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The Board meets the second Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the Jr/Sr Media Center and the fourth Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. at the Central Office.

District "Game Plan" for School Closings and Delays

-Joe Burnett, Superintendent

The bottom line when it comes to making a determination to have school is the safety of the students. I'd rather put in an extra day in June than have a weather related accident. Undoubtedly, school closings and delays can be an inconvenience to parents. Please review your "game plan" when delays or cancellations occur. How do we determine if we have school or not? I work closely with our transportation director - Sam Mullin. We keep a close eye on the forecast like the rest of you. Major snowstorms are a little easier to predict as far as having a delay or a cancellation. Drifting snow, freezing rain, fog, and black ice are the tough ones because they can be patchy and can change rather quickly - most of the time for the worse. If the weather is deteriorating in the evening, we're inclined to call a two hour delay that night as it allows us more time the next morning to assess the situation. We try to have a determination by 8:45 a.m. on the days that we have two hour delays as to if we will cancel for the rest of the day. Deciding to cancel school is a big responsibility as we have over 800 students that come to school on a daily basis. We will do our best to keep your children safe. Whenever there is a delay to the beginning of the school day, cancellation of school for the day, or early dismissal we will utilize **the School Messenger Notification System** for those announcements. Also, listed are the primary contacts we make to local radio and TV stations: **KWQC-TV in Davenport, KCRG-TV in Cedar Rapids, and WMT radio in Cedar Rapids.** Remember, these will be the only stations contacted. We will always try to make a decision as soon as possible and a number of telephone calls must be made in a short period of time, so unless there is an emergency, please rely on these avenues for information concerning delays, cancellations and early dismissals.

JUST A REMINDER....

If there is a two-hour late start (due to weather or other unplanned situations) on a Thursday or any other day that is scheduled for early dismissal, the school day will be extended until 3 p.m.

Wilton Elementary School

"Making a positive difference in the lives of our students."

January 2012

Mr. Jamie Meyer
Elementary Principal
732-2880
jamiemeyer@wiltoncsd.org

Dear Wilton Elementary Families:

Volunteers are a very important component of the Wilton Elementary School. The many things that they do for the kids and teachers is very much appreciated. We would like to thank these volunteers, and any we may have missed, for their time, effort, and willingness to be in our building making a difference in the lives of the students.

HS Students

Travis Vick, Nick Hunter, Katherine Klerk de Rues, Dayne Roberson, Brandon VanZandt, Chalynn Hampton, Kacey Ragatz, Kayleigh Whitman, Katie Lange, Kylee Mohrfeld, Justin Cameron, Heather Sturms, and Dylan Steplton.

Adults

Beth Grings, Jan Carstens, Mary Ann Maurer, Julie Atkins, Traci Said, Paula Grings, Julia Peterson, Sally Munch, Dawn Yohe, Leticia Alvarado, Mary Lou Watkins, & Wilton Community Bank Employees.

If you would be interested in making a difference with the students in our building, consider volunteering some of your time. Whether its daily or once a week, we can find a spot for you in our building. Please contact the elementary office to set your time to volunteer.

PTA Fundraiser

PTA would like to send out a huge thank you to all who participated in selling this year! As always you all did a great job. The money raised will help pay for field trips, scholarships, Carniball, Family Fun Night, and other community projects. The top sellers this year were Karlie and Taylor Schult and coming in a close second were Audrey and Clayton Guyer. They all received \$50.00 each! The PTA would also like to send a special thanks to Sara Anderson who helped filter calls and distribute merchandise! We wouldn't be able to keep things going without the help of our wonderful teachers and volunteers!

Tara Oien, PTA President

If you drop your child off at school, please encourage them to exit the vehicle on the passenger side of the car and then proceed to the nearest crosswalk. Thanks!!

5th Grade Basket Making

Mrs. Lenker and her fifth grade Art students have been working on creating fiber coil baskets. Coiled basketry is the oldest technique used in basketry. It is comprised of two elements, the core, consisting of a bundle of fibers coiled spirally, and the binder or sewing thread of similar material.

Students were introduced to two different types of stitches; figure eight and the lazy stitch. The lazy stitch proved to be the most popular. They found that adding core with masking tape worked the best and changing colors was really pretty easy. Even though the baskets were very difficult at first, everyone soon caught on and the baskets started to take shape.

The office records that we have for your children need to be as current as possible. If you have a new address, phone number(s), cell phone number, or new emergency contacts, please contact the elementary office (732-2880) to make these necessary changes.

Happy New
Year!!

Go Beavers!!

Upcoming dates:

- January 3
Classes Resume
- January 6
2nd Trimester Mid-term
- January 9
No School

Lego League

A team made up of ten 4th -6th students was formed this year for the First Lego League Competition. They met three days a week for a couple of hours September through the first week of December. Volunteering their time to help with the competition preparations were Matt and Kori Brown. Mrs. Doty, the TAG teacher, along with one of her high school independent study students, Max Roth.

This year's theme for FLL was food safety. At the competition held December 10th at the Putnam Museum in Davenport, the team was judged on core values, the project (which was a skit) and Robot Design (their robot had to be programmed to perform certain tasks). The team placed 15 out of 35 teams.

Wilton Jr/Sr High School



Important News from: Mr. Crawford

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We have one semester in the books! It is always hard to believe when we hit the half way point that we are here. August seems a long time ago. Right now for the seniors, their grades are solidified for college admissions. Some seniors think the second semester does not count, but finishing strong is still something colleges look at when they do the final evaluation of your student.

A strong start to the second semester is critical. Statistics from the past few years would say students take some time off and get behind in their grades. This makes for a very intense and panicky spring. Working hard now during the winter is a lot easier than playing catch up in the spring when the

weather is much better. Please watch your student's grades online these next two months.

There is still a lot of activity in the school during January. Please check out our calendar and stop up some evening for an activity. We always appreciate the support of our community.

Finally, January seems to bring at least one or two snow days. We have a calling system set up by our superintendent to call parents when we have a snow day. If your number has changed, or you have not provided it to the school, please call the superintendent's office at 563-732-2035 to add your number to our automatic phone calling system.

Every day, tell at least one person something you like, admire, or appreciate about them." Richard Carlson



Mid-
summer
Night's

Dream

January 12 & 14

7 PM

Auditorium

Adults- \$5.00

Students-\$4.00



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many
2013

Germany trip final details will be coming soon. Everything is tentative at this point. As it stands, there will be a family stay, we will travel to Munich with it's many attractions. Any junior or senior in at least the second year of German in 2013 are eligible.

IMPORTANT
DATES

6- End of 1st
Semester

7-JAM THE
GYM

9-NO
SCHOOL-
Professional
Development



Durant Lioness
Soup Supper

January 20

4-7

Durant Cafeteria
Basketball Game

Wilton

At

Durant

Adults-\$5.00

Students-\$3.00

Under 5-Free

COUNSELOR CORNER

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES FOR HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS AND STUDENTS

A number of **STUDENT and PARENT WORKSHOPS** are planned for the upcoming weeks and are listed below. If you would like more information, please email Charlene Paper.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Mark your calendars for Monday, January 16th! There will be a Financial Aid Night for Senior Parents (and Junior Parents who want a heads up for next year!) at 6:30 PM in the WHS Auditorium. The components of federal and state aid programs will be discussed and instructions on the new FAFSA Financial Aid Form and IRS connection will be given. Ms. Paper will also present local scholarship information.

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

Attention Senior Parents! It's that time of year! Make plans to file your FAFSA after January 1. Log onto www.fafsa.ed.gov to sign up for the Personal Identification Number (PIN) now. Your senior student needs one and one parent must have their own as well. Be prepared to have your taxes done as soon as possible after January 1 or submit an estimate based on our 2010 tax year.

ACT TEST PREPARATION WORKSHOP

The annual ACT Test Prep Workshop will be held on January 30th and 31st from 4:00-6:30 PM at the High School. Junior parents will receive information by mail with registration instructions. The cost is \$29 per student, which is a real bargain. When you register online, you will see all of the area workshops presented by the ZAPS Learning Co. if these dates do not work for your student. Juniors should attend BOTH sessions. The workshop is 5 hours in length and will give students strategies for improving their ACT performance. Past years' participants have given very positive evaluations of the sessions after attending this workshop.

2012-2013 CLASS PRE-REGISTRATION BEGINS

January marks the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year high school course registrations.

January 3rd-6th all eight graders will be learning about high school course offerings, college entrance requirements, graduation requirements, core courses, and completing their 4-year academic plans. They will be using the www.ihaveaplaniowa.gov website, with specific logins created for our students, which is a state requirement. All of our WHS courses are loaded on the site for students to select their course plans. Ms. Paper will be working with students in their Science 8 classes to complete this plan. Parent signatures will be required for all plans and registration forms. Seventh graders will be selecting their Band/Chorus options during this time as well.

January 17th -February 16th students in grades 9-11 will be completing their IHaveAPlanIowa Guideways requirement and working on their 2012-13 course choices. They will be updating their 4-year plans on this website and will also require parental signatures.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY STUDENT/COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The Student Blood Drive held on December 7 at the high school was a big success. We collected 65 units, which will help up to 260 patients who need blood products. Since 1984, Wilton High School Blood Drives have collected more than 2,289 units and have helped more than 6,867 patients as a result of their efforts. That is almost 2 1/2 times the entire population of Wilton. One thing that makes the blood drives a success are the local businesses who donate prizes for our door prize drawings. We give a big THANK YOU to the following businesses for their generous prize donations:

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| Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center | Wilton Dentistry | Valet's Sinclair Service |
| Jon Ingstad, State Farm Insurance | LorLen Candles | Wathan Chiropractic |
| Eastern Iowa Physical Therapy | Blooming Ideas | Special Tee's |
| Wilton/Durant Advocate News | Garrison's Market | WTC Communications |
| Duffe Grain | | |

CURRICULUM UPDATE

Iowa Department of Education Site Visit Coming Soon

JANUARY 24-26

The Iowa Department of Education visits accredited public school districts every five years. Wilton Community School district has also been selected to participate in an Educational Equity Review. Approximately 104 site visits are conducted each year. Of the scheduled public school district site visits scheduled each year, ten are identified for an in-depth focus on equity.

The purposes of the school improvement site visit are found in 281-IAC 12.8(4) (A) (2) of Iowa Administrative Code. The purposes are as follow:

- To assess progress with the comprehensive school improvement plan;
- To make recommendations with regard to the visit findings for the purposes of improving educational practices above minimal compliance;
- To determine that a school or school district is in compliance with the accreditation standards;
- To provide a general assessment of educational practices.

MORE SITE VISIT INFORMATION

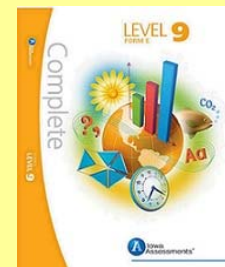
The site visit basically consists of three areas:

1. **Document Review** – electronic submission and on-site review.
2. **District Overview**
3. **Interview Groups** – Board, Career and Tech Teachers, Instructional Support Staff, Learning Support Staff, K-12 Parents, SIAC, Special Ed and Collaborative General Ed Teachers, Special Education Director, Students, Administration.

We will be contacting several community members and parents to participate in these interview groups. Notification will be sent the first week in January.

IOWA ASSESSMENTS

Results from the *Iowa Assessment* fall testing are delayed this year due to the new forms and reporting formats. We are hoping to receive the scores at the district level sometime in late January!



**“It is today we must create the world of
the future.”** -- Eleanor Roosevelt



JAM the GYM



Join the Wilton Athletic Boosters for a day of basketball, food, and fun when you help "JAM the GYM" on January 7, 2012.

Come early and join us in the lower commons for a Macho Nacho plate.

This year's event has the Beavers hosting the Durant Wildcats. The games start at 1:00 with the jv boys, followed by the jv girls at 2:30, the varsity boys at 4:00 and ending with the varsity girls game starting at 5:30.

Jam the Gym raffle drawing will be held during half-time of the varsity girls game. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased the night of the game or by contacting Leslie Skelley at 732-3749. Grand prize is \$750



January 2012



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| <p>1</p>  | <p>2</p> <p>No School</p> | <p>3</p> <p>Breakfast Taco Chicken Ranch Wrap, Au Gratin Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Peaches</p> | <p>4</p> <p>Ham, Cinnamon Bun Walking Taco w/Toppings, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Pears, Fruit Roll-Up</p> | <p>5</p> <p>Pancake on a Stick Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Cottage Cheese, Mandarin Oranges, Cookie</p> | <p>6</p> <p>Egg Omelet, Toast Spaghetti Supper w/Garlic Toast, Tossed Salad, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit</p> | <p>7</p>  |
| <p>8</p> <p>The Elementary & Jr. /Sr. High has the choice of skim, 1%, and chocolate milk for breakfast and lunch each day. A choice of peanut butter, jelly or butter sandwiches to those students that purchase a lunch.</p> | <p>9</p> <p>No School</p> | <p>10</p> <p>Sausage, French Toast Cheeseburger w/Bun, Tater Coins, Corn, Strawberries, Whole Wheat Goldfish Crackers</p> | <p>11</p> <p>Ham, Cinnamon Tastrie Deli Sandwich w/Toppings, Broccoli w/Cheese, Pasta Salad, Peaches</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Mc Beaver Beef Stew w/Biscuit, Whole Potatoes, Green Beans, Cranberry Salad</p> | <p>13</p> <p>Sausage, Cinnamon Toast Mandarin Orange Chicken, Rice, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit, Cake w/Frosting</p> | <p>14</p> <p>The Elementary has a choice of Hot Cheese sticks w/Sauce as an alternate each day. The High school has a choice of Pizza. Grades 4-12 may order a chef salad the day before.</p> |
| <p>15</p> <p>Assorted cereal and juices are offered at the Elementary and Jr./Sr. High each menu along with the breakfast menu.</p> | <p>16</p> <p>Breakfast Pizza Chicken Nuggets, Whipped Potatoes, Corn, Strawberries, Brownie</p> | <p>17</p> <p>Ham, Donut Baked Potato w/Ham & Cheese Sauce w/Roll, Fresh Veggies, California Blend, Pears</p> | <p>18</p> <p>Breakfast Bagel Made Rite w/Bun, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Peaches, 100 Calorie Cheez-It Crackers</p> | <p>19</p> <p>Sausage, Muffin Tenderloin w/Bun, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit</p> | <p>20</p> <p>Biscuit & Gravy Pork Gravy w/Roll, Whipped Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Kiwi</p> | <p>21</p> <p>The Wilton Community School has the right to change the menu due to the availability of an item or increase in pricing.</p> |
| <p>22</p> | <p>23</p> <p>Ham, Churro Chicken Patty w/Bun, Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli w/Cheese, Mixed Fruit</p> | <p>24</p> <p>Sausage, English Muffin Mr. Rib w/Bun, Macaroni Salad, Cauliflower w/Cheese, Peaches, Fruit Crisp</p> | <p>25</p> <p>Ham, Bagel w/Cream Cheese Lasagna w/Garlic Stick, Corn, Cottage Cheese, Cherry Fluff</p> | <p>26</p> <p>Egg Sandwich Cheesy Macaroni w/Bran Muffin, Tossed Salad, Green Beans, Apple Slices</p> | <p>27</p> <p>Sausage, Long John Chili Fritos, Fresh Veggies, Whole Potatoes, Pears, Oreo Blondie</p> | <p>28</p> |
| <p>29</p>  | <p>30</p> <p>Sausage Cheese Biscuit Mega Burger w/Toppings, French Fries, Corn, Peaches</p> | <p>31</p> <p>Breakfast Taco Turkey Gravy w/Roll, Whipped Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Oranges</p> | | | |  |



Wilton

January, 2012

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 NO SCHOOL-Winter Vacation | 2 | 3 4:30pm BB-G/JV (H) vs. West Liberty 6:00pm BB-B/JV (H) vs. West Liberty 6:00pm BB-G/V (H) vs. West Liberty 7:30pm BB-B/V (H) vs. West Liberty | 4 | 5 2:00pm Early Dismissal 6:00pm WR-V @ Center Point-Urbana High School 6:00pm WR-JV Away vs. Center Point-Urbana | 6 End of Quarter 4:00pm BB-G/JV Away vs. West Branch 5:15pm BB-B/JV Away vs. West Branch 6:00pm Junior High Dance @ Elementary Gym 6:30pm BB-G/V Away vs. West Branch More... | 7 JH/HS SEIBA Auditions @ Fairfield 9:00am WR-V Away vs. Iowa City West 9:00am WR-JV Away vs. Clinton 12:00pm Jam the Gym 1:00pm BB-B/JV (H) vs. Durant More... |
| 8 Dorian Vocal Festival 5:00pm Speed, Strength, Agility @ High School Gym | 9 Dorian Vocal Festival NO SCHOOL-Professional Development | 10 3rd Quarter Begins 4:30pm BB-G/JV (H) vs. Mid-Prairie 6:00pm BB-B/JV (H) vs. Mid-Prairie 6:00pm BB-G/V (H) vs. Mid-Prairie 7:30pm BB-B/V (H) vs. Mid-Prairie | 11 Booster Club Meeting Choir Trip Account | 12 2:00pm Early Dismissal 6:00pm WR-V @ West Branch High School 6:00pm WR-JV @ West Branch High School 7:00pm High School Play @ Auditorium and Stage | 13 ACT Registration Deadline 4:30pm BB-B/JV (H) vs. Regina 6:00pm BB-B/V (H) vs. Regina 6:00pm BB-G/JV (H) vs. Regina 7:30pm BB-G/V (H) vs. Regina | 14 8:00am DC Basketball Tournament @ Multiple locations 10:30am WR-V Away vs. Marion 7:00pm High School Play @ Auditorium and Stage 7:00pm ONE ACT PLAYS @ Auditorium and Stage |
| 15 5:00pm Speed, Strength, Agility @ High School Gym | 16 4:15pm BB-B/8th Away vs. Regina 4:15pm BB-B/7th (H) vs. Regina 5:00pm WR-JV Away vs. Solon 6:00pm BB-B/JV (H) vs. Columbus Junction More... | 17 4:30pm BB-B/JV (H) vs. Morning Star Academy 6:00pm BB-G/V (H) vs. Morning Star Academy 7:30pm BB-B/V (H) vs. Morning Star Academy | 18 | 19 2:00pm Early Dismissal 4:15pm BB-B/8th (H) vs. Tipton 4:15pm BB-B/7th Away vs. Tipton 6:00pm WR-V @ North Cedar High School - Clarence Gym 6:00pm WR-JV @ North Cedar High School - Clarence Gym | 20 ACT Late Registration Deadline @ Stage Choir Trip Account 3:30pm Wilton Wrestling Club Tournament @ Multiple locations 4:00pm BB-G/JV Away vs. Durant More... | 21 JH/HS SEIBA Honor Band @ IC West Large Group Speech 8:00am Club Volleyball Tournament @ Multiple locations 9:00am WR-V Away vs. Clinton 9:00am WR-JV Away vs. Bettendorf More... |
| 22 8:00am Club Volleyball Tournament @ High School Gym 5:00pm Speed, Strength, Agility @ High School Gym | 23 9th-11th Registration 4:15pm BB-B/8th (H) vs. Durant 4:15pm BB-B/7th Away vs. Durant 5:00pm WR-JV Away vs. West Branch | 24 5th Grade Solo Recital 9th-11th Registration 4:30pm BB-B/JV (H) vs. North Cedar 4:30pm BB-G/JV (H) vs. North Cedar 6:30pm BB-G/V (H) vs. North Cedar More... | 25 9th-11th Registration Choir Trip Account | 26 9th-11th Registration 2:00pm Early Dismissal 4:15pm BB-B/8th Away vs. North Cedar 4:15pm BB-B/7th (H) vs. North Cedar 4:30pm 6th-8th Solo Contest | 27 5th Grade Solo Recital 9th-11th Registration SEICDA Youth Honor Choir Festival 4:00pm BB-G/JV Away vs. West Liberty 5:15pm BB-B/JV Away vs. West Liberty More... | 28 9th-11th Registration Registration (Cancelled) @ 10:00am WR-V @ West Liberty High School - High School Gym 5:00pm BB-B/JV (H) vs. Burlington Notre Dame 6:30pm BB-B/V (H) vs. Burlington Notre Dame |
| 29 9th-11th Registration Registration (Cancelled) @ 8:00am Club Volleyball Tournament @ Multiple locations 5:00pm Speed, Strength, Agility @ High School Gym | 30 9th-11th Registration 4:00pm ACT Prep Workshop 4:15pm BB-B/8th (H) vs. West Liberty 4:15pm BB-B/7th Away vs. West Liberty | 31 9th-11th Registration 4:00pm ACT Prep Workshop 4:30pm BB-G/JV (H) vs. West Branch 6:00pm BB-B/JV (H) vs. West Branch 6:00pm BB-G/V (H) vs. West Branch More... | | | | |