

# Wilson Newsletter

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## Leader in Me - #3 Put First Things First

Our 7 Habits focus for January is #3: "Put First Things First." Students who Puts First Things First:

Spend time on things that are most important. Say no to things they should not do. Set priorities, make a schedule, and follow a plan. Are disciplined and organized.



### Lost & Found

Our collection of Lost & Found items continues to grow daily. The Lost & Found is on the stage steps in the cafeteria. Please encourage your students to look through the Lost & Found for missing items. We will be donating items left in the Lost & Found at the end of each month.



### JANUARY DATES

- 11th - SEP Conferences
- 11th - Term 2 Ends
- 12th - No School for Students
- 15th - No School
- 16th - Term 3 Begins
- 18th - Planetarium Visits  
6th Grade
- 19th - SCC 10:00AM
- 24th - Mr. Nebo Jr. Band/  
Orchestra Visit



### GRADE LEVEL BENCHMARK DATES

- January 3 - 3rd Grade
- January 4 - 6th Grade
- January 8 - 5th Grade
- January 10 - 1st Grade
- January 17 - 2nd Grade
- January 18 - Kindergarten
- January 19 - 4th Grade

### Mission Statement

We are the Wilson Lions!  
We Lead.  
We Achieve.  
We Succeed!  
ROAR!

### Attendance Update

On-time Attendance is one of our school goals this year. Our December Numbers:

- K: 87%
- 1st: 92%
- 2nd: 88%
- 3rd: 84%
- 4th: 92%
- 5th: 94%
- 6th: 90%
- School Average is 89.6%

## Principal's Message

Welcome to 2018! The beginning of a new calendar year is the perfect time to focus on "Putting First Things First." Stephen Covey, the creator of *Leader in Me*, uses a bucket, rocks, and pebbles as a visual way to learn the importance of prioritizing our lives. He explains that the rocks are the most important things in life. They could be family, education, work, and religion. The pebbles are the extra little things in our lives that are interesting, but not most important. The bucket is our lives. He then asks an audience member to get all of the rocks and pebbles into the bucket without any of them showing over the top. The pebbles are in the bucket and when the rocks are placed in, they go well over the top. Even rearranging the rocks doesn't help. Mr. Covey then steps in, removes the rocks, and dumps the pebbles out. He starts over by placing the rocks in the bucket first. They easily fit. He then pours the pebbles over the top of the rocks. The pebbles work their way down between the rocks and everything fits neatly into the bucket. His lesson is that we need to know what our "Big Rocks" are and then we need to make them the most important thing. If we fill our lives up with the pebbles first, there is no room for the really important stuff. In my own life, education has always been a big rock. Having education as a big rock means that I schedule my life around it and it is not something that I miss. This is true for our students at Wilson as well. Students need to be in class every day to get the instruction that the teachers have prepared. A make-up worksheet is good, but it is not the same as being in on a discussion and hearing questions being asked and answered. Students also benefit from learning with others. In groups, problems can be tackled and solutions discovered. When students are absent, they miss out on important group work opportunities. Being on time helps students prioritize school. Coming in even a little late can be the difference between picking up on a concept quickly or having it take a lot longer. Being on-time helps students get organized and feel ready to learn. As we head into a new year, I encourage all Wilson families to put education first! Happy New Year! - **Principal Rawlings**

## Wilson PTA

The PTA would like to say a big, "THANK YOU" to all of the families that selected a Christmas stocking from a classroom door and then purchased the item on the stocking for that teacher. The holidays are such a busy time and we appreciate the time you took to make our teachers feel supported!

## Book Nook

Happy New Year! Because it's a time when many people decide to work on goals, it's a perfect time to set a goal for literacy! Maybe you and your child can make a goal to read a minimum amount of time each day. How about a goal to visit the library twice each month? Perhaps you'd like to make a list of various genres (realistic fiction, fantasy fiction, mystery, biography, etc.) and try to read a book from two different genres each month. With SEP conferences just around the corner, your child's teacher may have suggestions on a goal for rate, or expression, or comprehension and ideas on how you can work towards that goal. Whatever you choose to do, make 2018 a year for reading!

## School Community Council

SEP Conferences are Thursday, January 11th. Go to [wilson.nebo.edu](http://wilson.nebo.edu) to sign-up. We encourage all families to take the opportunity to meet with their children's teachers and to be an active part of the educational process.

## HALLWAYS IN THE MORNING

When students arrive at the school in the morning before 8:20 AM, if they don't want to wait outside, they are to go directly to the cafeteria. During the cold weather months, the cafeteria is a warm place for students to wait prior to the start of the school day. Breakfast is available and there is plenty of room for the students to sit on the stage steps and visit with their friends away from the cold outside air. At this time, our teachers are busy preparing for the day. Quiet hallways and empty classrooms allow them to get things done without interruption. Please remind your students that they need to wait for the 8:20 AM bell before entering the hallways in the morning.

