



Parents As Partners

I hope you and your family are safe during this difficult time. As you know, the district is following the guidelines set by the Maricopa Health Department and the Arizona Health Department. You can find the metrics for the district at www.maricopa.gov.school-metrics. At the time of the release of this newsletter, the metrics for the Wilson School District remain in the high-risk categories. Depending on the metrics for the district, we are planning a return to a hybrid model sometime in January 2021. The hybrid model is where some students receive instruction online while other students attend school for in-person instruction. You can go online to the district website and view the parent section for updated information (updates occur on Thursdays).

In the meantime, Wilson School District continues providing online instruction to students. We understand that online instruction has been challenging for parents, students and teachers. However, we have learned of some strategies that will help your child find success and reduce school stress during this time:

- Set and keep a schedule. Help your child follow their daily schedule. This includes getting dressed for school, eating and sleeping at regular times. This can also include time for outdoor play during the day.
- Make sure your child has materials necessary for completing assignments. Supplies can include pencil and paper, stable WiFi connection and log-in information- whatever they need to get the work done.
- Provide an environment ready for learning. This one isn't always easy. Help your child find a learning space free of distractions such as TV or siblings.
- Check messages and communicate with the school. Check the messages daily from teachers and remind your child to respond to the teacher. If your child needs additional support, please let your teacher know.
- Know your child's classes and expectations in each class.
- Stay positive with your child, as this is a difficult time for everyone.

I hope to see you soon, but in the meantime, stay safe. Thank you for your support and allowing us to be a part in your child's education.

-Antonio A. Sanchez, Superintendent

Board Member Vacancy

Wilson Elementary School District No. 7 has a board member vacancy.

Qualifications:

- A person who is a registered voter of this state and has been a resident of the District for one (1) year immediately preceding the day of election is eligible for election to the office of Governing Board member.
- No employee of the District, including a person who directly provides certificated or support services to the District as an employee of a third-party contractor, or the spouse of such employee may hold membership on the Governing Board of this District.
- A Governing Board member is ineligible to serve simultaneously as a member of any other school district governing board, except that a Governing Board member may be a candidate for nomination or election for any other governing board if serving in the last year of a term of office.

Duties and obligations:

- To become familiar with the state's school laws, regulations of the State Department of Education, and District policies, rules, and regulations.
- To have a general knowledge of the educational aims and objectives of the system.
- To work harmoniously with other Board members without neglecting a proper share of the work or trying to dominate the Board.
- To vote and act in the Board meetings impartially for the good of the District.
- To accept the will of the majority vote in all cases, and give wholehearted support to the resulting policy.
- To accept the responsibility for confidentiality in appropriate matters, especially those dealing with personnel and the divulging of privileged information that could cost the District money, support, or public confidence.
- To represent the Board and the District to the public in a manner that promotes both interest and support.
- To refer complaints to the proper school authorities and to refrain from individual counsel and action.

A letter of interest with details of qualifications should be submitted to Usebia Joyce-Governing Board Secretary. Interviews will occur January 6th-8th. If you have questions, please contact Usebia at 602-681-2224.

Child Find

Child Find, a component of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), enables states to locate, identify, and evaluate all children with disabilities, aged birth through 21, who are in need of early intervention or special education services. Special education services are available for children of any age (birth through 21 years). Wilson School District is responsible for locating, identifying, evaluating and serving all children with disabilities (ages 3-21) and referring children ages 0-3 to AzEIP for evaluation and appropriate services. AzEIP is the Arizona Early Intervention Program for infants and toddlers. Wilson provides free and appropriate public education that includes special education and related services to children at public expense, under public supervision and direction without charge to parents. For all school-age students who are new to the district, the classroom teacher will complete screening activities within 45 days of enrollment. If any concerns are noted, the child will be referred for help. Parents who have concerns regarding their child's education may contact the Special Education Department at Wilson, (602) 683-2400, 4205.

McKinney Vento

Are you currently experiencing temporary living arrangements due to eviction, job loss or a traumatic event? Wilson School District offers services to families through the McKinney-Vento Assistance Act. Services such as enrollment and immunization assistance, uniforms or school supplies, community referrals and in some cases transportation can be available. Your family may qualify due to living with another family or friend due to financial hardship or living in a shelter, transitional housing, or motel. Please contact your school office or Gaby Duran at 602-683-2515, ext 6000 for more information about this program.

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Time To Be Thankful!

Hello Winter! I would like to express my gratitude to the students and families of Wilson Primary School. Thank you for choosing our school as the vessel for your child's education. We are grateful for your patience and flexibility as we go through distance learning. Our students are rock stars! Some of the highlights that we have seen during our distance learning this year:

- Students are sharing their work using SeeSaw and Class Dojo. They record themselves practicing reading, justifying their answers and explaining their thoughts.
- Students are sharing their thoughts and ideas interactively using PearDeck during their lessons. It has been incredible seeing their typing skills in action!
- Teachers are allowing students to take control of the meetings so that they can share their screen like tech-pros! They are navigating their Teams meetings beautifully.

We are all just so proud of these students who are working hard to connect, participate and learn their materials each day. Here are some reminders about distance learning expectations:

- Be on time with your learning materials.
- Have a learning space free of distractions such as, TV, toys, food, pets, etc...
- Make sure to participate in the meetings. Know how to mute and unmute yourself.
- Sit up straight in a chair. Avoid laying down with blankets on the bed or couch.

Please stay in touch with us using ClassDojo. Teachers have their own page as well as our Wilson Primary School page. This year, we have Ms. Isabella Barrera, a school counselor. You can connect with her by contacting the office. We are continuing to improve our communication to our families and community. Also, our school website has plethora of information and is updated regularly.

Stay healthy and safe as we enter the holiday season!

-Mrs. Wojcicki, Principal

Online Learning

This has been a very interesting first semester. As we continue online, we ask that students be online beginning at 8 am through 3:30 pm. We understand students may need support completing classwork and homework. We do offer this support during advisory time and Brianyology after school. Please let us know if you would like your student to join the after school program.

We have had many questions about homework. Students have classwork during the day and we are finding many students off task and not using this time to complete assignments. Please encourage your students to complete all in-class assignments. Students access our school through Microsoft Teams, Edgenuity, HMH, Read180, and IReady, to name a few. We have many programs and most are accessible through Clever. We also encourage our parents to have an Infinite Campus portal to access grades, assignments, and attendance. Grades do count towards the GPA. Also, please download our District Application so you can keep informed with newsletters, calls, and important messages. Feel free to call the school if you need assistance with these programs or if you have any questions.

Our AVID tutors are holding tutorials with our students during the week through online collaboration meetings in Microsoft Teams. Our AVID classes have had many guest speakers. Mr. Gonzalez is setting up virtual college tours. In addition to online classes, students experienced virtual pep assemblies, science cafés, and virtual field trips. We are even conducting some Kahoots! Although this is not how we wanted to begin our school year, Wilson has had a lot of success thanks to our outstanding teachers, IT department, families and, of course, our students! We issued devices and assisted families in obtaining internet access through Cox or CenturyLink. Thanks to all the hard work and cooperation throughout our community, we average 93% of our students online each week. Way to go Wildcats!

-Ms. Campton, Principal



Health Reminders

As COVID-19 cases continue to rise in our county, please remember a few of the following safety tips:

- **Wash your hands** often and with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth** with unwashed hands.
- **Cover your cough or sneeze** with a tissue or your sleeve and then wash your hands immediately after.
- **Clean and disinfect** your home and workspace frequently.
- **Wear a mask** in public areas.
- Keep at least **6 feet** between yourself and anyone that is not a part of your household.
- **STAY AT HOME WHEN YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL.**

Please remember that anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home and contact their doctor to receive a COVID-19 Test. Testing sites can be found on the Arizona Health Department's webpage (azdhs.gov). Families are also welcome to reach out to the Wilson Community Center regarding benefits assistance and free COVID testing sites.

Community Center Holidays and Classes

The Holiday Program has been in place for over 21 years! While the pandemic has impacted our school system, we still want our students at Wilson Primary to experience the holiday joy and receive their special gift from Santa! Unlike previous years, rather than hold classroom parties we will have a drive thru event. Our wonderful sponsors will distribute the gifts to the students via this new method. The spirit and joy of the holiday will be present here at Wilson Primary!



The Wilson Community Center continues to offer the following classes:

- Kith & Kin
- Parenting Classes
- Drug Prevention
- Nutrition Classes
- Diabetes Classes
- Immigration Services
- Food Distributions
- GED Classes in Spanish
- Zumba

Invest In Wilson Students Today!

The Arizona Tax Credit is a program that allows taxpayers to contribute up to \$400 to an Arizona school and receive a dollar for dollar tax credit. Eligible taxpayers contribute funds directly to the school. An Individual can contribute and receive a tax credit for any amount up to \$200, and a couple filing taxes jointly can contribute and receive a credit for up to \$400.



Our school district uses tax credit money to fund important activities and programs for our students. Tax credit monies pay for all before and after-school programs as well as extracurricular activities such as field trips, visual and performing arts, special programs, clubs, outdoor education, gifted programs, and additional classroom enrichment programs.

If you would like to help Wilson Schools, visit <http://www.wsd.k12.az.us/taxcredit> or scan the code to the right. Thank you for supporting Wilson!

