

The Wilson Voice

Wilson Welcomes New Principal and Assistant Principal

Ms. Sullivan

By: Abbie P. Ashlynn S.



Wilson K-8 School hired a new Principal this year. Christine Sullivan, replaces Adrian Hannah who retired last year. She comes to Wilson from La Cima Middle School where she was Principal for eight years. Ms. Sullivan has been in education for twenty seven years. She spent eight years working in TUSD and has been with the Amphi School District for nineteen years. She said she knew from a young age that she wanted to be a teacher. Her first teaching job in the Amphi School District was at Wilson when the school was only three years old. When asked what has changed since 1999, she says the general wear and tear of the school and there used to be curtains on the South MPR stage.

Ms. Sullivan is eager to hop on into this school year and has many new ideas to share. She said she would like to turn Wilson into a potential "bring your own device" to school and advancing our schools technology. She would also like to get a clear focus on AFT and make it more resourceful for the students.

Ms. Sullivan is excited for this school year and has the goal of making sure all students are being challenged.

Teachers and students welcomed a new Assistant Principal this school year. Mrs. Marjanovic comes to us from Germany where she lived for three years. Before that, Mrs. Marjanovic lived in Wisconsin where she was an Assistant Principal for one year and a teacher for twelve years. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary and Middle School Education with the emphasis in Math and Computers, but didn't stop there and earned her Master's Degree two years later in Educational Leadership.

Mrs. Marjanovic is excited to be at Wilson and hopes to make a difference by getting to know the students and by helping them do well in school. When asked what she thought about all the rules at Wilson she said, "I think that our rules are fair and that they were made for a reason...to protect the students. When Mrs. Marjanovic isn't at school, she enjoys kickboxing, walking, reading, and hanging out with her family.

Mrs. Marjanovic

By Oscar V.



Boot Drive Exceeds Goal of \$20,000

Chili Cook Off a Huge Success

By: Juana F.

The Annual Boot Drive fundraiser came to an end on September 5th with the highly attended Chili Cook-Off event wrapping up the month long fundraising effort. Approximately \$33,000 was raised, money which will benefit the students, teachers and school. The money raised exceeded the goal of \$20,000.

At this year's chili cook-off, there were new attractions, such as throwing a pie at a teacher, a silent auction which included several baskets that were sold to the highest bidder. This auction in itself raised over \$10,000 of the \$33,000. Old time favorite activities included a dunk tank where students had the opportunity to dunk Mr. Trimble and Mr. Sutton for a small fee of \$1.00. There was also live performances courtesy of Wilson's very own Jazz Band and Choirs. Many in attendance enjoyed watching their friends and children excel in something they enjoy doing. Families also had the opportunity to bid on "top lockers" for their child. This year's winners were Eighth Grader, Isabella C., Seventh Grader, Zoe N. and Sixth Grader, Sebastian C.

Of course one of the most enjoyable parts of the Chili Cook-Off is the delicious chili made by parents. This year, the 5th grade swept the contest by taking 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

1st Place:	Catherine Raymond	Ms. Busby's Class
2nd Place	David Newell	Mr. Hurst's Class
3rd Place	Christa Isom	Ms. Winkel's Class



We Have Spirit, Yes We Do!

By: Rachel S. and Angelyna S.

Recently, Wilson's Leadership class put on an awesome first quarter pep rally, starting off with a mind blowing obstacle course. They picked one student from each grade level that showed the most spirit. Sixth Grader, Carina W., Seventh Grader, Grant G., and Eighth Grader, Jacob C. were chosen to participate in the competition. First they had to complete a series of obstacles, then the first person to hit the gong won. Grant made an amazing comeback as he was trailing Jacob, but he passed Jacob, grabbed the mallet and hit the gong as hard and loud as he could.

Once all the first quarter sports teams were recognized by Coach Smith it was time to see which grade had the most spirit. All the grades took turns showing their school spirit by saying chants and yelling. In the end it was the 8th Grade crowd blowing cheer that won the competition and took possession of the spirit stick.



Above: Seventh Grader, Grant G. competes in the obstacle course. **Below:** Eighth Graders stand proud with the Spirit Stick.





Partial Solar Eclipse as seen by many in Tucson and Oro Valley. Photo courtesy of the Arizona Daily Star

All Eyes on the Sky

By: Bella H.



Sixth Graders, Logan P. and Lucius O. enjoy the eclipse through their special glasses.

On August 21, Wilson Middle School Students headed outside. Why? The answer is because for the first time since March of 1979, the United States experienced a solar eclipse. Students and teachers alike were very excited for this once in a lifetime opportunity. Eighth Grade Science Teacher, Ms. Grube spearheaded the event making sure teachers had viewing glasses or given instructions on how to make pinhole projections in order to keep the students safe. "I thought the eclipse was awesome! I haven't seen one since 1979 and I thought it was a great experience. I was also impressed with the safety measures that the kids took." When I asked if she thought it was worth going outside for that long, she stated, "Absolutley! The kids were able to see the change in movement and it was great for them to see it in many ways, through glasses, pinhole projections and a telescope." Parents of Sixth Grader, Sinatra M. brought their personal telescope with special filters for students to view this phenomenon. Sixth Grader, Logan P. had this to say about the eclipse, "I thought it was pretty cool. I had never seen one before."

Even though an eclipse can be cool to see, it isn't safe to look at without proper protection. The sun isn't any less damaging during an eclipse, it is the same sun after all, but it may cause permanent damage. According to Michael Schechter, an optometrist from Ohio, looking directly at the eclipse may cause blurry vision or cause damage to the retinas.

Sixth Graders Get a Head Start to Middle School

Entering sixth grade can be quite daunting for a lot of students as they prepare for middle school. Nerves and excitement come at a time where classes become more difficult and the social scene is more complicated. This year the Wilson Administration made this transition a little smoother for sixth graders. Before school even began, sixth graders were invited to a "scavenger hunt". This first annual event allowed students to meet fellow sixth graders as well as to interact with their teachers. They were given games to play, puzzles to solve and at the end a free Wilson t-shirt and popsicles. "I thought that the scavenger hunt was a great chance for new 6th grade students to learn about the school and get to know each other better before school started. It was a lot of fun and I can't wait to do it again next year", stated Assistant Principal, Mr. Trimble.

Being a sixth grader means changing classrooms several times a day, having lockers which at times are very hard to open, and changing out for P.E. However, being a sixth grader also means sharing the hallways with the big kids, attending school dances, having lunch outside in the courtyard and getting to participate in a couple of after school sports. So being able to learn more about Wilson and getting the lay of the land before the first day of school was a big plus for students. Sixth Grader, Jordan K. said, "I thought it was a lot of fun. I met my teachers before school started and I knew what to expect. I also liked it because it was a chance to meet new friends before school started." Another Sixth Grader, Aiden O. said, "I thought it was fun and we were able to test our lockers before school started."



Sixth Graders working together to solve the puzzle.



Sixth Grader, James W., proudly shows off his new Wrangler Wear.

Meet Wilson's New Teachers and Staff



Mr. Vasquez

By: Lindsay A.

Mr. Vasquez is the newest teacher in the sixth grade. He teaches Language Arts and Social Studies. Mr. V., as he likes to be called received his Undergraduate Degree from Western New Mexico University in Spanish and English Literature. He received his Master's Degree in Education from the University of Phoenix. Mr. V. really enjoys teaching and inspiring his students.

Mr. V. is also one of the Wilson Wrangler Football coaches which makes sense because his favorite sport is football. Some other cool facts about Mr. V, is that his favorite color is blue and he is a certified audio engineer. He has worked in recording studios and has done live sound for bands. If you noticed at the first Pep Assembly, Mr. V. was beat boxing with his sixth graders.



Mrs. Franks

By: Mara H.

Mrs. Franks is the new eighth grade teacher at Wilson. Mrs. Franks who is a math teacher started teaching because she said she struggled in math and then learned and wanted to share her skills with others. This skill led her to get her Master's Degree in Math from San Diego State University. She enjoys helping students learn math and wants all students to have a positive mindset.

On a lighter note, her favorite sport is football and her favorite color is black.



Ms. Fengler

By: Melanie M.

Learning about the Elements of Art and Principles of Design is one of Ms. Fengler's main focuses in both of her design art classes. Ms. Fengler who is new to Wilson this year says that as the students study these building blocks for creating art, their own artwork develops and improves.

Ms. Fengler moved here from California where she taught Art in Northern California. Before that, she taught Art in Phoenix. She received her Undergraduate Degree from ASU and her Master's Degree from California State Long Beach.

Dancing and teaching are her favorite things to do and her favorite color is purple. Ms. Fengler wants to leave a positive impact on the kids she teaches. She wants them to grow up with a love for art no matter what they do.



Mr. Arnold

By: Julian M.

There's a new security guard on the Wilson Campus and his name is Mr. Arnold. He comes to Wilson with more than 25 years of experience with the Amphi District. He left IRHS after eight years because he wanted a change. He said he likes dealing with middle school students better than high school students because they are more interesting and fun. As far as discipline goes, he says he'll discipline students if they ignore his warnings. Like everyone else, he has hobbies which include working on cars and yard work.



Mr. Jones

By: Lindsay A.

There is a new 21st Century Skills and Video Production teacher this year at Wilson. His name is Mr. Jones and he comes to Wilson all the way from Naples, Florida where he taught Middle School Science and Technology Education. Mr. Jones received his Educational Degree from LSU. Prior to LSU he received a degree in Botany/Biology from Northwestern State University. He says he feels at home at Wilson because the students and staff are very friendly, respectful, and helpful. "I am looking forward to teaching my students about future career opportunities and how to live and problem solve using the tools of technology."



Mrs. Picton

By: Damaris H. and Melody B.

Sixth Grade Students have a new counselor at hand for needed support. Her name is Mrs. Picton and she says she wanted to be a counselor because she understands that each student is unique and they need support.

Before coming to Wilson, Mrs. Picton worked for three years at Diamond Children's Hospital. She said she enjoys being in a school setting because she likes working with middle school students.

MUST READS

Sixth Grade Elections

By: Shayla G

Congratulations to the newly elected Sixth Grade Student Government Officers: There were several students who ran for office this year, as one could tell by all the posters covering the sixth grade hallways. In the end, these are the students who came up on top.

President:	Savana D.
Vice President:	Jack F.
Treasurer:	Eliana N.
Secretary:	Amelia G.

Wear your ID or Else

By: Christian S.

Do you ever wonder why we have to wear ID's, well I have the answer for you. I recently interviewed Mr. Trimble to ask the age long question. He said the main reason is to identify students who do and don't belong on campus. He also said it was a District wide rule to keep students safe. When you forget your ID you have to go to Mrs. Baca's classroom and get an orange Loaner ID, and with that come three days of lunch detention. Some students feel three days is to harsh of a punishment for forgetting or losing your ID. The reason for this consequence is to hopefully motivate students to always wear their ID. That means around your neck and not in your pocket or backpack.

This is what happens when you don't study for a test. (pictured in photo is Seventh Grader, Analise H.)

Dress Code

Editorial

By: Ashlynn S.

Let's face it, dress code is not one of our favorite topics here at Wilson. It is controversial for many. Some students think it's great and sees its' purpose, while others see it as a rule against individuality. I believe that there is a solution to this problem Wilson is facing. It's called listening. If the Administration is willing to listen and are open for some changes to the dress code, maybe we could solve the problem of several students not following the dress code. This being said, the students need to listen too and not be loud and out of control. It should be a give and take situation.

The dress code is important and it's District policy for all schools to follow it. Wilson Teachers and Administration seem to be enforcing it more this year than in recent years. They need to be consistant though. Some students can get away with dress code violations all day long while others are dinged immediately.

Caption Contest WINNER!!! Seventh Grader, Grecia B.



Wrangler Sports

Tennis Game, Set, Match

By: Abby V.

Wilson Wrangler, Emily P. gets ready to serve to her opponent.



The Wilson Girl's Tennis Teams is having a great season so far. The team, who is led by Seventh Grader, Emily P. has proven that they are the team to beat this year. So far the team is undefeated with three matches left in the season. The team started off the season by beating Esperero Canyon 4-1, Orange Grove 4-1, The Gregory School 4-2, and more recently Desert Shadows 4-2

The boy's team, which is led by Eighth Grader, Jacob M. have lost three matches this year to Orange Grove Middle School 1-4, Esperero Canyon 2-3 and Desert Shadows 0-6. They tied their match against The Gregory School 3-3. The boys have three matches left in their season.

Are You Ready for Some Football?

By: Andrew R.



Eighth Grader, Peyton R. sees an opening up the middle with the Wilson offense doing some great blocking.

The Wilson Wranglers Football team is 2-1 right now. With only three games under their belt, they hope the rest of the season proves to be victorious for the Wranglers.. The team lost their first game 14-0 to Tortolita Middle School, but played extremely well in both offense and defense in their season opener. The team made up of seventh and eighth graders learned from that loss and beat Cross the following week. Led my Head Coach Obregon and Assitant Coach Vasquez the Wranglers put up 31 points to Cross's 20 points. On September 13, the team beat Amphi Middle School 26-14. The Wranglers are led by Quarterbacks, Tavian T. and Michael D. According to Coach Obregon, who has been coaching football for 20 years, 8 years here at Wilson, the receipe for success on the field is executing the plays mentally and in the heart.

The team still has three games remaining on their schedule including the battle against in district rival Coronado Middle School. This game which has become a tradition now will be played at Ironwood Ridge High School under the lights at 6:00pm.

Cross Country

By: Staff

This year's cross country team is made up of more than sixty boys and girls from grades 6-8. For Coaches, Sharon Silvas and Kyle Sutton, keeping up with these high energy runners has been as much of a challenge as it has been fun. Mrs. Silvas says the team is a great group of hardworking athletes.

So far the team has participated in two cross country invitational, the Desert Soltice Invitational and the Coronado Invitational. They have also hosted Marana on our own course.

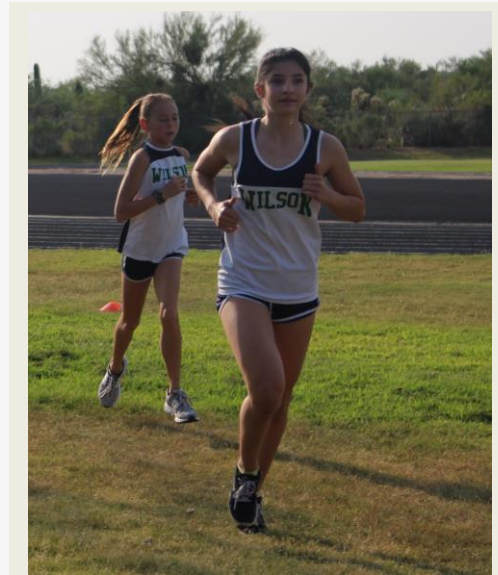
The girl's team has placed 3rd and the boy's teams has placed 5th. The teams have four more meets before the season comes to an end.

Batters Up!

By: Staff

For Eighth Grade Softball Coach, Coach Pam, having two starting pitchers is an asset to an already talented team. The Wranglers who are 5-1 so far this season have shut out four of their four opponents. They beat La Cima Middle School 15-0, Orange Grove Middle School 15-0, Esperero Canyon 16-0 and Marana 17-0 in three innings. Pitcher Haidyn W. pitched a shutout and hit a homerun and teammate, Malia T. also hit a homerun against Marana. Coach Pam owes the shut outs to great pitching from Olivia S. and Samantha F. and her run support to some fantastic hitting from Haidyn W., Lauren N., Ariana A., and Emma B. The team recently lost to Cross 0-14 finishing the game with only eight players due to injuries and illnesses.

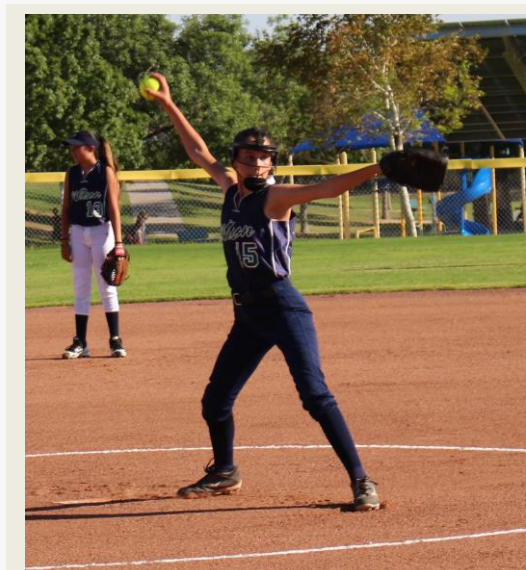
The Seventh Grade team, coached by Coach Larson is a team made up of players who have little to no softball experience and yet the team has proven they are the team to beat. They beat Orange Grove 20-18 for the first game of the season, followed up by beating La Cima a week later, where catcher, Rachel B. hit a triple. Earlier this week against Marana, Seventh Grader, Gabi G. hit a home run. The team beat the Falcons 10-5



Eighth Grader, Sage G. runs in stride at a recent cross country meet.



Eighth Grader, Lauren N. waits for the ball to be thrown to her so she can tag out her opponent.



Pitcher, Claire C. has perfect form to strike out her opponent.

Some Good Advice to Follow



Wilson Students help with Hurricane Relief

By: Shayla G.

In an effort to help hurricane victims in Texas and Florida, Wilson students did their part by collecting coins through their classes. Containers were placed in all the classrooms and students brought in their loose change during this week long campaign which raised a total of \$2,205.15.

Hurricane Harvey and Irma caused a lot of destruction and damage and Wilson came together as a community to offer support. All the money collected will go directly to the American Red Cross.

Even though it's been over a month that school started, adjusting to a new school or being a sixth grader can still be a little challenging at times. Everyone is in the same situation of making new friends, meeting new teachers, having lockers which at times are very hard to open and changing out for PE every day is enough to make any one stress out. Here are some top Do's and Don'ts to make your days at Wilson run smoothly:

Don't be tardy to class three times because that will result in a lunch detention.

Do participate in sports or other extracurricular activities. It is fun and you get to meet new friends

Don't forget your ID! It must be worn at all times, otherwise you have to wear the ugly orange ones that Mrs. Baca lends you and you have to go to lunch detention for three days.

Do not leave your trash after you eat lunch. That is frowned upon.

Do have a Positive Attitude!

Do dress up for Spirit Days!

Don't stress about the small stuff. The Wilson teachers are always there to help you.

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