

Wilson Elementary Family Newsletter

December 2023

Wilson Mission & Vision

Mission

Wilson Elementary School provides a positive and encouraging learning environment with academic rigor that empowers all students to reach their full potential.

Vision

Wilson Elementary School is an exemplary learning community in which students will thrive socially, emotionally, and academically.



Principal Message

Wilson Families,

Attached in this month's newsletter you will find a copy of the WI School Report Card for Wilson Elementary School (this was sent home as well). We have much to celebrate as Wilson Exceeds Expectations. The success of our students is a team effort. Dedication and collaboration between Wilson staff and families contributes greatly to the high levels of learning at our school! I want to thank you all for your continued support and commitment to your child's education.

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is required by state statute ([Wis. Stat. 115.385](#)) to generate a school report card and district report card for every publicly funded school and district in the state. The report cards are intended to help schools and districts use performance data to celebrate successes and improve their efforts to prepare students for their futures. These public report cards can be found online at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards>.

The current **school report card is primarily based on last year's performance during the 2022-23 school year**. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, DPI encourages caution when interpreting scores and

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At the foundation of the report cards are four priority areas. Schools and districts receive a score for each priority area:

- **Achievement** - proficiency in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics on the annual state assessments
- **Growth** - year-to-year progress in ELA and math achievement
 - **Target Group Outcomes** - outcomes for students with the lowest test scores: the Target Group.
 - **On-Track to Graduation** - reliable predictors of how successfully students are progressing toward completing their K-12 education.

The priority area scores are aggregated into an overall accountability score, from 0 to 100. This score is displayed on the front page of the school or district report cards. It is important to note that the 0 to 100 accountability score is not a “percent correct” measurement. Based on its score, a school or district receives one of five rating categories, from *Fails to Meet Expectations* to *Significantly Exceeds Expectations*, as well as corresponding one to five stars.

Here’s some information I’d like to share from our school report card:

- [Wilson report card](#)
- Our overall score is 79.9 with a rating of Exceeds Expectations
- English Language Arts & Math achievement continue to be areas of strength for us

I want to share these results with you because they help illuminate some of our successes and help pinpoint areas of focus in our school. But as DPI stresses, these report cards are just one source of information about our school.

School and district report cards can be accessed online at [Report Cards Home | Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction](#) along with resources that explain the report cards. I have included the [BDUSD report card](#) here as well. Our school report card and the list of all educational opportunities available to Beaver Dam resident students are also posted on our [BDUSD website](#).

Sincerely,

Ashley Jansma
Wilson Elementary School Principal



December Wildcat VIP's ❤️❤️

Wilson Wildcats celebrated their awesome December Wildcat VIPs who have demonstrated great leadership.



Veterans Day

On Friday, November 10th Wilson Wildcats honored Veterans Day with a beautiful flag ceremony.

Student Absence or Late Arrival

Please inform the school office at (920)885-7373 by 8:35 a.m. if your student will not be attending for the day, will arrive late, or needs to leave early. When leaving a message on the voice mail, include your first and last name, your student's first and last name, their grade, and the reason for their absence. It is very important to call the school office with all absences.

NURSES NOTES



Welcome Winter: Self-care and Emotion Management

With the winter months upon us, it's important to practice personal self-care. Less sunlight and increased stress are just a couple factors that can make this time of year feel overwhelming for many. Part of social and emotional self-care is acknowledging your feelings and emotions but then taking purposeful steps to change a negative mindset --- CHOOSING what you let control you.

Try to focus on the following this month in your household:

Get Good Sleep

How much and how good the sleep you get may affect your mood and mental health as it relates to how "ready" your brain is to process the situations and emotions of your day. Do you have a set sleep routine? Are electronics off or "down" BEFORE you go to bed? Setting up your environment and planning a nightly system can greatly improve your quality of sleep.

Move Your Body

Whether it's a full exercise session or adding some extra steps and movement, every little bit can help. Regular exercise actually improves your emotional health naturally and can positively enhance your mood, attitude, and outlook.

Breathe Deeply

Taking deep, purposeful breaths in moments of stress can actually physically lower your heart rate. When you're feeling overwhelmed or anxious, try slowly inhaling through your nose for four seconds, hold your breath for four seconds, and exhale slowly out of your mouth for four seconds. Do this a few times --- how did it make you feel?

Connect With Others

Give yourself time to connect and strengthen your relationships with others this month. Positive social connections give us feelings of support and personal value. Creating opportunities to personally connect with others can add to happiness and better overall physical and emotional health.

Do Something Positive Every Day

Choosing to DO one positive thing every day helps us pay more attention to the positive in our lives. Try focusing on gratitude and engaging in positive activities throughout your day to positively (and intentionally!) shift your mood. Hold a door for someone or play a game and laugh - sometimes it's the little things that make a big difference!

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Health Services Quick Links

[Student Immunization Information & Forms](#)

[Medication at School](#)

[Too Sick for School?](#)

Wilson PTO Meeting

Please join us for our monthly Wilson PTO Meeting on Tuesday, December 19th at 6:00 pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Registration Fees

Registration fees of \$30.00 per student are due at the beginning of the school year. Please remit payment as soon as possible. If your family is on free/reduced lunches the registration fee is waived. Checks can be made payable to Wilson Elementary. If you have any questions please feel free to call the school office.

Cold Returns 🚗

As our weather turns colder, we want to remind parents to please send children with jackets, hats, boots, and mittens. Students go outdoors for recess each day for fresh air and play unless the temperature or wind chill is zero or below.

Please take a few minutes to write your child's name in his/her winter clothing. This really helps to get lost items to their owner.

Taher News



-Please be sure to fill out a free & reduced application if you feel you qualify! Ask us for an application if needed!

-Our Kids in the Kitchen classes are wrapping up for this fall-we just have Wilson left to make Bread Knots & Washington's school board coffee treat! We will be back in session starting in February-so watch for permission slips to come out!

-We hope everyone has a Great Christmas Break & Happy New Year!

-Please be certain to review your Skyward lunch account by the end of each school year. You need to request changes or ask charged questions before the school year ends in order to receive the possible credit to your account. Any questions or concerns about previous school year charges will not qualify for reimbursement once that current year has ended.



Taher Birthday Treats in the Classroom

Community Resources

BDUSD Student Services Staff (School Counselors, School Nurses, School Psychologists, and School Social Workers) are here to help. They are available to meet about these resources and other community resources. Feel free to contact a Student Services staff member anytime during the school year.

- Mental Health/Coping/Stress Management
- Food
- Heat , Electric, Power
- Assistance with Rent , Utilities , Emergencies , Car Repairs
- Medical Assistance
- Homeless
- Other Resources

4K Family Night

A Warm Winter Welcome

4K Family Night

- Thursday, December 7th, 2023
- 5:30-7:00 pm (drop in any time to do the activities, you do not need to stay the whole time)
- Jefferson Elementary, Cafeteria (301 Brook Street, enter through the N2 doors)
- We will be decorating coasters, trying to cross a hot chocolate river obstacle course, and work on our math and fine motor skills with different activities.



Una Bienvenida Calentita al Invierno

Noche Familiar de 4K

- Jueves, 7 diciembre de 2023
- 5:30 - 7:00 PM (entrar un momento para hacer las actividades, no es necesario quedarse todo el tiempo)
- Jefferson Elementary, Cafeteria (301 Brook Street, Puerta N2)
- Decoramos portavasos, cruzamos una pista de obstáculos sobre el río de chocolate caliente, y practicamos matemáticas y las habilidades motoras finas en actividades diferentes.



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Elementary December Newsletter - Spanish

BDUSD District 2023-24 Calendar

BDUSD District 2024-25 Calendar

Breakfast/Lunch Menu

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Community Flyers

Skyward Family Access

Community Resources

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<https://www.bdusd.org/schools/wilson/>

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