 31st Annual Sylvia McCuaig Student Art Show - I would like to send out a huge thank you to the Wilson Community Library for sponsoring the Sylvia McCuaig Student Art Show. What a wonderful event it was! Our students submitted an incredible variety of creative and thoughtful artwork, showcasing their talent, imagination, and hard work. Thank you to our art teachers, Miss Geise, Mr. Baker, and Mr. LaFever, for their tireless work that made this show possible. Your passion for the arts shines through your students' work. The show will continue through May 30th, so stop by the HS/MS Library to see the wonderful student artwork.



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Superintendent's Award- It is my pleasure to announce the Superintendent's award for the 31st annual Sylvia McCuaig Student Art Show. The winning artwork was called "Spartan Warrior", created by High School Junior Avery Nedelko. Please see her artwork below.



Upcoming Concert - The High School Vocal Ensemble will be performing at Kleinhan's in the Mary Seaton Room this coming Sunday (Mother's Day), 1:45 - 2:15 p.m. Then attending the 2:30 concert following. This will be a fantastic concert featuring a guest conductor and piano soloist. Saint-Saens piano concerto, Berlioz Roman Carnival, and Mendelssohn Italian Symphony. Tickets are discounted for family and friends, teachers, etc - just say you're with Wilson (\$21 adult / \$8 student) to see both concerts (you have to buy a ticket to see our Chorus). Please visit the following link for further information: [Community Spotlight](#) Box Office (716) 885-5000

Happy Mother's Day - On Mother's Day, we come together to celebrate and honor the incredible mothers, grandmothers, and mother-figures who are the heart of our families and the backbone of our community. Your love, strength, and unwavering support shape the lives of our students and inspire all of us every single day. Whether you are cheering from the sidelines, helping with homework, or simply being a constant source of encouragement and care, you make a lasting difference. To all the moms and those who fill a mother's role, thank you for everything you do. We see you, we appreciate you, and we celebrate you. Wishing you a joyful and love-filled Mother's Day!



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Athletics Update-

Hewitt Awards - The Board of Associates of Mount St. Mary's Hospital presented the 58th Hewitt Scholar-Athlete awards last Sunday at Niagara Frontier Golf Club. Sixteen scholar-athletes from eight Niagara area schools were nominated for an award given to one boy and one girl based on scholarship, athletic achievement, community service, and a face-to-face interview with a panel of judges. Stephanie Atlas and Keegan Herrmann were Wilson's nominees.





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Athletics - Please see the [Athletic Schedule](#) for next week.

Upcoming Events

5/11/25	1:45 PM	HJS Vocal Ensemble at Kleinhans
5/13/25	2:15 PM	5th Grade Spring Concert
5/13/25	6:30	Wilson Budget Forum
5/13/25	7:00 PM	Wilson School Board Meeting
5/13/25-5/14/25		MS NYS Math Assessments
5/14/25	7:00 PM	HS Band Concert
5/15/25	9:00 AM	District Safety Meeting
5/15/25	2:00 PM	3rd/4th Grade Spring Concert
5/20/25		District Budget Vote
5/21/25	3:30 PM	District Shared Decision Making Team
5/21/25	7:00 PM	MS Band Concert
5/22/25		WES Boosterthon
5/23/25-5/26/25		No School-Memorial Weekend
5/27/25- 5/30/25		Kindergarten Screening
5/28/25		MS Winners Field Trip-GI Fun Center
5/28/25	7:00 PM	MS Chorus Concert
5/29/25		6th Grade Bisons Field Trip
5/30/25		Band/Chorus Trip to Darien Lake