

November 14, 2008



Principal's News

Dear Wilson Parents:

We would like to welcome our new assistant principal for Wilson and Dexter Elementary Schools, Mrs. Michelle Allen. Mrs. Allen will be supporting Dr. Mallory at both schools. Mrs. Allen came from McBride Elementary where she was a READ 180 teacher.



Citizens of the Month



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



Renee Mallory Principal

"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.

River Center Field Trip

By W. M.

The day we were going to the River Center I was 'like that sounds boring', but then when Mr. W's the music teacher showed us a photo, I wanted to go. So, when we were at the River Center I was like 'wow this looks cool'; and when the Scrap Arts people were there I was like 'amazing', because I never saw an instrument made out of garbage. When they said they were going to pick people from the crowd to go on stage I just raised my hand, not so high just a little bit and they picked me! I went on stage and they gave me a drum stick! I saw a bunch of people out in the crowd and I was so scared my legs were trembling so hard and my heart was jumping a lot! When the guy told me to start playing I started to play and I was having fun. I was having fun because I pretended that no one was in the crowd and it was a shot of a lifetime so come on and have some fun and I did. I played and had fun so when I needed to go back to my seat my friends gave me a hi five and I was really happy and I felt lucky. When the Scrap Arts Band was done we all went back in the bus. My friends said "Good job man". Then they said, "At first you did not do anything, but then you did." When we were back at Wilson I was happy about the field trip. It was a great time!



Thanksgiving with Family

A number of parents and other family members shared Thanksgiving lunch with students on November 6th. The cafeteria staff prepared a delicious traditional lunch and we all had time to reflect on everything we have to be thankful for.



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Kids to College

On October 28th, 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!



Ballet Lesson

The 3rd grade students at Wilson had a special opportunity to learn about the ballet last week. Members of the Columbus School of Ballet presented a demonstration to the students on November 6th. Students also learned about the history of the ballet and were told the story of the Nutcracker Suite. Several performers in costume danced to the music of a portion of the Nutcracker Suite.



Child Pedestrian Safety Rules

Presented by Safe Kids Worldwide-Safe Kids Walk This Way

- Do not cross the street alone if you're younger than 10 years old.
- Stop at the curb before crossing the street.
- Walk, don't run, across the street.
- Cross at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right, and left again before crossing.
- Walk facing traffic.
- Make sure drivers see you before crossing in front of them.
- Do not play in driveways, streets, parking lots or unfenced yards by the street.
- Wear white clothing or reflectors when walking at night.
- Cross at least 10 feet in front of a school bus.

Fall Festival

The one event that everyone looks forward to every year is the Fall Festival and this year was no exception. The PTO and faculty and staff at Wilson joined together to make the event a huge success. The PTO made the decision to make all of the games and inflatables free for everyone-there was only a charge for the Cake Walk, baskets and food. We had a big crowd and everyone seemed to enjoy the event. Thanks to the PTO and Wilson staff for all of their hard work!!

Morning Out for Spouses of Deployed Soldiers

Saturday morning the spouses of deployed soldiers with students at Wilson got a real treat-a morning off! Mrs. N and Mrs. M and their student interns were joined by Miss L in providing child care at Wilson for about 20 children on Saturday, November 9th from 9:00-2:00. Lunch and snacks were provided for the children and they all seemed to have fun. Spouses had a chance to shop, work at home or sleep a little extra without worrying about their children. Thanks so much to these ladies for their support of our soldiers' families!!



Calendar of Events

17 Nov – 21 Nov	Santa Gift Shop
19 Nov	Holiday Pictures
24 Nov – 28 Nov	Thanksgiving Holidays
9 Dec	Winter Musical/Play
22 Dec – 5 Jan	Winter Holidays



Kids Care Club Goes to Mother Mary School to Give Out School Supplies

On November 1st the Kids Care Club went to Mother Mary School. We were able to buy supplies with a grant from Kids Care Club Central. We had around 30 Kids Care Volunteers to attend. We gave needed supplies and a gift card to Office Max. Thanks to all of our children who attended and to our parent volunteers.