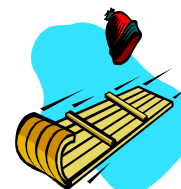




What's Happening This Month on The Wilder Side:

- School Resumes—January 3rd
- End of Second Quarter—January 12th
- NO SCHOOL! Professional Learning Day—January 13th
- NO SCHOOL! Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—January 16th
- Third Quarter Begins—January 17th
- Skating Party—January 20th, 4:30—6:30 @ Skateport
- Family Dinner Night—January 26th

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The Wilder Side

Take Time To Enjoy Your Children

Dr. Jason Steingraber, Principal

With the excitement and anticipation of a new year, 2012 appears to be full of promises. This is a special time of year for families and friends sharing the holidays. During the business of it all, it is important to slow down and take time to enjoy the moment. Last month there were so many opportunities to feel fortunate. I truly enjoyed the performances by our Warblers and 3rd and 4th grade students. Being right in the middle of a very busy season of life myself, I consistently remind myself to take time to slow down and enjoy all the amazing experiences of being with chil-

dren. Many days I can be overwhelmed by the tasks ahead and the unfinished items on my personal 'to do' list.

It is wonderful to inspire children to do their best, although, it is just as important to celebrate everyday achievements and individual accomplishments. Take the time to enjoy every moment of your children, it goes fast. We are so fortunate to have so many talented and inspiring students.

It is important to recognize the positive relationship that exists between home, school and community. The recent Barnes and Noble

School Night is a great example. It was wonderful to see families enjoying the evening together and a great additional benefit to the Barnes and Noble Night was that our PTA raised funds to benefit our school. As we begin the 2012 adventure, we will see more opportunities for community events and making connections.

Again, as we begin the New Year, take some time and enjoy every moment with your children. Thanks to all students, staff, and parents that make Wilder Elementary School a remarkable school.

Chat N Chew

Chat N Chew is a six week book club program for Grades 3 - 5. Order forms are due by Thursday, January 12th - no exceptions (so books can be ordered in time to begin reading the first week of February). Watch for flyers and order forms to come home in backpacks. Make checks payable to Wilder PTA for book orders. Chat N Chew will begin the middle of February to hopefully conclude by Spring Break. We are always looking for parent volunteers. There is a place on the form to indicate if you would like to volunteer in this reading program. Contact Missy Duncan at 894-5892, Taryn Zimmerman or Manda Brandt with questions.



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News from the Presidents Corner

Tracy Simpson, PTA President

Happy New Year!!! I hope everyone had a happy, safe, and relaxing Winter Break!

December was a busy, but exciting month. The Wilder Month of Giving was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who made it possible. Student Council did an amazing job raising money with popcorn and water sales during the 3rd/4th grade and Warbler performances. They also collected goods and raised money during “theme” days at school. All proceeds went to help purchase items listed on the ornaments on the Sharing Tree. Thank you to the Sharing and Caring Committee and to all those who took an ornament, worked to get the tree and ornaments ready, wrapped gifts, etc.! By working as a team we were able to help those in our Wilder community.

December also brought a packed Barnes and Noble Night, a skating party with a “special guest,” Family Dinner Night at Peachwave, and class parties that ended the last day of school on a fun note. Thank you to all the volunteers who donated items for the parties, ran the games, braved a craft and came in to help keep everything flowing. We could not do it without you!

January is going to be a great month as well! We will have our monthly skating party and a Family Dinner Night. The Reflections Showcase will be at Battlefield Mall on Sunday, January 8th from 12:00-4:00 p.m. Don't miss the Warblers performing the National Anthem at the Lady Bears game on Sunday, January 29th at 2:00pm!

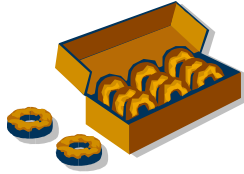
The time is approaching for a nominating committee to get together to nominate next year's Executive Committee. If anyone is interested in serving on the Nominating Committee or the Executive Committee please let me know.

Thank you again for all that you do and I wish you all a happy 2012!

DOMINO'S NIGHT

Domino's Night is held at the 2565 E. Sunshine location on the first Thursday of every month. The class with the most participation gets a class pizza party!

All Pro Dad's Breakfast



The All Pro Dad's Breakfast will be held on January 20th from 7:30 a.m.—8:15 a.m. If you plan to attend breakfast please make sure to contact wilderallpro@yahoo.com to RSVP so we can make sure to order enough food for everyone. Please arrive on time so we can end by 8:15 a.m. and allow all of the Wilder students access to the cafeteria. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Scott Simpson at wilderallpro@yahoo.com.

Box Tops and Soup Labels

Remember to collect those Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup labels and turn them in at Wilder!

Artwork at Kraft

The following students had work on display at Kraft Administration building through the month of November:

Kindergarten

Sophia Blanco, Keagan Dana, Macy Bussen, Mackenzie Peek and Libby Allen

First Grade

Kiara Jacobs, Chloe Morse, Mitchell Werner, Isa Landry and Carson Johnson.

Second Grade

Jasmine Gamel, Rhian Vonwiller, Nicholas Blanco, Bailey Dipper and Alexis Harp

Third Grade

Katlyn Beale, Macie Stephens, Owen Connell, Janae Jacobs and Cadence Plaster

Fourth Grade

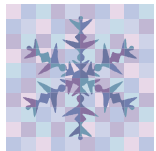
Daniel Snegur, Tiffany Pierce, Logan Fahrlander, Catherine Hamlin and Jack Murphy

Fifth Grade

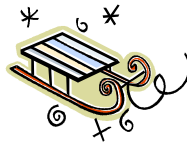
Ashley Baldwin, Sidney Dennis, Brailyn Collins, Vincent Sutton and Sara Richards

Wilder Elementary

SKATING PARTY



Skate off the Winter Chill



Friday, January 20, 2012

4:30 to 6:30 pm

Skateport 3820 S. Glenstone

\$4.00 to Skate * \$1.00 Hot Dog/Drink deal
(Same price if you bring your own skates)

NO DROP OFFS A PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST BE PRESENT AT ALL TIMES

Wilder Warblers

"Our Season" Continues

Sunday, January 29
National Anthem MSU Lady Bears at 2:00

Sunday, February 12
National Anthem MSU Men Bears at 2:00

City Wide PTA REFLECTIONS Showcase January 8, 2012

Theme for 2012: "Diversity means....."

Springfield Council of PTAs sponsors a City Wide "Reflections" Showcase in the Battlefield Mall every year in January to give the winners of each participating Springfield public school the chance to showcase their talents to family and friends. The students compete in any of the following categories: Film Production* Dance Choreography* Musical Composition * Photography* Visual Arts* Literature.

Join us Sunday, January 8, 2012 at the Battlefield Mall from 12-4 p.m. where all the students "Reflections" entries will be on display for all to enjoy. At 3:00 p.m. an awards ceremony will take place in which all are welcome to attend!

Springfield Council of PTAs City Wide Showcase "Reflections" Winners 2011-2012:

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| <i>Literature:</i> | 1st Kiana Boyce, Central | Burroughs, Wilder | Moore, Greenwood |
| High School | 2nd Jared Henry, Greenwood | Whitney Fearing, Horace Mann | Intermediate |
| 1st Madelyn Stroder, Greenwood | 3rd Brittany Dowden, Carver Intermediate | | 1st Hailey Fitzpatrick, Rountree |
| 2nd Cassie Atchley, Central | 1st Ben Meeseey, Sequiota | <i>Musical Composition:</i> | 2nd Carson Marquart, Sequiota |
| 3rd Joseph Hall, Greenwood | 2nd Kylie Findley, Pershing | High School | 3rd Brayden O'Neal, Greenwood |
| Honorable Mention Josh East, Greenwood | 3rd Xavier Curtiss, Field | 1st Marissa Banks, Central Middle School | Honorable Mention Giovanni Alfano, Wilson's Creek |
| Middle School | Honorable Mention Abbi Rankin, Field | 1st Jacob Felton, Pipkin | Sophie Payne, Sequiota |
| 1st Landon Swartz, Central | Janae Jacobs, Wilder | 2nd Aki Anand, Greenwood | Maggie Zendeherouh, Wilder |
| 2nd Halena Hadi, Central | Primary | 3rd Jenna Kohls, Central | Tiffany Pierce, Wilder |
| 3rd Amy Snow, Cherokee | 1st Kiara Jacobs, Wilder | Honorable Mention Rylee Smith, Greenwood | Primary |
| Honorable Mention Isabella Yandell, Carver | | Molly Jones, Greenwood | 1st Mabel Johnson, Delaware |
| Michelle Lawson, Pipkin | <i>Photography:</i> | Intermediate | 2nd Karson Feuerbacher, Greenwood |
| Meredith Montgomery, Greenwood | High School | 1st Noah Zahn, Rountree | 3rd Ella Falter, Rountree |
| Katherine English, Central | 1st Candace Ward, Hillcrest | 2nd Loren Broaddus, Horace Mann | Honorable Mention Katie Zendeherouh, Wilder |
| Intermediate | 2nd Laurel Stevens, Kickapoo | 3rd Izzy Eiserman, Field | Clayton Barton, Mark Twain |
| 1st Lauren Lander, Sequiota | 3rd Samantha Olive, Glendale | Honorable Mention Janae Jacobs, Wilder | Elise Summers, Harrison |
| 2nd Trenton Vann, Field | Honorable Mention Rebecca Hensley, Parkview | Primary | |
| 3rd Natalie Hopkins, Sequiota | Martina Gasparro, Kickapoo | 1st Lily Prescott, Sequiota | <i>Dance</i> |
| Honorable Mention Tiffany Pierce, Wilder | Justin Ready, Glendale | 2nd Sam Garvin, Rountree | Middle School |
| Hannah Wasson, Greenwood | Justin Ready, Glendale | 3rd Andrew Hellman, Wanda Gray | 1st Kayla Windes, Hickory Hills |
| Alexandra Rosen, Greenwood | Middle School | Honorable Mention Kiara Jacobs, Wilder | Intermediate |
| Aubrey Albert, Mark Twain | 1st Delaney Cannon, Jarrett | Lola Eiserman, Field | 1st Emily Downie, Greenwood |
| Hailey Smith, Field | 2nd Michael Meyers, Carver | | 2nd Hailey Fearing, Horace Mann |
| Primary | 3rd Gina Zubair, Greenwood | <i>Visual Arts</i> | 3rd Lauren Cox, Field |
| 1st Elizabeth Finke, Harrison | Honorable Mention Kiersten Meyer, Hickory Hills | High School | Honorable Mention Janae Jacobs, Wilder |
| 2nd Kiara Jacobs, Wilder | Korinna Hylen, Greenwood | 1st Dalton Stevenson, Central | Primary |
| 3rd Sadie Upchurch, Mark Twain | Carter Sifferman, Cherokee | 2nd Natasha Imadiyi, Parkview | 1st Kiara Jacobs, Wilder Elementary |
| Honorable Mention Krishan Ghosh, Greenwood | Delaney Cannon, Jarrett | 3rd Rachel Chmnitzer, Glendale | |
| Megan Simpson, Wilder | Intermediate | Honorable Mention Landon O'Dell, Kickapoo | |
| Savannah Sohn, Williams | 1st Devin Guyer, Sherwood | Mackenzie Maples, Kickapoo | |
| Brett Carnes, Pleasant View | 2nd Bradley Weimer, Field | Middle School | |
| | 3rd Aria Bell, Pleasant View | 1st Julie Sharpe, Greenwood | |
| | Honorable Mention Hailey Youngblood, Sherwood | 2nd Jamie Sampson, Central | |
| | Jonah Hemingway, Wilder | 3rd Jenna Dobyys, Central | |
| | Gina Hoogstraet, Sequiota | Honorable Mention Claire | |
| | Janae Jacobs, Wilder | | |
| <i>Film:</i> | Primary | | |
| High School | 1st Kirsten Spilde, Wilder | | |
| Winners: Rachel Oglesby, Simone Cook, and McKenzie Danzer | 2nd Jacob Tetlow, Field | | |
| Middle School | 3rd Abbey Oliver, Wilder | | |
| | Honorable Mention Griffin | | |

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