

The Wilson Voice

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In everything we do, our own thoughts can help us succeed, or they can help us fail. Maintain a POSITIVE ATTITUDE.

Catherine Pulsifer

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A Rockette In The Making

History Bee Winners!!! By: Tara G.



Front Row: Noah K., Ronald D., Back Row: Jesse T., Tim P.

Twenty-four Wilson Students competed in the first ever Wilson History Bee. In fact, this is the first ever History Bee for students in grades 6-8. The National History Bee for middle school students is an academic test tournament that promotes history education such as knowing the names of presidents and important historical events.

According to Mrs. Held all twenty-four students did well, however, the top winners were Seventh Graders, Noah K., First Place; Ronald D., Second Place; Eighth Graders, Jesse T. and Tim P. tied for Third Place.

Noah and Ronald will now compete in the Regional Bee online. They have an opportunity to win a trip to Washington DC and compete for the \$50,000 Grand Prize Scholarship at the National Championships.



Eighth Grader, Kalyn Berg has been dancing and tumbling at the Tucson Dance Academy since she was three years old. She takes ballet, tap, jazz, acro, hip hop, and point. All of Kalyn's hard work is paying off as she sets her mind to bigger and better things. During the second quarter of School while her fellow classmates are in class being typical Middle Schoolers, Kalyn was in New York City making her lifelong dream of becoming a Music City Hall Rockette that more attainable. For two years now, Kalyn has worked for Madison Square Garden Entertainment in their production of The Radio City Christmas Spectacular. The stars of the show are the Radio City Rockettes!

Kalyn has performed in the show for the past two years. She says that the first time she was chosen to play Clara in the Nutcracker scene, she auditioned on a whim. "I was in New York City at a National Dance Competition and my dance teacher encouraged me to audition to experience a professional audition". Kalyn went to the audition and made it through the final cuts. Two days later her mom received a call from Radio City offering her the role of Clara in the Radio City Arena Tour. This past year she went back to Radio City Music Hall, auditioned and made the final cuts and once again was offered the role of Clara in the Durham/Boston Tour.

The 2010 Arena Tour took Kalen to twenty-one cities and eleven states. The tour started in Wisconsin and ended in Oregon. The 2011 Durbo Tour took her to Durham, North Carolina for a month and Boston, Massachusetts for a month.

Participating in such a prestigious event meant that Kalen had to miss the second quarter of the school year here at Wilson. She did, however, have tutors that traveled with the group the entire tour. Kalen says that her teachers here at Wilson were very helpful in providing her the work she needed to stay on task so that she could resume her third quarter studies with her fellow classmates.

What are Kalens hopes and dreams for the future? "I'd be thrilled to get into a dance program somewhere like Juilliard, Marymount Manhattan College, or the Philadelphia School of the Arts".

Meet Jimmy M. By: Sam A.



In a world where good is good and bad is, well...bad, one boy tries to conquer it all – middle school. Whether it's the stress from school or the stress at home, there is only one thing that keeps him going, his drive to become one of the best Army Rangers this Country has ever seen.

His life started on February 12, 1998. He lived in California and went to eight schools there before moving to Arizona. After moving to Arizona he attended Cross Middle School before transferring to Wilson. Jimmy's favorite subject is P.E. because he is very athletic.

Jimmy has a mother, father and brother. Among the many things he likes, he really likes his dog and cat. His favorite book is Where the Red Fern Grows even though reading is not one of his specialities. He loves sleeping and if he had to pick three adjectives to describe himself he would pick energetic, hungry and happy. If he had to pick an animal to be, he would be a German Shepherd because he wants to be the big dog in the neighborhood.

Jimmy isn't sure what he wants to do for college or even if he will go to college. To make a living he would like to be an Army Ranger and live on base. He would also like to go scuba diving.

It sounds like Jimmy has a pretty good handle on his life. He is both easy going and smart.

A Celebration of Poets By: Mahra S.



In this issue, we continue to feature students from Mrs. Johnson's 6th grade class who had the opportunity to get their poem published in the Celebration of Poem contest which is held for students across the Western United States . In 2010 Mrs. Johnson had thirteen students whose poems were published.

This month we are featuring Nick W.

The Mountain

**Tall and towering
Watching over the valley
Every hill and hole
Staring without any
movement
Nothing will happen down
here**

By: Nick W.

In the Classroom with Mrs. Silvas By: Mahra S.

When you walk into Mrs. Silvas's classroom you immediately see how much she enjoys teaching. She is animated, friendly and eager to enrich the lives of her students. Mrs. Silvas has been teaching for nineteen years. She decided in third grade that she wanted to become a teacher. Her mother was a big influence, since she was a teacher as well.

Her teaching philosophy is to instill the love of learning, encourage communication skills and emphasize social citizenship. Mrs. Silvas attended Sacramento State University where she received her B.A. and then went on to San Jose State for her teaching credentials. She loves the area of reading and writing. She believes that students have a lot to contribute.

Mrs. Silvas also works with students in a different capacity. She teaches Conditioning and Weight Training. Because of her love of sports she also coaches Track. Mrs. Silvas is quite the athlete herself. She is a marathon runner and participates in triathalons. She even participated in the Boston Marathon a few years ago. Mrs. Silvas is an amazing teacher who cares for her students and what they learn.



Mrs. Silvas getting ready for next class.

Students of the Quarter By: Andrew F.

Every quarter teachers select certain students as their Student of the Quarter. These students are usually selected because they follow the class rules. They turn in their school work, are respectful to their teachers and peers. Some teachers select students who are loyal and honest, don't get out of their seat often, and students who don't come to class and fool around. These students come to class ready to learn. Here is a list of the students who earned this prestigious award.

Sixth Grade

Ryan C.
Olivia M.
Karrisa K.
Nicolas R.
Katie P.
Thomas C.
Emily F.
Chance H.
Rebekah S.
Matthew B.
Zoe F.
Diana M.
Jack M.
Brenna W.
Samantha C.
Cole R.

Seventh Grade

Augie P.
Anthony C.
Annika B.
Elyse B.
Drew M.
Bayley B.
Abby K.
Peyton C.
Dean V.
Nicole D.
Tessa W.
Dylan A

Eighth Grade

Cristal G.
Audrie W.
Marco D.
Molly F.
Marissa M.
Justine S.
Collin D.
Michael K.
Urmí P.
Elisabeth C
Jesse T.
Emily O.
Justine S.
Zach S.

Geography Bee Winners By: Mia S.



Ronald D.
7th Grade
First Place

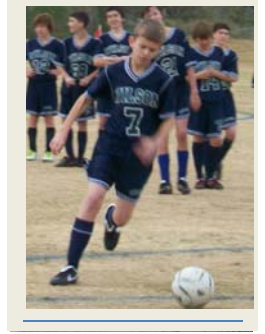


Connor W.
5th Grade
Second Place

This year's school wide Geography Bee started with twenty-nine students competing for the coveted title. After three rounds, the group was narrowed down to ten students, Skye A., Ronald D., Andrea G., Joaquin H., Kenall H., Madison K., Kobe M., Jack M., Tim P., and Connor W. Students were eliminated after missing two questions. After several close rounds the group was narrowed down to the top two students who competed in the final round. This year's winners are Seventh Grader Ronald D., First Place and Fifth Grader Connor W. Second Place.



Wrangler SPORTS



Wrestlers Take First Place By: Andrew F.



Members of the Wilson Wrangler Wrestling Team with their First Place trophy.

The Wilson Wrangler Wrestling team is off to a great start. On January 14, the team competed in the 2012 Coronado Fall Classic wrestling tournament where they placed 2nd overall.

They beat Marana 69-21, and Coronado 58-24. There only loss came to Amphi 34-45. Individual wrestlers who placed were: Jake W., champion; Jayce C., 2nd; Augustine P., 2nd; Colton S., 2nd; William C., 3rd; Matthew D., 3rd;

Patrick K., 3rd; Marco D., 3rd; Brody W., 3rd; Jrue J., 4th; and Dominic R., 4th.

On January 23, the Wranglers beat in district rivals Cross Middle School 72-18. Seventh Grader, Patrick K. pinned his opponent in 9 seconds to win his match.

"All the wrestlers technically wrestled with heart and passion", said Coach Armando when asked about the wrestling match.

Most recently, the team competed with 54 other schools in the Arizona Junior High State Tournament. Wilson Middle School took 5th place.

Eighth Grade Boy's Fall to Cross

By Brett G..

Wilson Wranglers Boy's Soccer Team coached by Mr. Obregon lost to Cross Middle School on January 23. Although the Wranglers played hard, Cross beat Wilson by the sad score of 5-2. Wilson gave up two goals early on in the first half. Coach Obregon quickly pulled out 8th grade goalie Ryan L. in favor Keadon B. but the wranglers could not catch up from the early deficit, although playing considerably better. Jacob C. scored both goals, on a pair of free kicks.



