



*"Nurturing our quest for knowledge through the arts."*

Dear Wilson Wise Wolf Families,

January 2025

Each month we honor one of our teachers with a Teacher-of-the-Month traveling trophy, an autographed t-shirt, as well as a designated parking spot. Congratulations to Shani Cohen, our December Teacher of the Month, and to Heather Pasciak, our January Teacher of the Month!! We are glad you are part of Wilson! We also had Charnetta Animashaun, one of our paraprofessionals, graduate with their Bachelors degree. Brittany Hinckle received the Golden Framework Award and Brittney Sprague became a National Board Certified teacher. Wilson truly does employ the best of the best!

Last month, our staff and students enjoyed several dress up days celebrating a December to Remember. Oklahoma Children's theater visited Wilson to present "Oklahoma's Own" for our 3rd and 4th graders. We also enjoyed another delicious garden tasting. Our wonderful PTA pampered our staff at the staff holiday party as well as bringing us a huge variety of cookies to enjoy before the break.

January brings with it a chance for our students to show how much they've grown academically through NWEA testing. It also begins the window for our WIDA testing which helps us know how to best teach our English learners. Additionally, as we enter this season of preparing for the OSTP, please know that it is so important that your students be in school as much as possible. There is much to learn and review, and we want them to be confident in what they know as they get the opportunity to show it on the test.

The beautiful thing about being an Arts Integration school is that not only do we focus on academics, but we also have the chance to enjoy many art focused events at our school. As mentioned above and in previous newsletters, we've welcomed the Oklahoma Children's Theater as well as Big Sky Opera. And next week, all of our students will get to experience Lyric Theater as they share "Sound of Music". Our K-2 students get to participate in a dance class each week, and our Arts Integration Trainer, Carrie Chinnners, came this week to teach lessons on the Power of Pictures.

Just a reminder that the READOKC Spring Reading Challenge began on January 7 and will conclude on March 31st. EVERY student has an opportunity to participate in this challenge and earn a reward by reading 20 minutes each night or a total of 1,680 minutes. Minutes should be recorded in Beanstack or the reading log filled out and returned to your child's teacher. Any time spent reading **with or to** your child can also be recorded. We hope your family enjoyed the much needed winter break.

Make sure to stay up-to-date with Wilson Elementary by following us on Instagram, @wilsonwolvespta and Facebook, Wilson Arts Integration School PTA. Sign up for Wilson's weekly electronic newsletter by emailing Stephany Meister at [snmeister@okcps.org](mailto:snmeister@okcps.org).

Sincerely,

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