

Wilson Elementary School Newsletter

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Renee Mallory
Principal

Principal's News

Dear Wilson Families,

We are off to a great start! I am excited and looking forward to a great school year. Wilson School has new teachers and I would like to take this time to introduce you.

Mrs M – FLES Teacher

Mrs. M was born and raised in Puerto Rico. She graduated from the University of Puerto Rico where she received her BS in Natural Sciences and Math. She moved to the states soon after becoming an Army wife. She received her MA from Columbus State University in Middle Grades Education. This is her first year at Wilson and she enjoys teaching Spanish to children. Mrs. M has two children. She travels often to Puerto Rico to visit her family and to teach her children about their culture and island.



Mr. T – 5th Grade Teacher

Mr. T is a native of Chicago, Illinois. He joined the United States Army at the age of nineteen and served his country honorably for twenty-four years. He started his teaching career in Phenix City, Alabama in 1997 where he taught for two years. In 1999, he began teaching for the Fort Benning School District and has taught 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. He also taught middle school READ 180 (grades 6th, 7th and 8th). Mr. T holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration/Computer Science, a Masters and Educational Specialist Degree in Elementary Education, and an Educational Leadership Endorsement. He is married and has three children and one grandchild.



Please join me in welcoming these teachers to our school!!

Renee' Mallory



Dr. Renee Mallory

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Outstanding Music

About 50 Wilson students performed on August 25 at a banquet for the Board of Directors for the Maneuver Center. The meeting was held at the Civil War Naval Museum and the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students performed three patriotic songs. The children received a standing ovation. Wilson teacher, Mrs. H, and her husband were attending the banquet and she said the music was beautiful and made her so proud that it brought tears to her eyes. Special thanks to Mrs. M and Ms. LR who helped with the program and especially to our Wilson music teacher, Mr. W. The students were given treats for the school bus ride home and they all said how much fun they had performing!

Open House

Wilson held its Open House on August 26 and had a standing-room only crowd. It was good to see so many parents home from deployments! The chorus sang several patriotic songs and Mrs. M introduced her "Want Ad" program for parents wanting to volunteer to help teachers. She had lots of parents interested in helping. Mrs. G, PTO President, talked about the wonderful PTO projects scheduled for September and gave out about 25 door prizes. Parents were then introduced to the Special Area teachers and had an opportunity to visit with their child's teachers. Popcorn and Pickles will be every Wednesday this year.



Kids to College

By V. W. and K. H.

On August 19, 2008, the Wilson 5th graders went on an exciting field trip to Columbus State University for the 'Kids to College' program. We got to participate in a pep-rally with the CSU cheerleaders. We had a chance to meet the women's soccer team and hear about how to set goals in life. We watched a video on college life and we played the game "Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?" with our teachers. Then, as we were leaving campus, Carmike Cinemas handed us movie theatre popcorn to eat on the way home! It was so much fun getting the chance to go on a college campus.



5th Graders at Columbus State University



Calendar of Events

- 15-20 September:** Book Fair
- 18 September:** Parent Reading Night 5:30
- 23 September:** Fall Pictures

Family Cookout - WOW

The Wilson PTO held its first big family event of the school year on Friday, September 5th and it was a tremendous success. The PTO served hotdogs, hamburgers, drinks, chips and desserts to over 200 members of our Wilson families. The PTO and Wilson faculty set up, cooked and served the students and their families. In addition, the Wilson faculty donated baked goods for dessert. There was face painting and a clown to entertain the children and nearly 15 door prizes were given away. Everyone seemed relaxed and happy as they ate and played together. A special thanks to the soldiers from BOSS who helped us with the "heavy work" of setting up and closing down and also did face painting. We hope to have another great crowd for our Parent Reading Night on September 18th at 5:30

