



WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wilson, New York

Fall 2021

Dear Wilson Middle School Students, Parents, and Staff,

“Welcome back” to our 7th and 8th grade students and parents, and **“welcome to the middle school”** to our 6th grade students and parents. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to a year of learning, teaching, sharing and providing a great education for your child. We are committed to working diligently with you to bring out the best in each child that enters our doors.

Please review the Middle School Student handbook, that outlines the procedures necessary to run a safe environment that is conducive to learning. Policies will be consistently enforced, as all students have indicated that they will cooperate, both academically and behaviorally.

Students will receive every opportunity to earn a complete education. With that being said, it is mandatory that your child attend class every day. Being punctual, coming to school and participating during the school day are integral parts of receiving a quality education. Make sure that your child/children come to school and report to class on time. We will definitely do our part at school, as you do your part at home.

I am thrilled about how the year has begun and look forward to working with students, parents, and staff. We are a team and we need your support, your suggestions, and your sacrifice as you review agendas and daily homework with your child. Together we will make this year the very best.

Grade level teams have been meeting with parents and guardians since the first day of school and will continue on a daily basis. Parents and teachers are communicating through the use of meetings, Google Meets, student agendas, emails, and phone calls. I commend parents and teachers for taking the initiative and time to communicate, for the betterment of our students. If you are unsure how to contact your child's teachers, please call the office and we will guide you through the process.

The end of the first quarter is quickly approaching. The 1st quarter ends on November 10th. Is your child doing everything possible to meet middle school and parental goals?

- Utilizing 12th period consistently?
- Turning in quality work?
- Attending school every day?

If the above items are being done, your child will have a successful middle school year.

Please do not hesitate to call if I can be of assistance and I hope you enjoy the change of season.

Sincerely,
Mr. Scott Benton, Principal
Wilson Middle School



September Wilson Winners

Each month, two students from grades 6-8 are nominated by their teachers as Wilson Winners. Students may be nominated for any number of reasons, and this spring, all 54 students will attend a field trip to celebrate their achievements. Congratulations to the Wilson Winners for September 2021!

Sixth Graders:

Andrea Faery was nominated by Mrs. Reagan for being a top-notch student. She is prepared, listens well, asks questions, and completes her work on time and with high quality. Her soft spoken way makes her very approachable by other students. Andrea is a quiet leader and good role model for her peers.

Kyra Fellows was nominated by Mrs. Wass because in just one short month, she has proven to be a very dedicated student. It is apparent that she has a strong desire to learn, and excel in her academics. She is an exemplary student and a pleasure to have in class.

Seventh Graders:

Max Harmon was nominated by Mr. Benton for being an excellent student who continuously demonstrates

leadership qualities and positive character traits, both inside and outside of the classroom. Max is also a conscientious student who strives to be the best he can be in everything he does.

Ben Meyers was nominated by Mrs. Salvatore for being a model student. He is always prepared for class, participates enthusiastically and is always willing to help his classmates.

Eighth Graders:

William Wortkoetter was nominated by Mrs. Aloisio for his hard work and dedication to his academics. He displays care and respect to everyone around him. He is humble and gentle, providing a role model to his peers.

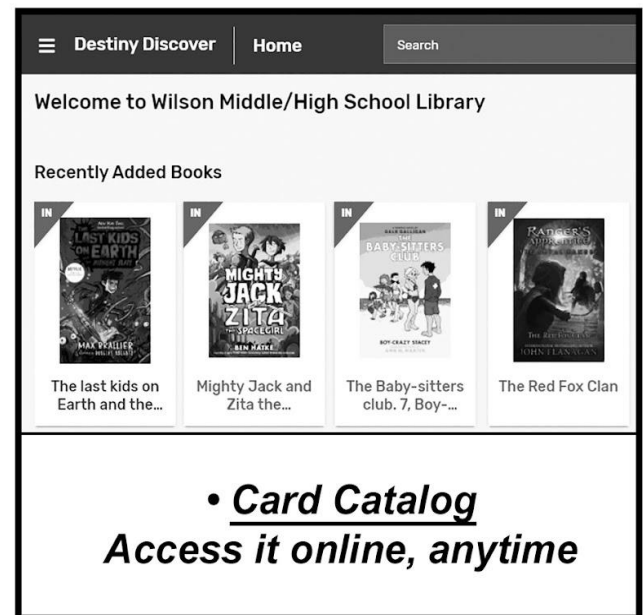
Rowan Simpson was nominated by Mrs. Aloisio because she is a responsible, proactive student who is invested in her studies. Her focus and strong moral character are admirable. Her smile and enthusiasm brightens the classroom each day.

DID YOU KNOW...

that all of these resources are available through the LMC website?

After a year of not being fully accessible, it's great to be back and loaning materials again! The LMC is in its third year with a new and improved online card catalog, named **Destiny Discover**. Now, students may renew their own books online, write reviews, curate their own reading collections, access eBooks and more. Watch the 10 minute tutorial, on the LMC website, to become an expert! The LMC website also offers these resources:

- **What's New**: See slideshows of the new books and magazines purchased this school year
- **eBooks**: Various kinds of interactive eBooks
Watch the online tutorials for more information.
- **World Book Encyclopedia**: also includes an atlas and a dictionary
ID and password: wilsonwbo
- **Local History**: To supplement the year-long projects in 7th & 8th grade Social Studies
- **Accelerated Reader Quizzes**: Take them online, to support The 25 Book Club
- **Bibliography Guide**: MLA citation help



Visit the LMC website at:
wilsoncsd.org/librarymedia

Accessing eBooks in the LMC

As a result of the pandemic and remote learning, the LMC has greatly increased its eBook collection. Now that all students have been provided a Chromebook, accessing eBooks has never been easier! There are hundreds and hundreds of eBooks waiting for students to take a look. Miss Mahar has created a dedicated link on the LMC website, with tutorials explaining the different way to access eBooks:

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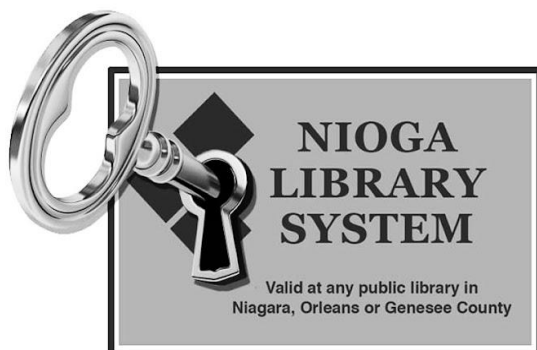
Even though we are fully back on campus and the LMC is open again, it's still a great idea to secure a FREE library card for the NIOGA public library system. Instructions and applications for the Wilson Community Library and the Ransomville Free Library are posted on the LMC main page at: **wilsoncsd.org/librarymedia**

All NYS residents may also apply for the New York (City) Public Library card, giving them access to over 300,000 eBooks and audiobooks:

www.nypl.org/books-music-movies/ebookcentral/simple

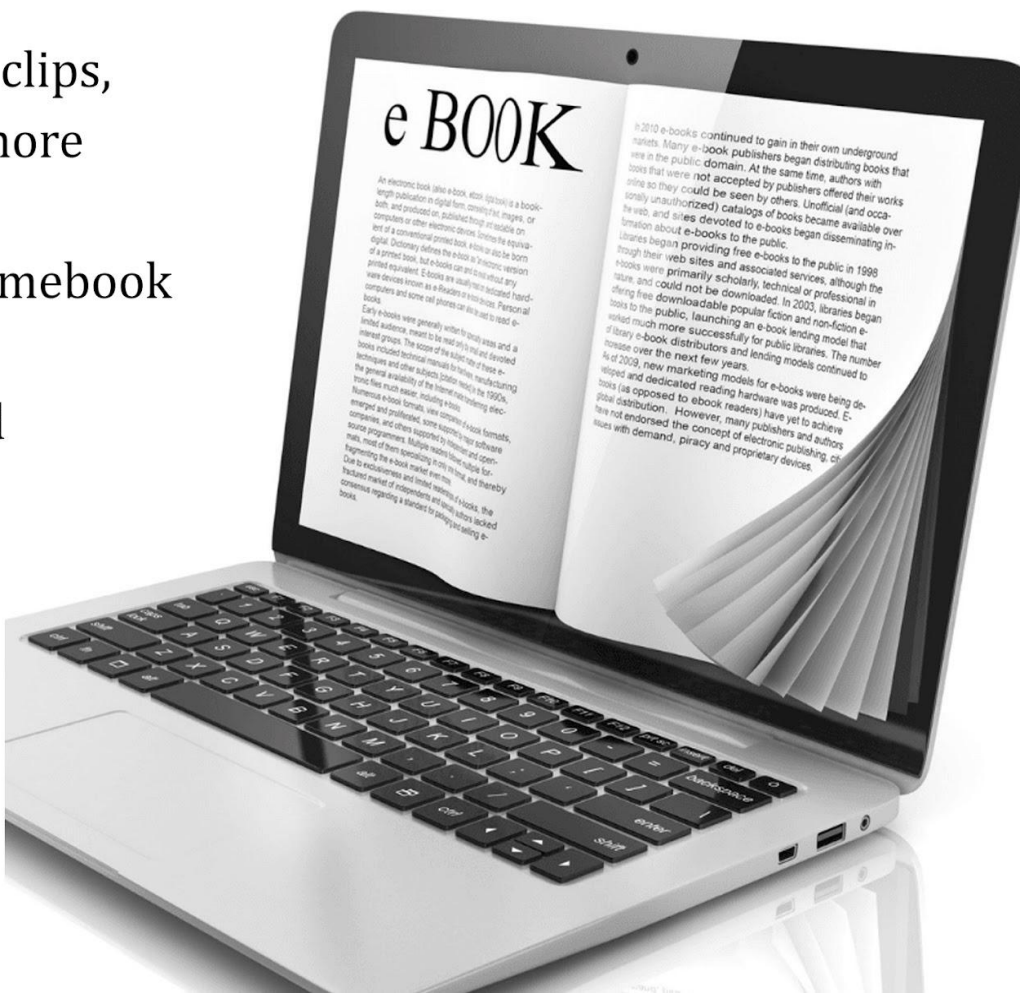
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- Read-aloud options
- Available on your Chromebook
- Highlight passages
- Searchable by keyword



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Building a Bridge - 6th Grade Science with Mr. Neumann

What an incredible day! The sixth grade science students completed a STEM activity in which they built a simple bridge that spanned over 50 cm. They could not use any object that was over 25 cm long, except for the string. When done, it needed to hold at least 50 grams. The students only had about 20 minutes to complete their structures. They worked very hard together to come up with some pretty sturdy bridges. We had many bridges that held over 250 grams and some over 1,000 grams. They combined their engineering skills with the knowledge they learned about the basic structure of most bridges. All in all, I think they have crossed over the bridge and are now moving on to their next adventure.



Middle School Running Club

Running Club is off to a fantastic start with numerous 6th graders showing outstanding enthusiasm and participation! The sixth graders have begun learning the importance of stretching, staying hydrated and the value of teamwork to accomplish a common goal. Running Club is held every Wednesday during 12th period, and is a fantastic way for students to build their social, problem solving and cooperative skills while staying active. If your child is interested in joining, please have them see **Mr. Friedrich** in room 10 or contact him at rfriedrich@wilsoncsd.org.

Modified Cross Country

The modified cross country team finished their last meet this past week against Newfane and Akron, ending what was a successful season. This season was a great learning experience for the team as a whole, learning the importance of building endurance, staying hydrated and how to improve their running pace in a competitive scenario, all while being a positive representation of Wilson Middle School and community. All athletes on the team have improved throughout the duration of the season and we as school could not be more proud of them! The modified XC season came to a close on Saturday, 10/23 at All League. If you or your child have questions or have interest in joining XC next fall, please contact either Mr. Friedrich or Mr. Sippel with any questions.

Sixth Grade is Off and Running!

The 6th graders are off to a great start! We are so excited to be back together in person. There's no better way to work with students than to have them present with you. We have spent the first few weeks of school getting back into daily schedules and routines. Students have learned to move through their schedule as well as use their lockers in a timely manner and get to class on time. As we were focused on academics, we were also able to enjoy a fun Homecoming Week with different Spirit Days, and ended the week with a fun assembly. Students were able to participate in a variety of games and activities to compete with other grades.

We would like to remind you to check your child's supplies periodically and use the parent portal for updates on grades and assignments. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us!

The 6th Grade Team



Homecoming 2021

Homecoming Week was a special week for our students. **Mrs. McCarthy** (Homecoming Chairperson) and the Homecoming Committee (**Mr. Alderman, Mrs. Aloisio, Mr. Friedrich, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Bovanizer**) created fun and exciting activities and an excellent Homecoming Pep Rally. The students really seemed to enjoy the competitive fun.



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7th Grade Field Trip to Fort Niagara

The recent field trip to Fort Niagara fits in perfectly with the Local History unit in Social Studies. The Niagara Region is filled with places that have significant historical value, and the Fort is definitely on that list. Students experienced first-hand encounters with the past that will hopefully inspire them to learn more about history. They had a wonderful day, learning about life from another century.



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WCSD Give and Take Box

Thank you to Willy (8th grade) and Ben (11th grade) Wortkoetter, for building and donating the **Give and Take Box** located outside the Middle School entrance. Families who are in immediate need are welcome to use the box as necessary, and donations to help keep the box restocked are gratefully accepted. Thank you to the entire Wortkoetter family for developing a great system that allows community members to support one another!



COMMUNITY

Meet Our New Teachers

Ms. Henzel teaches 7th Grade ELA

- Graduated from SUNY Geneseo and is currently attending UB for her Masters
- Completed her student teaching assignments in Australia and at the Canandaigua Academy
- Ms. Henzel is an experienced Stage Manager in theatre and musicals, assisting with 17 productions
- Ms. Henzel's interpersonal skills, organization, management and intelligence make her a perfect fit for the WCSD, teaching 7th grade English at the MS



Mrs. Smith teaches MS/HS AIS English

- Received her Associates degree from NCCC and her Bachelors and Masters degrees from UB
- Mrs. Smith holds certifications in Early Childhood Education and ELA 7-12
- She comes to Wilson with years of experience from:
 - Building based sub at Niagara Charter School
 - Kindergarten teacher with the Lyndonville CSD
 - UPK teacher with the YWCA of the Niagara Frontier
 - Pre-K teacher with Bethel Head Start
- Mrs. Smith is excited to transition to work with older students at our MS/HS

Meet Our New Teachers



Mr. Bovanizer is the MS/HS AIS Math teacher

- Received his Bachelors and Masters degrees from Buffalo State
- Recently Mr. Bovanizer was employed teaching summer school math at Grand Island and at Ken-Ton teaching Response to Math Intervention as a long term substitute teacher
- He completed student teaching assignments at Hyde Park Elementary School and Wilson Middle with Mr. Moberg (7th grade)
- Mr. Bovanizer taught at Wilson Middle/High School for a couple years and is familiar with our students and staff and he will be a fabulous teacher for the WCSD



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Middle School Calendar/Events

- 11/3 8:30 - 1:00 Clubs Photoshoot
- 11/5 & 11/6 Junior High Area All State
- 11/9 5:00 PTSA Meeting (LMC)
- 11/10 End of 1st Quarter
- 11/11 Veterans' Day (No School)
- 11/12 2nd Quarter Begins
- 11/12 - 11/13 7:00 High School Musical
- 11/12 - 11/18 MS/HS PTSA Scholastic Book Fair
- 11/19 Report Cards distributed in homeroom
- 11/24 ½ day for students (11:00 dismissal)
- 11/25 & 11/26 Thanksgiving Recess
- 12/7 7:00 MS Holiday Band Concert
- 12/8 Senior Citizen's Breakfast
- 12/8 7:00 HS Holiday Band and Chorus Concert
- 12/11 All County Solo Festival
- 12/14 5:00 PTSA Meeting (LMC)
- 12/15 7:00 MS Holiday Chorus Concert
- 12/17 Progress Reports Mailed
- 12/17 6:30 - 9:00 MS Nightmare Before Christmas Dance
- 12/22 HS Caroling
- 12/23 - 1/2 Christmas Recess
- 1/3 School Resumes

