

**“BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE”**  
**WILKINSON SCHOOL NEWS**  
**MAY 8, 2009**  
**BE SAFE, BE RESPONSIBLE, BE RESPECTFUL**

**END OF YEAR CELEBRATION LUNCH:**

**Friday: May 22nd Hot dogs on a Coney Bun,  
Carrot Sticks, Beans, Chips and Shapeups**

**Parents are welcome to join us. Please call the office by Friday, May 15 if you are planning to eat. The cost is: \$2.25 for adults and \$1.50 for students.**

**ATTENTION PARENTS:**

Please pay your children's milk and lunch accounts. **Students who owe money to milk, meals, snacks and/or missing library books will not receive their report cards on the last day of school.** Their report cards will be mailed when fees are paid. If you have any questions, please call the office.

**BASIC VALUES TO TEACH YOUR CHILD:**

- Put your values into action by living them daily. These values may include responsibility, respect, trustworthiness, fairness, compassion, and good citizenship.
- Set up firm but fair family rules that reflect the values that matter to you.
- Establish consequences for breaking family rules, and follow through with them.

**DRESS CODE:**

Students are expected to dress in proper school attire appropriate to weather conditions. It is the parent's responsibility to see to it that their children are neat, clean in appearance and dressed appropriately for the weather conditions of North Dakota. Clothing that is suggestive, revealing, or obscene is prohibited in school or at school functions. Please no backless tops, spaghetti strap shirts or shirts that show the stomach, short shorts or skirts. Parents will be notified if their children are not properly dressed.

**MATH WEBSITE:** <http://www.mathplayground.com/>

Welcome to Math Playground, an action-packed site for elementary and middle school students. Practice your math skills, play a logic game and have some fun!

**NOTICE:**

**At the end of the 2008 – 2009 school year, Wilkinson will no longer be sending out a paper copy of the newsletter every week to the families of the student body. It will, however, be available online at <http://www.williston.k12.nd.us> and we will email it to you if we have your email account on file. If you do not have access to the internet, you can request a mailing by calling Cindy in the office at 572-6532. Please email [cindy.mahlum@sendit.nodak.edu](mailto:cindy.mahlum@sendit.nodak.edu) if you have an email account.**

**OUTSTANDING LIBRARY BOOKS AND KINDERGARTEN BOOK BAGS:**

Please look under the bed for those misplaced library books and kindergarten book bags! Books not returned by May 11<sup>th</sup> will be charged out for their replacement cost.

**QUOTE OF THE DAY:**

When you add appropriate humor to a lesson, what you teach immediately after that, will be retained in the brain for a longer period of time.

**--- RAFFLE TICKETS---**

PTO is planning a spring raffle to be drawn on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We have a great list of prizes that have been donated: **Please get your raffle tickets in by Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## **READERS ARE LEADERS: Celebrate Your Child's Reading Accomplishments**

A lot of people can help your child reach his or her reading goals. Ask a relative, friend or older child to read with your child, or have your child read aloud to you. The most important thing you can do to help make reading a part of your child's summer is to make it fun!

## **RESTITUTION:**

Restitution is about looking for the basic need behind the problem. Learning that all people have basic needs of Love, Power, Freedom, Fun and Survival will greatly assist the process of doing Restitution. Students can identify what their need was when they got into a situation with another student and they can also identify what the need of the other person that they disrupted was. Armed with this information they can collapse the conflict and invent a solution that will fix the problem. Restitution will help get rid of the anger and bad feelings that occur when we get into a disagreement or fight with others.

## **SHOW KIDS YOU CARE:**

- Help them become an expert at something.
- Be excited when you see them.
- Tell them about yourself.

## **SIXTH GRADE RECOGNITION:**

**6th Grade Recognition Program will be held on Thursday, May 21 at 7:00 pm in the gym.**

## **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:**

The Wilkinson School Office will be open from 7:30 - 5:00, May 26th through June 5th. If you need to contact the school after that day, please call 572-6532 and leave a message on the answering machine. First day of school for the 2009 - 2010 school year is August 26<sup>th</sup>. If your child will not be attending Wilkinson School next year, please notify the office as soon as possible. Final classroom assignments will be released in August.

## **TEAM TIME WINNERS:**

This weeks' winner is Mrs. Thoreson's class. Special thanks to this week's student team leaders: Hailey, Carter, Alyssa, Alora, Brenden, Autumn, Alex, Dale, Gene, Connor, Jacob, Devin, Justice, Natalie, Jaelynn, and Jazlyn.

## **THANKS:**

Becky E., Kim N., Christina J., Netty B., Cindy L., Marne S., Heidi R., Lori K., Tammy W., and Crystal E who did playground duty this past week. We appreciate you!

## **THANK YOU:**

Thank you to all parents and PTO members for your thoughtfulness during staff appreciation week. The muffins, rolls, fruit, juice, salads, meat and desserts were delicious. The Dairy Queen gift certificates were wonderful. It's an honor and a privilege to teach your children. **Thank you!** Wilkinson Staff

## **WILLISTON/TRENTON HEAD START:**

Williston/Trenton Head Start is currently accepting children's application for enrollment in the 2009-10 school year. Head Start is a free, comprehensive, early childhood program for income eligible preschool children and their families. If your child will be 3 or 4 years old by August 31, 2009 and you would like to receive an application, please contact Head Start by calling 572-2346 or stop by the center at 420 University in Williston, or call the Trenton site at 774-0373.

## **WILLISTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY:**

Join the fun at the Williston Community Library's Summer reading program; **"Be Creative at Your Library"**. Registration will be May 26 – June 5 at the front desk of the library. Explore the worlds of music, dance and art. For more information you can call the library at 774-8805. The program is free for preschool through sixth grade.