NEWS FROM MR. NELSON

Wiley Families,

Spring is in the air and the students are doing great! Just as a reminder, March 13 is the day to move your clocks forward one hour for Daylight Savings! We don't want our students late to school on the 14th due to this.

Conferences are right around the corner on March 16, 17, and 18. Students will attend school on the 16th and will be released at 12:30 for early dismissal. They will not attend school on the 17th or 18th. Your child's teacher(s) should be making arrangements for when their conference will occur so please contact them if there are any questions or concerns.

With the spring time comes state testing. Students in grades 3-5 will be participating in the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium in Reading and Math. As well 5th grade students will be taking the MAP test in Science as a part of the state testing. Teachers are preparing the students for this through classroom lessons and online tutorials. If you have any questions about this please visit the website link at http://www.k12.wa.us/smarter/default.aspx to find more information. From here there is a link that families can take practice tests to see what format questions will be asked and see what information they are looking for from students. This is a very good resource that we also will be using with our students.

Several activities will be occurring in March that we want you to be a part of. Wiley's Science Fair will be March 31st from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please come and be a part of this. Wiley's Chess Club needs an advisor to help run our program. We would like this to occur 2 times a week before school beginning at 8:00 a.m. If you are interested in this position, please contact me in the office.

As a parent, I am always interested in what my child is doing in school. My "baby" is 18 and will graduate this spring so I ask him constantly how classes are going, what he is working on, and what has been a challenge academically at school. I do this to keep informed of what he

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UPCOMING EVENTS

⇒ 3/7-11 Free Breakfast Week
⇒ 3/9 Taproot Theatre Anti-Bullying Assembly
⇒ 3/10 2nd Grade Music Program 6:00-6:30pm
⇒ 3/11 Silverwood forms due to Librarian
⇒ 3/11 PTA Movie Night—CANCELLED
⇒ 3/13 Daylight Savings Begin
⇒ 3/21-25 Celebrating Classified School Employee Week
⇒ 3/16 Early Release 12:30; Conferences in afternoon
⇒ 3/16 PTA Skate Party 6:30-8:30
⇒ 3/17-18 NO School—Conferences
⇒ 3/23 EMS staff here to visit 5th grade students
⇒ 3/25 PTA Muffins with Mom
⇒ 3/27 Easter
⇒ 3/31 Wiley Science Fair
⇒ 4/4-8 NO School—Spring Break
⇒ 4/14 Strings Showcase
⇒ 4/14 PTA Dominos Pizza Night
⇒ 4/18 SBAC testing begins
⇒ 4/19 Band Showcase
⇒ 4/27 Administrative Professionals Day
⇒ 5/5 PTA Dominos Pizza Night
⇒ 5/6 OMSI trip balance due
⇒ 5/8 Mother's Day
⇒ 5/9-13 Book Fair—BOGO
⇒ 5/11 School Nurses Day
⇒ 5/15 Educational Bosses Week
⇒ 5/17 Spring Ensemble Concerts
⇒ 5/18 1st Grade Field Trip
⇒ 5/25 4th Grade Field Trip
⇒ 5/27 Snow Makeup Day or NO School
⇒ 5/30 NO School—Memorial Day

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is seeing and I try to help whenever possible. Please take the time to talk with your student about school and see what they are doing. Involved parents help lead to successful children. Be a part of what they are learning and make school meaningful to them!

Mr. Nelson □

Destination ImagiNation

Creativity + Teamwork + Problem Solving

Destination Imagination

Wiley's Destination Imagination Team, the Wiley Dream Team, participated in the Eastern Regional Tournament on March 5th. They presented their solution to the "Pace of Change" Technical challenge and also participated in the "Instant Challenge" competition. We are so proud of our DI Team for their hard work, dedication and courage! There were 16 teams participating in this challenge and the Dream Team came in 3rd! It was a day filled with fun and excitement. Thank you to our Team Managers Jeannie Stuckel and Michelle O'Byrne for leading Wiley's DI Team! □

COYOTE CODE
OF CONDUCT

♦ I will work and play safely.
♦ I will show respect for myself, others and property.
♦ I will help make Wiley a great place to learn. □

Dr. Seuss Day

Wiley staff and students participated in the fun on March 2nd, celebrating Dr. Seuss and Read Across America. Students carried books with them and enjoyed stopping to read at four random times throughout the day. It's not too late to enjoy reading with your child. Grab a good book and take time to read together. □

Just For Fun

Q: What did the ground say to the earthquake?
A: You crack me up!

Q: Why did the music teacher need a ladder?
A: To reach the high notes.

Q: Why did the kid study in the airplane?
A: Because he wanted a higher education!

Q: What did the pencil sharpener say to the pencil?
A: Stop going in circles and get to the point!

Q: How does the barber cut the moon's hair?
A: E-clipse it! □
TRANSFER REQUESTS

The Student Services Department will start accepting 2016-17 school year transfer requests on Monday, February 1, 2016.

This information can be found on the RSD website under the "Resources" tab. http://www.rsd.edu/resources/attendance-zones-transfer-forms.html

There are different forms so please read carefully and select the correct form.

The 2016-17 Transfer Request Form is to be used ONLY for students currently living in the Richland School District who wish to transfer to another Richland School District school. This form will be available beginning January 19, 2016.

The Choice Transfer Form is for any Richland School District student who wishes to transfer out of the Richland School District to another district or online school.

The Interdistrict Agreement is for any Richland School District student who wishes to attend Richland School District part-time and another district part-time (shared FTE).

All transfer requests must be done on the correct forms or they will not be considered.

All transfer requests for students who live outside the Richland School District must be originated at the district office in their home districts.

Registration Open

Beginning March 1, parents in the Richland School District may register their children for kindergarten at their neighborhood elementary schools. We encourage parents to enroll their children as early as possible. Early enrollment helps the District plan more effectively for the number of kindergarten teachers that will be needed at each school in the fall.

The child's state certified birth certificate (not the hospital certificate) and a Washington state immunization record listing dates that shots were received are required for registration. Parents will also need to show a document which verifies their address such as a utility bill or rental agreement. To be eligible for kindergarten, the child must be five years of age on or before August 31, 2016. For more information, call 967-6003.

For students who turn five between September 1 and December 1, but who are ready socially, emotionally and intellectually for kindergarten, early entrance testing is offered once a year, in mid-August. The test registration deadline is July 31. For information regarding the test, fees and registration, please contact the Assessment Office at 967-6025 or via email at:

toni.wonderhulls@rsd.edu

A PEEK AT PTA

PTA website: wileypta.com

Upcoming PTA Events:

◊ Every Friday: Spirit Wear Competition
◊ 3/16 Skate Party 6:30-8:30
◊ 3/25 PTA Muffins with Mom
◊ 4/14 PTA Domino's Pizza Night

Celebrating Classified Employees

Although Classified School Employee Week is on the RSD calendar for the week of March 14-18, Wiley staff has decided to wait to celebrate until March 21-25 so we don't double up on conference week. Students, if you are thankful to our wonderful Wiley custodians, kitchen ladies, para educators, playground paras and crossing guards, please consider writing them a note to let them know. Everyone likes to feel appreciated and a note from our Wiley students would be a fun way to show our appreciation for these women and men who work so hard for our school and students.

Daylight Savings Time Begins on March 13, 2016

Thank You

The Wiley staff would like to thank all the PTA members who provided the "Breakfast for Lunch" on March 4th. Everything was delicious! We appreciate all of you and are thankful for your kindness to our staff.

Don't forget to set all of your clocks one hour ahead!
Welcome March, with your spring weather, shamrocks and, of course, Dr. Seuss’s birthday. The kitchen has some delicious additions to the menu this month—some are favorites that we’ve brought back. On Wednesday, March 2nd, we are having Green Eggs and Ham. On Friday, the 4th, Fish and Fries is back, a crowd favorite! On Friday, March 11th, Mac and Cheese is back on the menu. Wednesday, March 16th, we are having hot BBQ Beef Sandwiches—yum! On Wednesday, March 30th, we will have Hot Chicken Parmesan Sandwiches. March 31st we will have Chili Fritos (Fritos topped with chili and cheese). Also, every Friday in March we will offer a BBQ Chicken Salad, which is new to the menu.

The Fresh Pick of the Month is the radish. Did you know that some varieties of radish can grow up to 3 feet long, weighing 100 pounds? Needless to say, you’re unlikely to see these in your local supermarket! Another fun fact: Radishes, onions and garlic were paid as wages to the Ancient laborers who built the pyramids. If you’ve never tried them, they have a distinct spicy flavor and are a fun addition to salads, or even to eat by themselves. Watch for radishes on the offering bar all month!

Just a couple of reminders: Richland School District has a Zero Charge Policy for adults who eat a school lunch; please be mindful of your account balance. Also, it really helps us with production if all adults who want to eat a school lunch will call your order in to the kitchen by 9:30 a.m. We strive to meet everyone’s needs and our students are our first priority.

Mrs. Gayle, Mrs. Wendy, Mrs. Kelli

$5,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED TO HIGH SCHOOL ARTISTS: REGIONAL ART EXHIBIT OPENS AT CBC

Four area high school artists will proudly accept scholarships totaling $5,000 at this year’s 43rd Annual Regional High School Art Awards. The largest show of its kind in the state, the 2016 exhibit is on display now at the Columbia Basin College Gjerde Center in Pasco and features over 500 pieces of art from 18 high schools.

Each year, Columbia Basin College and Educational Service District (ESD) 123 host the regional art show, which features outstanding art work from high school students across Southeast Washington where art is displayed at the CBC Gjerde Center. An award ceremony honoring the top Judge’s Choice, Honorable Mention, and Superintendent’s Choice awards takes place each March at the CBC Gjerde Center as well as the gifting of scholarships from Central Washington University (CWU) to four lucky junior and senior students. Faculty of the CWU Department of Art will award three $1,000 scholarships and one $2,000 scholarship to students at the ceremony. The scholarships will remain eligible until the student’s first year of college at CWU, regardless of the major of study chosen. CWU has implemented these scholarships throughout all ESD Art Shows across the state and will continue these awards annually in support of young artists.

Students whose artworks are selected as Judge’s Choice winners and are approved for sale will advance on to the state competition in Olympia in April. The art show and March award ceremony is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Molly Curtiss, ESD Communication & Graphics Coordinator, at 509.544.5787 or mcrittiss@esdi23.org.

Girls on the Run and Heart & Sole inspires 3rd-8th grade girls to be joyful, healthy and confident by combining training for a 5k run/walk with self-esteem enhancing lessons. Online registration is open now at many Richland schools, including William Wiley. The season will run from March 21st through June 2nd. Information and registration are available at www.gotrsewa.org.

inspiring girls to be healthy and confident

OMSI—5th Grade

5th Grade Students
Remember to be making payments towards your OMSI trip. Checks should be made payable to Wiley Elementary and should be dropped off in the office. Also, be working on your Science Fair project so that you will be ready on March 31st!

Science Fair
Thursday, March 31st