

November 30, 2009



"Our Vision"
Wilson Elementary School's Vision is to serve the needs of Our Military's Children so that they will excel in learning and life.

Principal's News

Dear Wilson Parents:

As we enter the Holiday season I am reminded, once again, of all of the blessings we have in this wonderful country. I always feel that it is the job of educators to maximize these blessings by offering the best education possible for our children. The teachers at Wilson have been working hard to ensure that your children are challenged so that they will be prepared for the future.

We have two school improvement initiatives that we have been working on this year, improving reading comprehension and problem solving skills. Ask your children what fluency is and how many books they have read in their blue zone. Take time to help them with a new problem solving strategy. If we all work together to reinforce new learning, our children will SOAR!

In December we will continue to work on choral reading skills to support our reading comprehension goal. The more fluent our children are, the more understanding they get from what they read. We will also be introducing two new math problem solving strategies in December. Students will learn how to make or use a table and make an organized list to help them solve problems. Your support and involvement will show your children

that these skills are important.

I hope that you all have a safe and joyous holiday season!

Renee' Mallory Principal



Meet Senora W.



I am a proud native to the beautiful state of Michigan! I was born and raised in the great state of Michigan where I had the opportunity to grow up on a family farm. I am a small town girl at heart—a heart that has followed my husband to a seemingly big city—Columbus! In my home state I attended Hillsdale College where I majored in Elementary Education and minored in Early Childhood Education, English, and Spanish. I have a love for learning language, and an even greater love for teaching language to others. I look forward to exploring the Spanish language and heritage with each student this year!

Meet Mrs. A.



I am married to SGT S. A. We have ten children ages 7months to 17 years. We are from North Carolina. Currently, we live in Phenix City, AL and have been stationed at Fort Benning since January 2009.

Richard G. Wilson Elementary Mission Statement

The mission of Richard G. Wilson School is to serve the special and unique needs of military children in a challenging and supportive learning environment, preparing each student academically, socially, and personally to become a successful, self-disciplined, life-long learner in an ever-changing global environment.

Written By: All Stakeholders

Holiday Concert

This year our holiday concert will be on December 10th starting at 5:30. It is a chance for all the students in the school to show off their talents and hard work. The students will need to be at the school at 5:00 that night for the concert to start at 5:30. A note has been sent home about what your child will need to wear for the concert. If you have any questions please let me know. Thanks!
Mr. W.



Tree Lighting Ceremony

There will be a Tree Lighting/Menorah Lighting Ceremony in the field behind Doughboy Stadium, Tuesday, December 8th starting at 6:00 p.m. If your child wishes to participate they need let Mr. Waterstraat know so that he can get permission for them to ride the bus there. The bus will be leaving Wilson School at 5:15 p.m. Dress is red or green on top of warm clothing. If you have questions please contact Mr. W.



Kids to College

On August 14th, our fifth grade students had the opportunity to participate in the fifth annual "Kids to College" program hosted by the College of Education at Columbus State University. The program is devoted to familiarizing the younger students with the college environment. The fifth graders took part in activities that included a vocabulary challenge, group discussion about college, and physical fitness activities. The day ended with a picnic and visit to the Coca-Cola Space Science Center, where the students participated in interactive exhibits, simulations, and learned more about space in the Omni sphere theater. The Space Center would be a great place to visit during the break. Be sure to ask a fifth grader about their college experience!



PIE

Partners in Education



Our PIE partners are outstanding! They help us in so many ways. They have put together furniture for our classrooms; they participate in our 'Breakfast Buddies' program. Our PIE mentors our 5th grade students, offers classroom buddies for each class, participates in our Citizen of the Month ceremony – they even put up our Christmas tree in the foyer! They are awesome!!



Thank You Mrs. D!

A big THANK YOU to Mrs. D. for all her dedication to our students in administering the H1N1 vaccine. You are the BEST!



Citizen of the Month

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Parent Volunteers for October/November

**Thank You to
All of our Volunteers
We appreciate you!**

Fall Festival

Our Fall Festival was Fantastic. The PTO, PIE, and faculty and staff at Wilson joined together to make the event a huge success. We had a big crowd and everyone seemed to enjoy the event. We even had a few who took a 'pie in the face'!



Mrs. P.



Mr. S.



Mrs. B.



Dr. Mallory

Calendar of Events



- 2 December – Parent Academy
- 8 December – Citizen of Month Assembly 1:30
- 8 December – Tree Lighting 6:00
- 10 December – Holiday Musical 5:30
- 21 December – 4 January - Winter Break
- 5 January – School Resumes

DARE Graduation

Under the instruction of Officer B., the fifth grade students completed a ten week course that taught about the dangers of drugs, substance abuse, peer pressure and how to utilize the decision making model. The students applied their learning through written essays and role playing.

The guest speaker, Mr. Don Barefield, reaffirmed the student's commitment to living drug free lives. He presented a wonderful message to the students and their parents to always "Stand Up and to Always Make the Right Choices in life." Not only do your choices protect yourself, but it protects others and your future as well.

Congratulation certificates of completion and a reception followed the ceremony. Winners were acknowledged for their submissions to the D.A.R.E essay contest. Please take the time to read the first place essay by S. C. **Congratulations 5th grade students!!**



1st place: S. C. -- 2nd place: A. P. -- 3rd place: R. O.

D.A.R.E

These last few months in D.A.R.E I've been learning the facts about drugs. I learned what they can do and it makes me want to say "stay away drugs I don't want you in my life".

Drugs are very dangerous and harmful in many different ways. Some of the ways they may hurt you are by giving you lung cancer. But you can get a different type of cancer depending on what drug you use. There are about 200 known poisons in cigarette smoke. Drugs can also give you short term memory loss plus they also can affect you in sports.

Another reason I know that drugs are harmful is because I have had an experience of that. I have seen many people who forget where they are and forget who they are in seconds because of drugs and alcohol. But, it was their decision to make and they may have chosen to smoke, but you don't have to.

Remember, it isn't anyone else's choice, it is yours. you can decide what you want to do and no one can stop you. but you should try to make the right choice and don't use drugs .

The thing I like about dare is that it can help you make the right choice and stay away from drugs and plus I know my D.A.R.E teacher has a lot of knowledge and training in DARE. I respect her and hope she can help more people stay away from drugs

In my life I will stay away from drugs and if any one offers me a cigarette I will always say NO!!

My Pledge

I pledge that I will never use a drug

Even if a friend says he'll hurt me because I know a drug can hurt me worse.

so I promise I won't use DRUGS ever!

