



March 2010 Newsletter
WILSON CREEK SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT MARCH DATES

- 1 **Casimir Pulaski Day – NO SCHOOL**
- 3 PTO Meeting at Wilson Creek, 9:30 a.m.
- 4 Kindergarten Round-Up at Wilson Creek, 7:00 p.m.
Market Day Pick-Up at Wilson Creek, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Second Grade Field Trip to Lincoln-Way North
- 9 Board of Education Meeting at Wilson Creek, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Spring Picture Day
- 12 Picnic with Principal and School Pride Assembly Day –Wear Blue or Green
- 13 Speed Stacking Regional Competition at Chelsea School in Frankfort
- 14 Daylight Savings Time - Set Clocks Ahead 1 Hour
- 19 End of 3rd Quarter
PTO Family Movie Night at Wilson Creek
- 20 Lincoln-Way ArtWorks 2010 at Lincoln-Way East High School
- 22-26 Terra Nova Testing for all Second Graders
- 25 Square One Art Orders Due
Women's Club Floral Show at Wilson Creek
- 26 Report Cards Go Home
Early Dismissal Day – 1:00 p.m. Dismissal for 1st and 2nd Graders
No School for A.M./Morning Kindergarten,
No School for A.M./Morning Mrs. Wingfield or Mrs. Schroeder's Classes
P.M. Kindergarten will attend in the morning from 9:00-11:15 a.m.
P.M. Mrs. Schroeder's Class will attend in the morning from 8:30-11:00 a.m.
- 29-31 Terra Nova Make-Up Tests for Second Graders
- 29 2010-2011 Registration Packets Sent Home
- 31 PTO Spring Parties 10:45 a.m./2:30 p.m.
- April 1 **Institute Day – NO SCHOOL**
- 2-11 **Spring Break**

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

A parent information meeting will be held for children entering kindergarten in the fall on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 7 PM, in the Wilson Creek Commons. All children who will be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2010 are eligible to attend kindergarten for the 2010-11 school year. All parents are encouraged to attend. Children need not attend. This evening will be informational only. You do not need to bring birth certificates. **You will be given registration packets to take home and fill out and then return at Kindergarten registration on Thursday, April 29th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. or Friday, April 30th from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** If you know of any parents with kindergarten age children please pass along this information to them.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration Packets will be going home with our students the Monday before Spring Break, March 29th. The packets for students that will be in 1st-8th grade next year need to be returned to school on or before Friday, April 30th. Registration fees for the 2010-2011 school year have gone up \$15.00. If fees are paid by May 1, 2010 the fee will be reduced to \$120.00. If the fee is paid after May 1, 2010 the cost will be \$135.00. Kindergarten registration will be held on April 29th and April 30th.

NURSE'S NEWS

All Illinois children presently in Kindergarten, Second and Sixth Grades are required to have an oral health examination. A licensed dentist must complete this dental exam. The Dentist must sign the examination form. **Each child shall present proof of the dental examination by May 15, 2010.** The examination must have been completed within 18 months prior to the May 15 deadline. The dental examination forms are available in the Nurse's office. The state has also provided "Waiver" forms for families who may have difficulty obtaining a dental examination at this time. These forms are available in the Nurse's office and are completely confidential. Please contact the nurse's office if you are unable to obtain the required dental examination at this time so we can discuss the steps that will need to be taken to assure your child's compliance with the state's rules and regulations regarding dental exams.

NEW TRAFFIC LAWS

New traffic laws came into effect in Illinois, as of January 1, 2010. Drivers are prohibited from using an electronic communication device to compose, send, or read an electronic message while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway. Electronic message is defined as electronic mail, a text message, an instant message, or a command or request to access an Internet site.

Drivers are prohibited from using a wireless telephone while operating a vehicle in a school zone or on a highway in a construction or maintenance speed zone. More details on these new laws can be found at: <http://www.dot.il.gov/>

SPRING PICTURES

The School Photographer will be here on Wednesday, March 10th. More information will come home with your child the week before Picture Day.

TERRA NOVA TESTING

Second Graders will be taking the Terra Nova tests the week of March 22nd. It is very important that your child not miss school that week. Please make sure they are well rested and eat a healthy breakfast.

CHARACTER COUNTS NEWS

In January, students were taught about Trustworthiness. One student from each grade was awarded the Trustworthiness award at the School Pride Assembly on February 19. These students are: **Kindergarten: Lilly Spetz First Grade: Tristan Simkus Second Grade: Noah Zmigrodski** Congratulations!

The Character Counts Pillar Trait of the month for February was CITIZENSHIP. Students learned about what it means to be part of the larger community, such as home, school, neighborhood, and country. They even had a little fun playing the "Citizenship Superbowl!" Students who were "caught" in the middle of showing good Citizenship earned a purple leaf on the "Tree of Good Character," so please help us encourage them to be good citizens. **The Character Pillar for March is Responsibility, and the color is GREEN. Wear GREEN on Wednesdays!**

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

During the week of February 16-19: we had our school's Jump Rope for Heart event! WILSON CREEK raised just over \$3,700! All of the students and their families did a great job in helping us reach our goal. This month in P.E., we will be covering soccer, foursquare and scooter hockey! Our Speed Stacking Team will be competing this month in the Illinois State Tournament hosted at Chelsea Intermediate School in Frankfort, Illinois. **The Speed Stacking Tournament is Saturday, March 13th! Good Luck to all of our stackers!**

ART NEWS

We've been busy in the Wilson Creek Art Room! SquareOne Art is complete and we should be receiving our order packets any day now. They will be sent home to everyone soon. There will be a deadline date on the form for bringing your orders back to school. All proceeds go towards the installation of the Tile Wall in the Wilson Creek Commons that will feature the artwork of our students and staff. If you would like to donate your child's tile to the wall, there will be a space to check off at the bottom of the order form. This will be a permanent installation that will last for many years. We are very excited!

Our Second Grade artists will be working on their bus posters for the Illinois State Contest. We always seem to do well in it. The First Graders have already completed theirs. The contest is a great way to teach the basics of putting together a composition around a theme. We work on lettering, drawing buses, people and schools, to name a few things, and pulling it all together into an interesting poster. Watch for the Second Grade soft sculpture fish in the Wilson Creek commons! REMEMBER: ArtWorks 2010 is on March 20, 2010 at Lincoln-Way East High School. It is free of charge and open to the public from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

MUSIC NEWS

In music class, the First Graders are currently learning the difference between a song and a rhyme and the difference between beat and rhythm. They are learning about how one and two sounds on a beat will lead them into learning the rhythm syllables ta and ti-ti. The Second Grade students are reviewing rhymes and songs, beat and rhythm. They are also reviewing one and two sounds on a beat and incorporating ta and ti-ti syllables when reading rhythms. The students will soon begin to review high and low notes, using so and mi syllables, and how to use the correct musical hand symbols.

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

This last month has been very busy for our Computer Classes. We covered several special events using Technology. Our Second Graders have visited interactive websites to learn more about both Abraham Lincoln for Presidents Day and the Winter Olympics taking place in Vancouver. First Grade visited a website where they assisted in solving a crime using problem solving skills. The Kindergarten classes used google to help navigate to various websites with activities designed specifically for their age. Thanks for collecting Box Tops and feel free to contact Mr. Riley anytime at jriley@manhattan14.org.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Luke Piarowski, a senior at Lincoln-Way Central, is doing his Eagle Scout project with the Manhattan Food Pantry to help raise goods for the many needy families in the community. He is trying to get everyone in the community no matter what age to participate and help make a difference. Any donations of canned or dry food will be collected at Wilson Creek until March 12. If you would like you can send these items with your child or bring them on Family Curriculum Night (Feb. 25th).

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