

**NOVEMBER 2005
WILSON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

STUDENT DISMISSAL

We are asking parents to help us with a concern regarding our student pick up. It is very difficult to exit 8th Street onto Koch Street 15 to 20 minutes before our student departure. Parents are parking along the curb and right next to the 8th Street opening so a car must slowly ease out on to before to see if another car is traveling on Koch Street. At times, cars have actually blocked 8th Street. We are just asking parents to be keep streets accessible and safe while waiting for students to be dismissed.

ARTIFACTS (Mr. Laux)

Hello! My name is Katherine Anderson and I will be student teaching in the art classroom with Mr. Laux for the next eight weeks. I am a Chicago native, and am finishing up my last semester at Bradley University and earning a degree in Art Education, Photography and Art History. Prior to my time here at Wilson School, I student taught for eight weeks at Pekin Community High School. I have had field experience in elementary, middle and high school throughout the past four years. When I'm not in the classroom, I enjoy creating art, dancing and spending time with my friends, family and two cats, Macy and Gracie. I am really looking forward to working with your children. I hope to introduce them to new types of art and allow them to experience new teachers and ideas.

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

Thursday, November 3:	Hangin' After Hours (6:00 pm – see article)
Thursday, November 10	Trimester 1 ends
Friday, November 11	No School (Veteran's Day)
Sunday, November 13	Happy Birthday, Principal Harris!
Wednesday, November 16:	Conferences (5:00-8:00)
Thursday, November 17:	No School, Conferences (12:00-3:00, 5:00-8:00)
Friday, November 18:	No School, Conferences (8:00-11:00)
Monday, November 21:	DARE Graduation (6 th graders)
Thursday, November 24:	No School (Thanksgiving Holiday)
Friday, November 25:	No School (Thanksgiving Holiday)

SCORE COUNCIL NEWS (Mrs. Damotte and Mrs. Schmidgall)

October was a very busy month for SCORE Council. The first election was held on October 4th and the members have already been working on several projects!

All of the SCORE Council members helped out at the Fall Book Fair in the Technology Center. This was just another great way for the members to represent their classes and to help out in different activities around the school.

Red Ribbon Week was held the last week of October. Each day had a theme that gave students positive alternatives to using drugs. Thank you to all the students and faculty that supported this important week.

On November 3rd, we will host our annual “Hangin’ After Hours” event. The school will be opened up from 6:00 – 8:00 that evening for students to enjoy a variety of activities. Around 200 students are expected to attend!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (Mr. Burks)

We finished up October and started November by performing the remaining activities for the Presidential Physical Fitness Challenge. Ask your child how he/she performed on the pull-ups, sit-ups, shuttle run and sit and reach. The December newsletter will highlight students who earned the Presidential level on all activities. We performed a variety of soccer activities during October and will finish with soccer games indoors for a couple of weeks in November. This is always an exciting time of the year as we gear up for the holidays!

GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS AND CAMPBELL LABELS

We are asking students to save box tops from participating General Mills cereals, snacks, Betty Crocker fruit snacks, Yoplait yogurt multipacks, Yoplait Go-Gurt, Lloyd’s Barbeque Buckets and General Mills Foodservice products. We will also be collecting Campbell Soup labels. We were able to purchase additional books for our students by collecting these items and sending them in. Thank you.

SCORE CARDS

Teachers have been issuing score cards to students who are “caught” following the Wilson’s SCORE Code. Each week, we will draw 20 cards (5 from each team) out of a box, and these students will have their names announced at lunch. They will also be able to pick candy or school supplies from the treasure chest. The first recipients were:

Michael Barrios
Chelsy Beach (three times)
Zach Beever
Keegan Begeman
Chelsea Bishop
Jennifer Bohm
Scott Brown (twice)
Sean Burgess
Samantha Burkhardt
Haley Bush (twice)
Austin Carney (twice)
Austin Carter
Maddie Cordts
Cole Davis

Drake Debolt
Brad Denham (twice)
Hanna Drowns (twice)
Madison Dunn
Ian Eberle
Hannah Emery
Cody Fogg
Dakota Fulk
Pat Fuller
Nicholas Gorrie
Andy Green
Jonah Hariford
Stephanie Harris
Brittany Henderson
Tony Henry
Justine Hoehn
Caleb Huss
Kayla Jakob
Michael Jacobsen
Kristen Julien
Katie Justus
Dalani Lee
Michael Lemon
Zach Lewis
Skyler Lutes
Dana Martin
Brittain Massey
Collin McCabe
Trent McClain
Zach McClary (twice)
Krista McCoy
Blake McKay
Eric McMichael
Connor Melvin
Austin Miller
Jordan Millikin
Alicia Moldenhauer
Ian Myers (twice)
Amanda Neff (twice)
Chris Ohnemus
Faith Parrish (twice)
Hope Parrish
Hayley Parrott
Jessica Pawelczak
Ben Potts
Hope Preacher (twice)
Alexis Rasmussen
Ashley Reynolds
Toni Ritchie
Caleb Rumpel
Trisha Rusterholz
Ryleigh Sanborn (twice)
Ryne Sandberg
Shelbie Sarver
Briana Schraub
Jesse Semonski
Josh Skocaj

Erin Sweet
Rachel Travis
Colton Verci
Andrew Vinson
Jazmine Von Hatten (twice)
Alexa Walker
Kayla Wallace
Justin Whiteman
Kelsi Wiseman
Austin Wolfe
Elijah Wood

MUSIC MEDLEY (Mrs. Damotte)

4th grade classes have been busy preparing for the arrival of RECORDERS! The students really enjoy learning how to play this instrument. All 4th graders will learn how to play the RECORDER throughout the coming weeks.

5th grade classes are going through a MUSIC HISTORY unit. During this unit, the students will learn about several composers and listen to musical examples.

6th grade classes are finishing up their STOMP unit. It's been a noisy couple of weeks in Music Class! Be sure to ask a 6th grader about this exciting group project.

HONOR ROLL/PERFECT ATTENDANCE CRITERIA

With the first trimester coming to an end later this month, we would like to inform parents of the criteria for making the different honor rolls.

High Honors

- Students must have all A's

Honor Roll

- Students must have a combination of A's and B's (at least one A, nothing lower than a B, no U's or 4's)

Improvement Honor Roll (starting the second trimester)

- At least one grade goes up, no grades drop, no F's, U's, 4's
- Students may make more than one honor roll.
John gets all C's for the first trimester, and all A's for the second trimester. Therefore, John meets the criteria for both the Improvement and High Honor Roll for the second trimester.

BUGS (Bringing Up Grades, second trimester)

- 4th Grade only, breakfast in March (put on by Kiwanis)
- Same criteria as improvement honor roll.
- Again, students may make more than one honor roll.
- Straight A students for both trimesters are no longer BUGS. We're looking into additional recognition for the group of students who get all A's all year.

Perfect Attendance

- Tardies, appointments, etc... count against perfect attendance.
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HURRICANE RELIEF

Wilson School students and staff took up a collection for the Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts. We are proud to say that we presented a check for almost \$1000 to the American Red Cross in. Mr. Schneider, a Red Cross volunteer, is pictured below with students Alison Burris and Mariah Bly (both students from Miss Lard's class).



CHOIR NOTES (Mrs. Damotte)

During the month of November, there will be 2 different 6th grade rehearsal days. These changed rehearsals are due to conferences and Thanksgiving. During these weeks, the 6th graders will rehearse on Wednesday mornings.

We will also have an after school rehearsal the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. This also happens to be the week before our concert! On Tuesday, November 22nd we will rehearse after school until 4:00 p.m.

Lastly, the week of our concert, all of the morning rehearsals will take place at 7:15 a.m. instead of 7:30 a.m. They are as follows: Tuesday-5th Grade; Wednesday-6th Grade; Thursday-5th & 6th Grade.

Look out for a note coming home the first week of November with all the important dates, times, and concert information. We are looking forward to performing "I'll Always Love Christmas" program on Thursday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Wilson Gymnasium.

AT-RISK COUNSELOR (Mrs. Kaufman)

10 WAYS PARENTS CAN HELP CHILDREN

- 1) Establish Routines. Be predictable and consistent; children thrive on structure.
- 2) Talk and Listen. Focus love and attention on each of your children every day.
- 3) Read. Read to and with your children.
- 4) Maintain Firm, Fair, and Consistent Discipline. Children need boundaries and guidelines.
- 5) Assign Responsibility. Find age-appropriate tasks for your children to perform.
- 6) Create Learning Opportunities. Find math lessons all around you – measuring, counting, estimating, etc.

- 7) Help Your Child Adjust. Adapting to different situations (school, friends, etc.) is a life-long skill. Let your child know you are there for support.
- 8) Monitor Media. Avoid media saturation as much as possible, but take time to explain the images they see or sounds they hear.
- 9) Teach Respect and Compassion. Be a model of sensitivity toward others.
- 10) Deal with Boredom. Encourage calm activities such as puzzles, reading, or playing a game. See the “Boredom-Buster” learning activities attachment.