



# September Newsletter

Robert D. Wilson Elementary School

## Ride Smart and Safe

Kindergarten through fifth grade students will participate in a brief bus safety program during September. Please help us promote bus safety by reviewing and supporting the following bus rules.

Parent supervision of children prior to pick up and during drop off time is an integral part of bus safety.

- \* Observe classroom conduct.
- \* Be courteous, use no profane language.
- \* Do not eat or drink on the bus.
- \* Keep the bus clean.
- \* Cooperate with the bus driver.
- \* Do not smoke.

- \* Do not damage bus or equipment.
- \* Stay in your seat.
- \* Keep head, hands and feet inside bus.
- \* Do not push, shove or fight.
- \* Do not tamper with bus equipment.
- \* Do not bring pets on the bus.
- \* Do not bring flammable material on the bus.
- \* The bus driver is authorized to assign seats.
- \* Have a safe trip.



**S**chool,  
**E**ffort, and  
**P**lay.  
**T**rying your best  
**E**ach hour of the  
 day.  
**M**aking new  
 friends,  
**B**eing good as you  
 can.  
**E**xciting discover-  
 ies,  
**R**eadng books with  
 a friend.

- Boni Fulgham

## Assessment Update

4Sight reading and Western Wayne Benchmark Assessment for math are assessment tools that we will use this school year with students in our third, fourth, and fifth grades. They are a progress monitoring assessment similar to DIBELS. They allow the educational team to periodically check in on the academic health of students.

Like DIBELS, performance information will be shared with the parents of students we assess.

While DIBELS helps us monitor essential learning to read skills, these assessments are designed to determine student proficiency with Pennsylvania's academic standards for

mathematics and reading. The information is used by the classroom teachers and administrative team to plan instruction.

## Emergency Cards

It is essential that you fill out and return your child's emergency card as soon as possible. It is equally important that you update the card should you move or change your place of work.



## Staying Healthy at School

There are many simple things that you and your child can do to stay healthy this school year.

- Make it a habit to cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing.
- Make it a habit to wash your hands with water and soap.
- Be careful to not share chewed pens and pencils.
- Practice blowing your nose. Remember to throw away tissues. Wash those hands.
- Practice using a water fountain.
- Eat well and get plenty of sleep.



*"Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted."*

*Albert Einstein*

## Western Wayne School District's Mission Statement

The Mission of the Western Wayne School District is to educate and prepare each student in alliance with family and community, to be a confident, life-long learner, to strive for personal excellence, and to be a responsible citizen of a global society.

## Wildcat Pride

### Student Pride

To the faculty and staff at Robert D. Wilson, the students are "the apples of our eyes". They bring a feeling of pride and joy to everyone that works at the school. The unique children that comprise this awesome student body are bright and cheerful youth. They are eager to assist their classmates, teachers and even assist with the care of our campus. They share in the responsibility of maintaining a positive school community.

At times students may struggle with a concept or skill and become frustrated with school. Resiliency is key to overcoming such obstacles. Remember:

We all have different strengths and weaknesses.

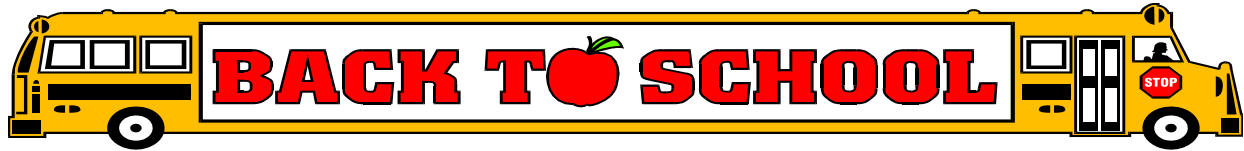
EVERYONE faces obstacles at some time or another.

Mistakes can be corrected and used as a way to improve our skills.

Please know it is brave to admit you need help.

There are many students and staff that are looking to help classmates celebrate success.

Contact your child's classroom teacher, Mr. Kowalski or Mrs. Miller when you have questions or need assistance.



## **Robert D. Wilson Faculty & Staff**

### **Maria Miller, Principal**

#### Pre-Kindergarte

Karen Firmstone

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Michelle Judge

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#### Grade 1

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MaryAnn Curtis

Patricia Parini

#### Grade 3

Allison Gillis

Jessica Agnello

Nancy Savage

#### Grade 5

Joann Tomassoni

Pamela Burke

MaryBeth Grandinetti

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Kim Anderson

Stacey Batzel

Helen Bridges

Teri Carey

Carrie Henwood

Karen Matoushek

Joan Novobilski

Carol Opalka

Patti Shelp

Ann Vinton

Leighann Wildenstein

Carol Zawislak

#### Secretaries

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Christine Thorpe

#### Custodians

Tracey Podunajec

Warren Brundage

Charles Klim

John Kowalski-Guidance

Maria Shelp-Nurse

Ellen Dorse-Title 1

Dian Altemier-Reading Coach

Theresa Barrassé-Art

Jill Butler-Physical Education

Dawn Courtright-Music

Jill Mackarey-Librarian

Marnell Fortuner-Learning Support

Joseph Petak-Learning Support

Michelle Mistishin-Early Intervention

Courtney Evans-Early Intervention

Sara Lowe-Emotional Support

Jessica Trescavage-Autistic Support

Kristin Johnson-School Psychologist

Michelle Kapinus-Physical Therapy

Jean Nebzydoski-Speech

Danielle Vokes-Speech

Michael Nepa-Gifted

Susan Schlasta-School Social Worker

Kristin Williams-Occupational Therapy

Lynda Williams-Vision

#### Food Service

Cynthia Dennis

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Education's purpose is to replace  
an empty mind with an open  
one. ~Malcolm S. Forbes



**"The breezes taste  
Of apple peel.  
The air is full  
Of smells to feel-  
Ripe fruit, old footballs,  
Burning brush,  
New books, erasers,  
Chalk, and such.  
The bee, his hive,  
Well-honeyed hum,  
And Mother cuts  
Chrysanthemums.  
Like plates washed clean  
With suds, the days  
Are polished with  
A morning haze."  
- John Updike, *September***

**The goldenrod is yellow  
The corn is turning brown  
The trees in apple orchards  
With fruit are bending down."  
- Children's song**

## New Phone System for Western Wayne School District

We are currently in the process of up-dating to a new "user" friendly phone system. All buildings will use the same 1-800-321-WWSD (9973) phone number. Callers may simply speak the building name at the prompt. It is not necessary to wait to hear all options. Our new WWSD number is operational at this time and the existing numbers will be discontinued after the new year.