



WILSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Highlights and Information from the High School in October

End of Marking Period 1

It is hard to imagine, but we have completed the first quarter for the 2019-20 school year. As the marking period draws to a close, we would like to share the timeline we are anticipating for the report card process:

***November 4:** Skyward viewing will close to families

***November 4th and 5th:** Grades will be finalized and reviewed by staff and administration

***November 6 @ 4PM:** Report Cards/Grades will be live on Family Access

NOTE: This is for secondary only! Wilson Elementary buildings operate on Trimesters

This is a great opportunity for students to reflect on their first marking period and determine if they are satisfied with the results of their work. If your student is not satisfied with their grades, I strongly encourage them to speak with their teacher and identify areas to improve upon for the next quarter. The ultimate goal is continual growth for our students including the ability to self reflect and identify ways to grow as a learner.

You are invited!

Berks County has a very proud heritage of individuals serving in our military branches; protecting the freedom we enjoy each and every day. To honor them, our JROTC has joined with other groups in the area to support the annual Berks County Veterans Appreciation Dinner and Dance. This event will take place on November 9th from 4PM to 9PM in the High School Arena. If you need more information, please contact Captain Walter at walste@wilsonsd.org. Here is a link for more information as well:

<https://tinyurl.com/y3ek69xh>

We look forward to seeing many of you there. Included is a quick video from last year:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uj4dhrXblio>

School Newspaper

Our student newspaper, *The Paw Print*, has released its first edition of the school year. Our team does a terrific job of blending world news with school relevant topics. Included is a link for those of you that would like to read our students' writing:

<https://wilsonpawprint.weebly.com/>

Work Ethic, continued!

In our September Newsletter, we shared the concept of developing student work ethic throughout the year as a school. To expand on this idea, the high school will be exploring an advisory period for next year that is designed to give specific, designated time to discuss and develop attributes related to work ethic. We will be developing these lessons/discussions around the following topics:

*Attitude, Attendance, Appearance, Ambition, Acceptance, Appreciation, Accountability

If you wish to contribute or if you have ideas regarding these topics that would be beneficial to us and our students, please let us know!

Reminders to Students:

*Bring your ID whenever you need technical support or access to the Library

*Fall equals rain and wet leaves....please be careful when driving...and walking!

Reminders to Parents:

Conferences are right around the corner! November 25 and 26th are half days for students with Parent/Teacher conferences starting at 12PM. If you are interested in attending, please reach out to your student's teachers.

Calendar Events in November

November 5: ASVAB Testing/[Elizabeth Acevedo HS Visit](#)

November 9: Veterans' Dinner/Dance

November 11: No school for students

November 14: Safety Drill at HS/WHS PTO Meeting

November 16: Fall Formal 6PM at Reading Museum

November 25 & 26: Early Dismissal Days/Conferences

November 27 - December 2: Thanksgiving Break (No School for Students)

Shout Out to Students!

Special thanks are due the following student groups for their help:

Leo Club for organizing our Blood Drive in the Library on October 3

Host Students for housing our friends from China during the first week of October

Donors we had 44 students/staff donate blood on October 3rd

15 Volunteer students who helped with the blood drive and all who participated

Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students for being recognized as our September Students of the Month!

Cassie Iavarone - 9th grade



Anthony Cruz - 10th grade



Paul Rigg - 11th grade



James Mannix - 12th grade



Highlights from October

BBEC Event for 9th Graders



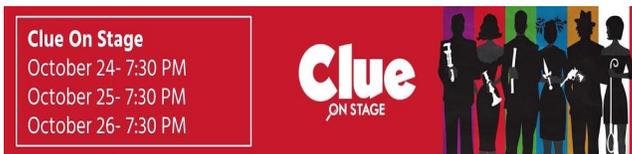
Our ninth grade students were able to experience a presentation and field trips supported by the Berks Business Education Coalition. Students were educated on how to better prepare themselves for their working future and visited several locations to experience various working environments.

Chinese Exchange Students



For one week in early October, we had the privilege of hosting 15 exchange students from China in our district. Many families opened up their homes and allowed these students live with them as they got to experience life in America. It was a terrific experience for all involved and we look forward to a continued partnership.

Fall Play: Clue



Our student actors and actresses stole the show in late October with their performance of "Clue". Their hard work was evident in their performance and all in attendance were truly entertained. Great job!

National Merit Scholarship



We were fortunate to have four students recognized at our board meeting. Receiving commendation were Ashley Feiler, Krishna Nayak, Olivia Xie, and Adith Gopal. Krishna is a semifinalist and will find out this spring if she is a finalist. Congratulations!

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October 11 Pink Out



For our October 11th football game, our students supported breast cancer awareness month by sponsoring a “pink out”. The game also was highlighted with Coach Doug Dahms breaking the all time wins record held by the great John Gurski.

Distinguished Alumni

Each year Wilson School District is proud to recognize nominated alumni and celebrate their accomplishments. The criteria for distinguished alumni is as follows:

- Must have graduated at least 15 prior to nomination
- Consistently demonstrated professional excellence
- Consistently demonstrated personal excellence
- Consistently demonstrated personal commitment to upstanding character, scholarship, leadership and service

If you know individuals that fit this criteria, please feel free to nominate them using the link below:

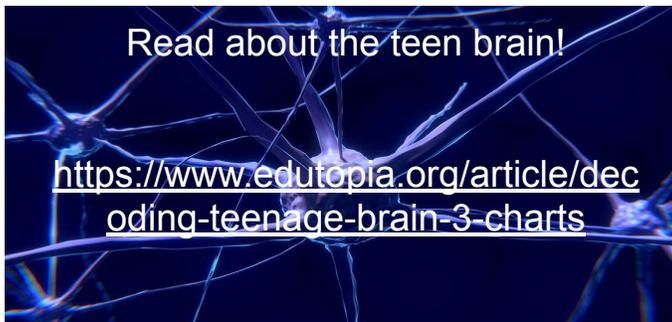
<https://forms.gle/264SgzWmvoPnQeH7A>

In the Classroom: In this segment, teachers can post information and images about some of the interesting things they are doing in their rooms

Teacher: *Emily Hershey*

Subject: *Reading Strategies*

What we are doing: *We just wrapped up a unit on the brain, specifically the teenage brain! We made connections to science and health as we explored topics such as differences in the brain, addiction's effect on the brain, what CTE looks like in the brain, and how to take care of our brains. We learned that the teen brain is still changing and adolescence is an awesome time to learn new things! We also learned that changing our habits can actually change our brains.*



Teacher: Monica Lawrence

Subject: Community Event

What we are doing: The Autistic Support class attended the football game on Friday, 10/11/2019! It was a blast!



Award-winning author & poet
Elizabeth Acevedo
is visiting Wilson High School!
Tuesday, November 5, 2019

- Limited number of books available to purchase directly from Firefly Bookstore that day
 - Book sales in auditorium lobby after school
- Your student should bring cash or check to purchase
 - Meet & greet & book signing after school
- Your purchase helps fund the visit (25% of purchase back to school)
 - Each book costs \$19.07 with tax

Check out her website: <http://acevedowrites.com>



School to Work Opportunities

School to Work jobs are available to all seniors. Students leave school to go to work, earn credit and typically get paid.

Contact Mrs. Focht (fockat@share.wilsonsd.org) in room D425 for details.

Current School to Work Job Openings

Company Name: [JawCo](#)

Location: Wernersville

Position: Manufacturing - Production

Start Date: November 2019

Paid employment



Company Name: [Morgan Corporation](#)

Location: Morgantown, transportation provided

Position: Welding Training Program

Start Date: January 2020

Application Deadline: December 1, 2019

Information Meeting: November 5, 2019, Bulldog Period, D425

Paid training - can lead to permanent employment

