



Wilson Intermediate School

December Newsletter - 2019



WELCOME TO WILSON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Wow! December already. This year is flying by as they all seem to do. We are having so much fun this year with our SCORE prizes, Students of the Month, Behavior incentives and of course LOTS of learning. Thank you to all who made it to Wilson for parent teacher conferences. It was great seeing you all and being able to share about your fantastic kiddos. It is truly a joy to have them here at Wilson. As always, feel free to contact us at 477-4722 or email (josh.norman@pekin108.org or annie.smith@pekin108.org)

Sincerely, Josh Norman, Principal & Annie Smith, Assistant Principal

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

- Nov 27-29: No School - Fall Break
- Dec. 2-6: Parent Club Secret Santa Shop
- Dec. 6: Popcorn Day
- Dec. 12: Choir Concert
- Dec. 13: Early Dismissal @ 11:15am
- Dec. 21 - Jan. 6: No school / Winter Break
- Jan 7: Students return to school
- Jan. 9: Young Author's Books are Due



S.C.O.R.e. COUNCIL NEWS

Penny Wars / Coin Drive : The first 2 weeks of December, Score Council is hosting a coin drive to collect donations for Wilson Families in need over the holidays. We will use all of the proceeds to support those families with some financial assistance in time for Christmas. Thank you in advance for any donations you are able to contribute.



WILSON PARENT CLUB

We are SO excited for all the involvement we've had so far in the Wilson Parent Club! If you would like to participate in our Secret Santa Shop, please check out our facebook page for more info on how to sign up.

- **Next Meeting:** Monday, Dec. 16th @ 5:30pm
- **Next Popcorn Day:** Friday, Dec. 6th
- **Secret Santa Shop:** Dec. 2nd - 6th



GIVING TREE - WINTER ACCESSORY DONATIONS

From now until Christmas, We will have a christmas tree in the cafeteria for students to drop donations or receive donations of winter gloves, mittens or scarves. This will be a huge help for students needing help to stay warm this winter.



MISS MILLER'S MUSIC MESSAGE

Warm wishes from the music room! During November, all students learned about the music and culture of Australia. This December, the 4th grade students will continue working on melody learning with the help of bell sets. 5th grade students are finishing up their composer/movie projects. 6th grade students will be presenting their unique instruments during their recycled instruments band performances. Also in December, students should warm up their dancing shoes for line dancing with Miss Miller and Mr. Clark. Please join the Wilson Choir for their Winter concert on December 12th at 6pm in the Wilson gym.

- Miss Miller 🎵

WILSON INTERMEDIATE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

School Counselor: Tiffany Johnson

With the Holidays right around the corner, we will sometimes see our students with new gadgets. I thought I would send out some screen time guidelines from kidshealth.org... For more tips and suggestions you can go to kidshealth.org

SCREEN TIME GUIDELINES

Screen time tips:

1. Research video and computer games before getting the game for your child. Ratings are EC-Early Childhood, A0-Adults only, E- Everyone, or E10+ - Everyone 10 and older.
2. Preview games and even play them with your child to see what they're like before you let your child play alone.
3. Make sure kids have a variety of free time activities, spending time with friends and playing a sport. These things may help them develop a healthy body and mind.
4. Turn off all screen during family meals and at bedtime. Also, turn off entertainment media while kids are doing homework.
5. Spend time together with your child watching TV, playing games, or going on line. Use screen time as a chance to interact with your child.
6. Preview TV programs, make sure the program is age appropriate for your child.
7. Use screening tools on the TV, computer, and tablets to block your child's access to inappropriate materials.
8. Teach your child about internet safety and proper social media use.
9. Keep the computer in a common area.

MR. CLARK'S CONNECTION

Floor hockey is a great indoor sport to play during this time of year. It gives students a chance to continue to develop their fine motor skills & their gross motor skills. All grade levels will practice hockey puck dribbling, passing and receiving, and goal shooting. Each grade then has a different lead up game before playing a floor hockey game. The floor hockey games are a lot of fun to watch and referee. I don't have to worry too much about safety because we play with foam hockey sticks and plastic pucks. We use the scoreboard to keep track of scoring and the kids really enjoy that.

The last week of school in December is spent teaching kids line dancing in the gym. Mrs. Wilcoxon comes in and we try and teach the kids many different types of dances. Even those of us with 2 left feet (like myself) are able to gather a sense of rhythm and coordination. It's a great way for Miss Miller and Mr. Clark to combine their curriculum, which both include learning rhythm and dance.

Happy Holidays!

-Mr. Clark



'ART'IFACTS

I am always in shock when it is time for the "DECEMBER" newsletter. How can this be? Our year is flying by. The 6th graders are about to start working on their first clay project for the year and the 5th graders are shading a self-portrait. The 4th graders will work on a collage of many Asian-inspired goodies. Do you realize what this means? There should be no reason to worry about wearing play clothes on art days for several weeks.

Don't forget that pencils, oil pastels, markers, and glue make great stocking stuffers!

Thanks,
David Laux



Each month, our **newsletter** will feature a contest for our families. This month you are to count the number of times you see the word **wilson** in our newsletter. Write down the number below, add your name, your teacher's name and have your parents sign. **Return this portion of the newsletter to your teacher by Wednesday, December 18th.** Those slips with the correct number will be entered into our monthly drawing for prizes.

_____ number of the word **wilson**

Your Name: _____

Teacher: _____