Happy November! It is hard to believe that we are in our 2nd quarter of the school year. We continue to have all our safety protocols in place at school. Our students continue to do an outstanding job wearing their masks and socially distancing. Our virtual parent teacher conferences were very successful. If you were unable to connect with the classroom teacher, please reach out this week.

3/2 Family Model and 100% Remote
On the days students are at home (3/2 and fully remote) they are expected to watch the learning videos and complete the work. When students are present at school the lessons are not repeated therefore, if a child does not do the lesson at home they are missing key parts of new instruction. Please reach out if you need support or have any questions.

Attendance
Attendance is taken each day. ALL students (at school and at home) are expected to be logged in and ready for the morning meeting at 8:00 AM. If they are not in the meeting, they are counted absent. Please call the school at 531 299 2260 if your child is absent, even if they are at home learning on that day.

Fall Celebration
Our students and staff enjoyed celebrating with a Fall/Halloween celebration in the classrooms. A huge thank you to our PARENT PRIDE group for providing two snacks and a drink for all our students who were in school.
In November, we are launching our first ever One School, One Book Initiative. Each family will be provided a book to read together as a family. For two weeks, we encourage you to read aloud for 10 minutes a night, so that at a time when we are spread-out all-over Omaha, we can share in one story together. Stay tuned for an itinerary of what to read each night.

LEADER IN ME

Wilson Focus is a Leadership, Technology, and Communication School. To enhance our leadership and communication strands, our entire school is participating in the Leader In Me program. We value the input from our families. If you have not had a minute please complete the parent survey. Thanks!

Parent Participation
We're inviting you to complete an anonymous survey through the weblink below. The survey is completely voluntary, but we do hope to get feedback from one adult member of every household.

The parent/guardian survey takes about 12 minutes to complete and will ask questions about your child and about his or her experience in our school. If you have more than one child attending the school, you will be asked to think about the oldest child's experiences as you answer questions related to his or her growth.

Please take this survey at this link or use the QR Code below:
https://www.leaderinme.com/s/wilson-focus-school/parent
If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Mrs. Jacobs.

PARENT PRIDE MEETING NOVEMBER 10TH 6:00 PM

Please join our Parent Pride (PTA) virtual Teams meeting. November 10th @ 6:00 pm.

Everyone parent/guardian is invited to attend.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app
Click here to join the meeting

Or call in (audio only)
+1 402-509-3892,,710271757# United States, Omaha

Phone Conference ID: 710 271 757#
Scholastic Picture Day will be on Tuesday, December 1st for the Blue Group; and Wednesday, December 2nd for the Yellow Group. If your child is fully remote please call the office to set up an appointment for which day they can come to get their picture taken.

More information to come on ordering...

Mr. Byer and Miss McGee are both past Wilson Focus Buffett Winners.

ALICE BUFFETT OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD

Recognizing Those Who Make a Difference Everyday

The Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award recognizes the achievements of skilled and dedicated educators in the Omaha Public Schools (OPS). Given to 15 teachers annually, the Award has recognized and rewarded nearly 300 teachers over the past two decades. Any Omaha Public Schools teacher or counselor (Pre-K through 12), with a minimum of two years experience, is eligible for nomination.

Each year we receive nominations from students (current and former), parents, other teachers, administrators, and the general public. Our deserving winners are publicly recognized and awarded with the following:

- $10,000 gift
- Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award Medallion
- $1,000 in McDonald's gift cards

Submit a nomination today!

Nominate | Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award | Nominate outstanding teacher Omaha

The weather is beginning to change and not be predictable. Our goal is to go outside whenever possible to get fresh air at recess. Please help remind your child to bring the appropriate clothing (ex. coats/ jackets, hats, gloves).
NWEA MAP ASSESSMENTS - NOVEMBER

All students who are attending using the 3/2 Model will be taking the **NWEA MAP** assessments. Please help your child to be well rested and encourage them to do their best.

Testing will be done on their in-person day as follows:

**BLUE GROUP:**
- READING - November 10th
- MATH - November 17th

**YELLOW GROUP:**
- READING - November 11th
- MATH - November 12th

**MAP**, or the Measure of Academic Progress, is a computerized adaptive test which helps teachers, administrators, and parents improve learning for all students and make informed decisions to promote a child's academic growth.

As a student answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. This type of assessment challenges top performers without adding frustration to learners.

WINTER COAT GIVEAWAY!

16th Annual Society of St Vincent de Paul
FREE - Winter Coat and Accessories Giveaway
**Saturday, November 7th, 2020**
**St. Peter's Parish Gymnasium**
**2728 Leavenworth St.**
(parking available at 27th and St. Mary's Ave just North of the Church)
8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Coats – Hats – Scarves – Gloves
First Come, First Served
***ONE COAT PER PERSON AND***
FIVE COATS MAX PER HOUSEHOLD***
Masks required, hand sanitizer available, limited number of people inside at one time, 6’ distance maintained
Please call for additional information 402-341-4560 X 102
MAP Growth uses a RIT scale to accurately measure what students know, regardless of their grade level. It also measures growth over time, allowing us to track your child's progress throughout the school year and across multiple years. Once your child completes a MAP Growth test, they receive a RIT score.

The RIT scale precisely measures student performance, regardless of whether the student is performing on, above, or below grade level.

For more information on NWEA MAP Assessments please visit the following website.

[https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/family-toolkit/](https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/family-toolkit/)

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**HERE COMES THE BUS!**

*A School Bus Tracking App for Parents*

The Omaha Public Schools transportation team provides an optional GPS school bus tracking technology that is available to all parents and guardians of district students who ride Student Transportation of America buses with bus stops. This free service will provide OPS families with the ability to track the location of their students’ bus in real-time, either on a computer or a mobile device. Participation is optional.

*Tracking Features*

- Shows the real-time location of your child's bus on a map
- Gives scheduled and actual arrival times at home and school for bus routes
- Provides push and email notifications when the bus is near

*Sign Up Instructions for Parents:*

1. Download the "Here Comes the Bus" app or visit [herecomesthebus.com](http://herecomesthebus.com)
2. Click the "Sign Up" button.
3. Enter school code 73916 and click "Next" followed by "Confirm."
4. Complete the "User Profile" box.
5. Under "My Students" click "Add." Enter your child's last name and student ID number.
6. Once you confirm your information, you’re ready to begin.

You may access the district direct link for more information.

[https://district.ops.org/DEPARTMENTS/District-Operational-Services/Student-Transportation/Here-Comes-The-Bus](https://district.ops.org/DEPARTMENTS/District-Operational-Services/Student-Transportation/Here-Comes-The-Bus)