

Smoke Signals



Principal's Corner

Greetings Wilson Parents and Guardians!

We have moved into our second semester and it's hard to believe we are more than halfway through our school year! We have a couple of things to share with you in this edition of Smoke Signals.

† Our new weekly parent email list is now up to 269 and climbing. If you have not registered, please go to <http://wilson.wyandotte.org/> and click the link "add my email address". We will be sending news and other important information to you as it becomes available. Sign up today!

† **IMPORTANT** -If your child develops a case of head lice and you treat it at home, it is still very important that you notify the school so we can have our "trained" district staff member *verify* the lice is gone. Often times, when treated at home, "nits" are not removed completely and lice infestation can reoccur. Should this unfortunate event happen, please report it to our office so we can take steps to *prevent* further problems.

† **F.Y.I.** - Wilson Middle School in the headlines! We are pleased to be a part of an environmentally cleaner future. Our school, in asso-

ciation with the City of Wyandotte, and Johnson Controls has installed Photovoltaic Solar Panels on top of our building. The students get to see first hand the production of Solar energy and understand its importance to our earth through science lessons and hands-on activities. Want more informa-



tion? Please go to website <http://vimeo.com/2496037>

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Notes from Mr. Jesue

It's hard to believe, but there are only seventy-five days left until our 8th grade class trip to New York City! We will begin this adventure on May 11, 2009 and return May 15, 2009. The last major fundraiser was held on Friday, February 20th at Indian Lanes. The bowling night extravaganza was attended by nearly two-hundred adults who had a wonderful time lighting up the lanes and socializing with friends and family. The event raised approximately \$2,000.00 to help off-set the cost of the trip for those who participated. The final payment for the trip was due on February 23, 2009. At this time, there are many students and chaperones that have an outstanding balance. If you are having difficulty making this pay-

ment on time, please call to make special payment arrangements 734-759-5311 (Mr. Jesue).

Important dates:

Wed, March 25, 2009

Parent Chaperone Meeting
6:30 p.m. (Café)

Wed, April 29, 2009

Mandatory Parent Meeting
6:30 p.m. (Café)

NEW YORK



HERE WE COME

This Month at Wilson



GEOGRAPHY BEE

Recently our school had its annual Geography Bee. We had a lot of great students who really knew a lot of facts, not only about American geography but world-wide. Everyone did very well, but when it came down to the final three the students were, Joe Filipiak, Tyler Green, and Drew Farmer. All three put up a great fight, but it was Tyler Green who came out on top. Green was also the winner of the geography bee last year. Great job

Happenings at Wilson By: Kelsey Blackburn

CHRISTMAS DANCE

On the night of December 18th the Student Council hosted the 2008 Annual Holiday Dance! This fantastic dance had a great turnout. Everyone had an awesome time dancing and socializing with friends! Out of nowhere Santa Claus paid the dance a visit. To top it off a winter wonderland surprised everyone and brought a **SNOW DAY** to begin our Winter Break.

Congratulations Cheerleaders

After long, hard practices, we won. The Allen Park Cheer—Fest was on January 13, 2009, and the cheerleaders placed 3rd out of 10 teams. We worked very hard everyday after school, practicing for two hours. After doing push-ups and starbursts, we would go home very sore. In round 2 we threw hand-springs and they looked fantastic. Our splits looked very good too. In round 3 all stunts were perfect and no one was hurt during tumbling. **GOOD LUCK**

HOUSE HAPPENINGS

GREEN HOUSE—Mrs. Rutkowski

We all worked very hard on our research papers and now we are going to do reflection papers about them. Later on in the month of February we will be reading “I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings” by, Maya Angelou. This will then lead us into poetry where we will write our own poems and do a poetry project.

RED HOUSE—Ms. Lobb

CHICAGO TRIP INFO:

The 7th graders are going to Chicago on May 7th and 8th. We will be spending one night at the Chicago Marriott. Some of the sights we will be visiting are: the Chicago Field Museum, Shedd’s Aquarium, the Navy Pier and the John Hancock Tower. We will eat at the Rainforest Café and Connie’s “Chicago Style” Pizza. Mrs. Shay and Mrs. Cahalan are the teachers in charge of this event. There will also be parent chaperones. It will be a great

We are working on our Bill of Rights collages. Then we will start talking about our first president, George Washington.

GOLD HOUSE—Mrs. Cahalan

Currently we are working on our European countries research projects. “Battle of the

TUTORING IN LRC



Before School
Mon, Tues, Thurs
and Fri
7:30—8:00 a.m.

NEED HELP?

After School
Mon—Thurs.
3:00—3:30 p.m.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

CANNED FOOD

GLOVES & SCARF DRIVE

In the Month of November the Wilson Middle School Student Council hosted a canned food drive to help families at the holiday season. The food drive was so successful it was continued through the month of December. Because of the cold weather we decided to also collect gloves and scarves.

A contest was held to see which grade could collect the most items, the 7th or the 8th grade! And the winner is.....the 8th grade!! Congratulations 8th grade.

Valentine’s Dance Attracts

The Weather could not damper the spirits of excited Wilson students during the Valentine’s dance on February 11th. The cafeteria was the new location for the dance and it was a rousing success. TJ Montie Disc Jockey service provided modern tunes that kept the students going all throughout the dance. All in all, the



Activities a plenty at Wilson.....

- Digital Media Club is a new club that works to produce videos and explore the advances in media that students can use. The group is led by Mr. Brovont and Mrs. Montemayor. The group meets every Monday in Mr. Brovont's room.
- Winter Sports are in full swing with wrestling and girls basketball. The teams have been very successful thus far and we will have a full recap of their seasons in the next issue.
- The annual P.E. Wrestling tournament took place on January 9th. Wrestlers from both 7th and 8th grade participated.
- The Book Club is reading "The Giver" by Lois Lowry this month. Students have been coming back after reading it with a strong approval of this book.
- The Culture Club is a new club started by our three new foreign language teachers. Mrs. Kuhlman, Mrs. Everly, and Ms. Mulheisen have been sharing their vast knowledge with students that are

February Events

- 2/4 Principal's Advisory Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 2/11 Valentine's Dance
- 2/13 Half-day 11:23 a.m. release Career Day (8th graders)
- 2/16 President's Day—No School
- 2/27 Q3 Progress reports distributed

March Events

- 3/4 Principal's Advisory Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Pre-Spring Concert 7:00 p.m. (all instrumental groups)
- 3/5 Half-day 11:23 a.m. release Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00—3:00 and 5:30—8:00 p.m.
- 3/11 Half-day 11:23 a.m. release
- 3/13-3/16 **Winter Break**

Komaki Japan Group

By: Spencer Genrich

Konnichiwa Wilson Families! Once again it's time for us to meet up with our sister city Komaki, Japan. For those of you who do not know about this program, this amazing experience was brought to us by William B. Morrison of the Jervis B. Webb Corp. in March of 1963. Thanks to him we have the experience to be able to share cultures with people on the other side of the world!

During the week of February 1st, Mrs. Alt and Ms. Bjork held their first Japan meeting to discuss hosting and visiting people of

Many group activities are also planned. Visiting Komaki is another option. This will take place in June. Volunteers worked at one of the lemonade stands during the Street Fair to raise money for the trip. Any student who would like to take part in this thrilling experience, please contact Mrs. Alt. We can't wait to see what will be happening with this great group. Sayonara!



Flag of Japan

Notations from the Band and Orchestra



Wyandotte Wilson Middle School students performed at the Middle School Solo and Ensemble Festival hosted by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association at Livonia Franklin H. S. on Saturday, January 31, 2009. Congratulations to all the students who worked hard to prepare their pieces on their own and after school with the help of music teachers.

Each student was required to play their musical selection in front of a judge. Here are the results of the competition.

Results in Solo Categories:

First Division rating: Dallas Hopkins, Trevor Emery, Garrett Waggoner, Elizabeth Sutton, Jill Scribner and Lance Hillenbrand.

Second Division Rating: Mallory

Bentley, Rusty Lozon, Ellen McCartney, Brendan Gutenschwager in (2 events), Josh Little, Erin Young and Cameron Synder-Pitts.

Results in Ensemble Categories:

First Division ratings: Ben Zang, Josh Williamson, Zack Oswald, Daniel Lynch, Bryan Mills, Nick Janeski, Dal-

Poetry Corner

Hold on to your heart.
Your love is stronger than you think
Your mind controls your thoughts
But your heart controls,

Your heart controls who you love.
Who you love and how long.
Your heart says if that person
Is right for you.....or not!



Choose your heart over your mind
Because your mind is only thoughts
But your heart contains your love....
Love isn't about Luck, its about being

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Spotlight Staff Member/Student

Getting to Know New Teachers; Mrs. Everly, Mrs. Kuhlman, Ms. Mulheisen and Student, Austin Rice

This month's spotlight teachers are Mrs. Everly, Mrs. Kuhlman and Ms. Mulheisen.

Ruby: What do you like about teaching here at Wilson?

Mrs. E: The students and staff are super nice.

Mrs. K: The students and the staff are very helpful, especially to new teachers.

Ms. M: The best part of Wilson is the support from the staff.

Ruby: Who inspired you to become a teacher?

Mrs. E: The Spanish teachers I had. One of them was Mrs. Solano's mom. She made the class fun.

Mrs. K: My high school Spanish teacher. He took my class to Spain.

Ms. M: I've always been passionate about teaching students about lan-

guages, but also different cultures. Helping them to understand that if someone is different, it's a good thing.

Ruby: When did you start to take Spanish/French Class?

Mrs. E: Freshman year of high school.

Mrs. K: Freshman year of high school.

Ms. M: Freshman year of high school, but I was first exposed to French by a ballet all in French.

Ruby: Where and how long did you go to college?

Mrs. E: University of Michigan for four and a half years, I earned my BA in Education and in the spring I'll have my Master's Degree.

Mrs. K: Michigan State for four years. I earned a minor in History and a major in Spanish.

Ms. M: Central Michigan for five years. I earned a BS in Science, a major in French and a minor in English.

Now we join our spotlight student Austin Rice.

Ruby: What do you like about Wilson?

Austin: There are a lot of activities.

Ruby: Do you play any sports at Wilson?

Austin: Wrestling, Track and Cross Country.

Ruby: What is your favorite subject?

Austin: Math

Ruby: Are you in any clubs?

Austin: No

Principal's List—Quarter 2



Seventh Grade

Arminiak, Evan	Lane, Courtney
Baker, Matthew	Larkin, Brigit
Blackburn, Kelsey	Lauber, Donavon
Blight, Alysse	Mantel, Jessica
Butkin, Sydney	Matyszewska, Sylwia
Cade, Nicholas	McSweeney, Breanna
Campbell, Curtis	Mekolon, Taylor
Cambell, Robert	Michalak, Jennifer
Crumbliss-Santiago, Quentin	Ososkie, William
Dajos, Rebecca	Pappas, Sophia
Dalton, Brianna	Patton, Elizabeth
Davidson, Cassandra	Piasecki, Andrew
Desira, Anthony	Pigott, Nicholas
Elliott, Stephenie	Poikey, Tara
Fustini, Halee	Puga, Julian
Glatz, Kayla	Ray, Morgan
Glenn, Amber	Roberts, Alexander
Golema, Jessica	Scheitz, Emily
Gutenschwager, Brendan	Scribner, Jill
Hartz, Amanda	Shalda, Caitlyn
Hopkins, Dallas	Smellie, Joseph
Kiczenski, Michael	Southwell, Brook
Klepsch, Montana	Stec, Lawrence
	Trusewicz, Sarah

Seventh Grade

Almas, Erica	Hayes, Emily
Barnes, Brandy	Herron, Cameron
Barros, Maria	Holmes, Christopher
Beaubien, Vincent	Hooker, Kaitlyn
Bentley, Mallory	Howe, Hailey
Bissonette, Damon	Jablonski, Owen
Bowser, Charles	Jackson, Daniel
Browne, Alanah	Janes, Chad
Cannon, Thomas	Janeski, Nicholas
Caswell, Chelsea	Jenkins, Jessica
Chamberlain, Kamron	Johnson, Kedrick
Clark, Grace	Kulas, Jacob
Clark, Sabrina	Landry, Nathan
Cowell, Lindsay	Lange, Alana
Daggett, Shawn	Lange, Brian
Darilek, Kurtlan	Langley, Shayla
Davis-Hager, Kalyan	Ledesma, Breanna
Delannoy, Evan	Long, Aaron
DeShantz-Cook, Dexter	Lorentz, Curtis
Dodge, Elizabeth	Lozon, Russell
Dube, Matthew	Macko, Miranda
Duque, Vincent	Maloney, Hailey
Endicott, Angela	Manzella, Nicholas
Farley, Lauren	Markiewicz, Mark
Fernengel, Tyler	Markiewicz, Tabitha
Filoteo, Genesis	Marquez, Fernando
Finn, Crosby	Marshall, David
Fisher, David	Mascia, Alyssa
Frost, Marcus	May, Daniel
Goodman, Christina	McGrath, Michael
Gorski, Jerry	Grill, Stacey
Grant, Brandon	Harris, Sierra

Eighth Grade

Andring, Joseph	Filipiak, Joseph	Pizzo, Vincent
Armatis, Justin	Geniac, Alicia	Powers, Haley
Armes, Mary	Genrich, Spencer	Ragen, Lindsey
Arozamena, Dea	Gordon, Jessica	Rakoczy, Matthew
Arsenault, Michelle	Green, Tyler	Rickman, Marissa
Arthur, Brendan	Gutenschwager, David	Robinson, Joseph
Baker, Brittany	Hanna, Abigail	Ross, Michael
Ball, Kristen	Homeister, Emily	Scott, Corrine
Bennett, Alan	Horney, Rhion	Sexton, Nathaniel
Beteag, Dana	Hosier, Jacob	Shuryan, Theresa
Bias, Jacob	Jelsomeno, Vincent	Skarzynski, David
Bradshaw, Jayd	Johnson, Matthew	Smith, Austin
Bulchak, Dalan	Kasper, Zachary	Snyder-Pitts, Cameron
Burgess, Carley	Kouts, Tyler	Springstead, Hannah
Calhoun, John	Kusibab, Ryan	Switzer, Mark
Clawson, Joseph	Lanstra, Hannah	Taylor, Emily
Cox, Jonathan	Little, Joshua	Trevino, Jessica
Deleon, Gabrielle	Loselle, Joseph	Trombley, Hailee
Dolney, Jacob	Mashike, Kelsey	Turkomani, Sarah
Dudas, Bianka	McCartney, Ellen	Turner, Ray
Elsayed, Mona	Merrill, Bethany	Valverde, Carlos
Emery, Trevor	Miller, Ashley-Lynn	Weick, Bryce

Honor Roll—Quarter 2



Mullins, James	Skinner, Savannah
Nowak, Ashley	Smith, Rachael
Olson, Collin	Smith, Varina
Owens, David	Sowards, Brandon
Palchak, Zachery	Taylor, Kyle
Papp, Theoren	Tepfenhart, Cassidy
Pauley, Sydni	Thiede, William
Payne, Mikala	Thomas, Jeffrey
Peregord, Jacquelyn	Tince, Mary
Perovich, Evan	Trombley, Eric
Peterson, Amanda	Trotter, Lucritia
Phillips, Penny	Valerius, David
Pitcher, Jake	Vallade, Alexander
Plasencia, Drew	Vellmure, Connor
Ponce, Adriana	Wahls, Jessica
Puleo, Giovanni	Wajda, Angela
Robinson, Jordan	Waldrop, Stephanie
Rubino-Gonzalez, Jose	Walker, Alexander
Ruiz, Luis	Weems, Samantha
Runions, Tierney	Whitehead, Joel
Saenz, Jacob	Whitten, Kyle
Sands, Jay	Williams, Chenoa
Sarna, Nicholas	Williams, Debra
Scanlon, Caitlyn	Williamson, Kelsey
Schafer, Joseph	Wilson, Tarrin
Shockley, Richard	Woodward, Lindsey
Sierra, Kiana	Wylie, Amanda
Simpson, Jacob	Zanski, Brooklynn
	Zanski, Jakob
	Zurbo, Jessica



Honor Roll—Quarter 2

Aular, Ruby	Dye, Donaven
Alidinaj, Olivia	Eckard, Emily
Ames, Anthony	Fields, Caytlin
Balavitch, Isabela	Fisher, Tyler
Beaudrie, Lillian	Fraley, Hunter
Binns, Mackenzie	Fyman, Katie
Blevins, William	Glegola, Jacob
Brandenburg, Gregory	Gonzalez, Cheyenne
Branum, Jeremiah	Gregoroff, Austin
Buchko, Lauren	Haines, Heather
Burkhart, Savannah	Harrison, Kyle
Burris, Emily	Hassell, Logan
Byrum, Shannon	Isham, Kristin
Cazares, Izhel	Jones, Amanda
Cheney, Toni	June, Andrew
Chrislip, Sarah	Kinney, Alexandra
Cole, Daniel	Knope, Molly
Cole, Dennis	Kruskie, Brett
Critchfield, Nathan	Kuhn, Brian
Cusson, Matthew	Lafata, Cesare
Daluz, Alexa	Lahia, Kaycee
DeGregorio, Josie	Laurain, Terry
DeSana, Abby	Lawyer, Mark
Dodge, Shianne	Ledwick, Rebecca
Draheim, Joseph	Lucas, Alexandra
Dyda, Briana	Manthei, Nicole

Eighth Grade



Matchko-Twigg, Darian	Smith, Austin
Metejko, Kevin	Snead, Thomas
Mayrand, Alexandria	Stewart, Devan
McCormick, Mallory	Stewart, Sarah
Neubecker, Brett	Sutton, Marissa
Nevalo, Brittany	Szpaichler, Anthony
Nicholson, Rebecca	Tackett, Tara
Niebrzydowski, Tyler	Thompson, Benjamin
Nowacki, Emily	Thomsen, Mark
Nowak, Mary	Tomassi, Kaytlyn
Ostrowski, Kylie	Tyler, Christian
Pearce, Sean	Vankeuren, Lauren
Peek, Erin	Vukovich, Onnah
Peregord, Audrey	Waggoner, Garrett
Pierce, Austin	Walker, Shayla
Raines, Jacob	Wheeler, Zackary
Ratliff, Jason	Whittecar, Michael
Reichow, Cody	Williamson, Joshua
Rice, Austin	Winter, Kiara
Sadow, Joshua	Winters, Tyler
Sadow, Lydia	Woodward, Justin
Schippling, Mara	Zaddach, Tony
Schmittou, Hunter	Zanley, Beth
Shuman, Charlotte	Zinser, Andrew
Sirdan, Jalyln	
Smiddy, Amber	

Rousing Success

With an encouraging message from Mayor Jim DeSana, the annual Wilson Career Day got off to an uplifting start. It has become tradition that the middle of every February is Career Day at Wilson. Speakers from every type of profession ascend on Wilson to offer insight to the 8th graders of our school. Some of the professions that were covered include FBI agent, Panera Bread manager, Nursing and Veterinarian.

These, along with many other professionals, gave insight into their careers, along with earning potential and what type of classes would be needed.

The day started with the Mayor giving a speech on overcoming odds to achieve your goals. The students then spent a half hour in a classroom listening to two presenters. The students would



Career Day a



Math Counts participants with Mrs. Solano and Mrs. Tessier

Student-Teacher Hockey Game Math Counts



Claiming that being older can be better, the teachers “schooled” the 8th graders 8-4 in the annual student-teacher hockey game. All week the 8th grade students were talking as if they were going to run away with the game, but all the talking turned out to be motivation for the seasoned teachers. Many staff members and students participated and a great time was had by

all!

The Wilson Middle School Mathletes have a lot to brag about these days! On February 4th our Mathletes traveled to Woodhaven Community Center to participate in the local MATHCOUNTS competition. Preparing since October, these Mathletes have worked really hard as a team and individually to strive to be their best. The Mathletes hard work finally paid off! As a team, Wilson Middle School took first place

out of twelve schools. In the individual competition, three of our students placed in the top ten!

Congratulations to Sarah Turkomani—3rd place, Brendan Gutenschwager—5th place, and Daniel Cole—7th place. Because of their great success our Wilson Middle School MATHCOUNTS team will be attending the State Competition March 28, 2009. Congratulations to Daniel Cole, Dallas Hop-





Attention Parents

Our Parent Conferences will take place on:
Thursday, March 5, 2009.
See details and schedule below.

Time

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

A teacher locator sheet will be available on a front table at the school entrance on this day.

Conferences will be on a *first-come, first-serve basis*. Parents may select which teachers they choose to visit. You do not need to see every teacher if it is not necessary.

No appointment will be needed.

Hope to see you there!