Principal’s Pride

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break and enjoyed some time with family and friends. We are now in 2019, and it is a new year and a great time to set some goals! Our goals will be to move your children forward in math, reading and science while developing their use of technology and communication with increased leadership skills. We also want to keep student attendance a priority.

State Scores Are Out And Wilson Focus Is Up In All Areas!
The state NSCAS scores are out and we did an amazing job! Our ELA/reading score went up from 51.5 to 57.6 with a 6.1 increase. Math was baseline and is up to 54.2 and our science is still high at 76.7 with a 4.6 increase. Our students are showing excellent growth and increases! Thanks go to our staff, students and families for doing such an amazing job!

AQuESTT Scores Are Out And Our School Has Been Classified As Great By The State
In the past our school has been rated Excellent by the state. This time around we had to answer more questions and submit evidence under each tenant to substantiate our ranking. At this point we are listed as Great. We are still waiting the final classification, which should be coming out soon.

Readers Become Leaders Third Grade Pep Rally
The Readers Become Leaders Program is sponsored by the NCAA Team Works. This program rewards 3rd graders across the country for reaching reading goals. Students are expected to read thirty minutes or more per day and record their efforts on a Reading Log. Today our third grade students had the opportunity to attend a Pep Rally for all OPS third graders at Creighton University’s DJ Sokol Arena. The rally uses athletes to promote and encourage reading. Each student will receive a new Scholastic book and a reading pledge bookmark.

Last Chance To Nominate For An Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award
The Omaha Public Schools is blessed with an abundance of excellent teachers. The Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award was designed to recognize these individuals. To be considered you must be an OPS District teacher or counselor with at least two years of experience. Anyone can make the nomination-students, parents, teachers or former students. All you need to do is visit the website at BuffettOutstandingTeachers.org _Nominate_ a teacher by Jan. 15, 2019.

Third Grade Applications/Siblings
The Wilson Focus School is accepting applications for the 3rd grade lottery for 2019-2020. The school is 3-6th and is open to all 11 districts. Please visit our website at: wilsonfocus.ops.org If you have a sibling that will be in 3rd grade next year be sure to let Ms. Carole know. Forms are due January 18, 2019.

Our School Selected To Take The NAEP –National Assessment Of Educational Progress
We are excited to announce that our school was chosen by the state to participate in the 2019 National Assessment Of Educational Progress (NAEP). It is the largest continuing and nationally representative assessment of what students across the country know and can do in a variety of subject areas. Our 4th graders have been selected to take progress assessments in mathematics and reading. The 4th graders will take this test on February 11th. Show that Lion Pride!

Calendar Of Events:  Also Check Under Organizations-Parents Pride on our website
January 21 – Martin Luther King Day – No School
January 22 - 5th Grade Kindness Retreat, GYM (all day)
January 22-25 – No Place For Hate Week
February 5 – Parents Pride Meeting, Board Room, 6:00-7:00 PM
February 18 – President’s Day – No School
February 19 – Parents Pride Skate Daze Party, 6:00-8:00 PM
March 5, 6 – 3:30 PM Dismissal – No Enrichment
March 6 - Conferences, 4:00-7:00 PM
March 7 – AM Teacher Work Day – Conferences 12:00-7:00 PM
March 8 – Teacher Work Day – No Students
March 11-22 – Spring Break – No School
5th Grade Kindness Retreat

Our 5th graders will participate in a Youth Frontiers Kindness Retreat. The retreat will focus on getting along, solving problems, empathy and anti-bullying. We will also have South High students assisting the coordinators throughout the day. The event uses music, fun activities, games and discussions to build character. It is a good reinforcer to our positive behavior supports.

5th Visitors Check-In Through The Office

A quick reminder; remember to check-in at the office and get a visitors badge from the office before visiting classrooms. Ms. Carole will buzz you into the office, sign the check-in and pickup a badge. Thank you, we appreciate your assistance in keeping your children safe.

Youth Art Month Billboard

Once again, we have been notified that an anonymous donor has purchased a Youth Art Month Billboard for us. That means, Mrs. Deutsch will be able to submit student’s artwork for a billboard design, representing our school and, of course, celebrating Youth Art Month. We will keep you in the loop once a selection is made.

Be An Attendance H.E.R.O.

Be an Attendance Hero! (Here, Everyday, Ready, On Time). We want to make sure individual students are not missing school. Help us to get your children to school every day. The more they are here, the more they can learn, and the better they do in school. We look forward to seeing the students every day!

Check Out Our Book About Wilson

You can see our book at the iBook’s Store entitled: “Wilson Focus School: Celebrating A New Dawn In Leadership, Technology & Communication”, make sure to check it out! It is free and outlines our eleven year success!

Aquest Excellent Rating (89 out of 90)

Sydney Wins All School Spelling Bee

In December, we hosted our All School Spelling Bee in our gym. The individual classroom winners that competed were: Gabi Barajas, Colin Hanes, David Huett, Leo Cervantes Beltran, Payton Clark, Sydney Gniffke-Leak, Tierney Coughlin, Ruth Gardner, Avalon Sperry, Paw Lah Htoo, Daja Hubbard and Melissa Rodriguez. Our winner ended up being Sydney Gniffke-Leak with the runner-up being Avalon Sperry. Sydney will compete in the District Spelling Bee on February 5th at 6:00 PM at the TAC Board Room. Thanks to Mrs. Moats for coordinating Wilson’s event.

No Place For Hate Week Coming!

We are partners with the Anti Defamation League, and all of our staff and students have signed the “No Place For Hate” pledge and promised to work against hate. Families, students, staff and community members have signed the pledge. We will have a “No Place For Hate” week January 22-25 with special student activities planned. We will continue activities all year and, of course, it is incorporated into our daily Lion Pledge that is done on the news. Our goal is to continue to have a safe and friendly environment, where problem-solving is the norm. We are working toward earning another banner for our school. Our banner from last year is proudly displayed in the gym for all to enjoy. Go Lions!

Looking for a job?

Apply for a position with Omaha Public Schools!

OPS is now hiring for the following positions:

- Bus Driver
- Bus Aide
- Nutrition Services

Apply Online Now! District.ops.org/careers

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