

**FEBRUARY 2006**  
**WILSON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

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**ARTIFACTS (Mr. Laux)**

It is nice to be back and busy again. The fourth graders are doing a great job on their weavings. I have plenty of yarn to share, but if any students wish to have a specific color or want to continue working at home, yarn can be purchased at Wal-Mart for less than a dollar.

The fifth and sixth graders are starting on some long awaited clay projects. If anyone is interested in working more with clay outside of school, I can suggest Peek-in ceramics (across from the court house, on Court St.), the Peoria Art Guild ([www.peoriaartguild.org](http://www.peoriaartguild.org)), and Fired-up (on Prospect in Peoria Heights).

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**IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES**

Friday, February 10	Young Authors books due
Friday, February 17	Early Dismissal (SIP Day)
Monday, February 20	No School (President's Day)
Friday, February 24	Trimester 2 ends
Monday, February 27	Talent Show auditions (after school)
Tuesday, February 28	Talent Show auditions (after school)

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

The Term II election will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup>. We are very excited to have another great group of students volunteering their time and talents for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year!

On February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, auditions will be held for the upcoming Talent Show. Students should be thinking now of the acts they would like to put together for this year's show. It will be held on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Wilson Gym.

A BIG THANK YOU to all of the teachers and students for donating their time and talents to create holiday greeting cards for our local nursing and retirement homes. All classes participated in this activity that was thought up by our SCORE Council students. The residents of these homes were delighted to receive these thoughtful messages during the holidays!

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**PHYSICAL EDUCATION (Mr. Burks)**

After finishing January with a fantastic hockey unit, we begin February with a variety of recreation activities. Students will have the opportunity to experiment with such things as bocce ball, juggling, riding a unicycle, jump rope, frisbee and shuffle board. I hope that through the course of this unit they will find an activity or two that really peaks their interest. It will be a pretty laid back time with lots of hands on experience.

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**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.

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### 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 recipients were:

Kyle Arnold  
Keegan Begeman  
Chelsea Bishop  
Allison Burris  
Katelyn Cole  
Barbie Colson  
Madison Cordts  
Sarah Daly  
Kyle Davis  
Tanya Drowns  
Dylan Feaster  
Taylor Flairty  
Marcus Goodin  
Allison Gregory  
Zac Hansen  
Terry Harms  
Tony Henry  
Dakota Hinds  
Logan Hoover  
Caleb Huss (twice)  
Samantha Johnson  
Brandon Lofton  
Sam Malik  
Brandon Marston  
Ian Massey  
Conner Melvin  
Alyx Miller  
Austin Miller  
Larry Miller  
Tiffany Miller  
Lexi Murphy  
Ian Myers  
Bree Otey  
Faith Parrish  
Hope Parrish  
Brittany Potter  
Grady Rowden  
Devan Rutledge (twice)  
Eric Sanders  
Jesse Semonski  
Lindsay Simon  
Joshua Skocaj  
Joey Wittmer  
Shanna Wyatt

### **MUSIC MEDLEY (Mrs. Damotte)**

During the month of February, all classes will be studying the history of African-American music in America. Students will have the opportunity to discover the only true form of music that was created in our country...jazz. Classes will listen to various song selections of African chants, slavery songs, blues, ragtime, New Orleans' jazz, swing, bebop, cool jazz, gospel, R & B, soul, rock, funk, and rap.

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### **AT-RISK COUNSELOR (Mrs. Kaufman)**

#### Challenge for the New Year

Many people set personal goals for the New Year, usually in January, with every intent of achieving those goals. May you be challenged this year, as a family, to set some family goals in the area of character development for family members. Goals could be set to develop the character qualities of respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, citizenship, fairness, and caring in your children.

For example, a child could be encouraged to visit a local nursing home where he/she might read to a senior who would enjoy the experience. Children feel good about themselves when they share their gifts with others. These kinds of experiences for children help to build the child's self-esteem and self-worth.

Since we celebrate Valentine's Day in February, you might look for special ways to show caring and love to one another during the month. Children could be encouraged to do special tasks for other family members in the home. Acts of love could be simply clearing the table from the family meal, and loading the dishwasher, or making another family member's bed on the week-end, when a child has more time at home. Treating others as we wish to be treated could be taught through these shared acts of love in the home.

#### THANK YOU

"Thank you" to the students and families at Wilson who donated canned foods before Christmas to make food baskets for 16 families at Wilson. The recipient families were most thankful for the canned foods.

Thank you to Trinity Lutheran Church for supplying 26 students at Wilson with warm winter coats and outer wear for the winter months this school year.

We also appreciate the acts of love shown Wilson School students by caring community people who have given many wonderful school supplies for students to use during the 05-06 School Year. Some of these local citizens are regulars at giving school supplies each new school year at Wilson.

We thank you for caring, sharing, and for your generosity.

Mrs. Kaufman, At-Risk Counselor

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### **RECOGNITION FIELD TRIP**

Over 110 students attended the recognition field trip to Peoria in January, to watch the Bradley Braves play. Bradley won an exciting game, and a good time was had by all. We will have another field trip after the second trimester. We plan on going to the Dragon Dome in April, where students will have several stations of recreational activities. Look for more information to come home in March. In order to be eligible to attend, students need to meet one of the following criteria:

- High Honor Roll
- Honor Roll
- Improvement Honor Roll
- Perfect Attendance
- Young Author Representative
- Spelling Bee winner and runner-up
- Accelerated Reader (must have met their goal with 80% comprehension)

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### **CHANGE IN TARDY TIME**

Please note that there has been a change in the time a child will be considered tardy/absent. If your student arrives after 8:10 and before 8:53, he/she will be considered tardy. If your student arrives after 8:53, it will be considered a half-day absence. Please call us if you have any questions.