



Wilson's Motto: "Nurturing our quest for knowledge through the arts."

Welcome Back Wilson Elementary Families,

August 2020

What a journey that we have been on these last few months! I hope that through all of the chaos, you could find the silver lining in this pandemic. Wilson's teachers went above and beyond during the quarantine, contacting students and parents, checking on their welfare, and delivering supplies on their own time to make sure their students had the tools to be successful. Through the pandemic, Wilson Staff has grown even closer, improved our technology skills, became very creative, and learned to think outside the box to ensure academic achievement for our learning community.

We are thrilled to reunite with all of our past patrons and are excited to meet our new friends. Wilson Elementary has a rich history in Arts Integration. Arts Integration is an approach to teaching in which students construct and demonstrate understanding through an art form. Students engage in a creative process that connects an art form and another subject area and meets evolving objectives in both. Wilson's mission focuses on furthering students' learning through the arts while promoting creative thinking, problem-solving, and responsible citizenship.

This year we have just a few **new** wolves joining our pack. In fourth grade, we have **Gena Fincher**, who will be working closely with the other amazing teachers on her team: Mrs. Elwell and Mrs. Halaoui. In third grade, **Debbie Patry** will join her fabulous team members: Ms. Kongs and Ms. Sekine. Our fantastic second-grade team members are Ms. Cudjoe, Ms. Elmquist, Mr. Hoppers, and Mrs. Wall. In our fabulous first grade, Mrs. Blum (Formerly Stoddart), Mrs. Cohen, Mrs. Regalado, and Mrs. Richison. In our spectacular kindergarten, we will have Mrs. Ferguson, **Mrs. Thomas**, and Mrs. Hinckle. Our incredible specials teachers include Ms. Conger (art), Mrs. Diaz (music/strings), Mr. Jones (dance/drama), and Ms. McElvany (PE). Our super lab teacher is Ms. Alvarez. Our creative media specialist is Mrs. Buxton, and her assistant is Ms. Moore. Our new parent liaison is **Stephany Meister**. Mr. Hunter will continue his role as an Instructional Coach, and Mr. Dufrene will continue as Assistant Principal. Our super counselor is Mrs. Acers. Then at Horace Mann, our pre-k site, we have Ms. Barker, Mrs. Lentz, and Mrs. Robinson, along with their classroom assistants: Ms. Quinonez, **Ms. Rodriguez**, and Mrs. Scales. My assistant principal at Horace Mann is Ms. Ohlheiser. My door is always open, so if you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to call our office at 405-587-7100.

Wilson Wolf Pride,

Mrs. Simpson, M.Ed.

Principal