



# WILKERSON ELEMENTARY



## ADMINISTRATION

Robert D. Livernois, Ph.D., Superintendent  
John Bernia, Chief Academic Officer

Anthony Viviano, Principal  
Kim Teschke, Secretary  
Wendy Dardzinski, Clerk

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Wilkerson school community is to ensure that all children will learn. **We will** develop socially responsible lifelong learners by providing a safe and positive environment that celebrates the individual successes of all children. **We will** challenge, guide, motivate and nurture every child to achieve their personal best and to be a meaningful contributor to our community. **We will** respond to the diverse needs of each child through best practices and collaboration among all stakeholders.

## FEBRUARY 2018

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Office Phone: 586-825-2550  
Absence Line: 586-825-2550 #2

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Latch Key:  
Before School Begins - 6:45 a.m.  
After School Ends - 6:00 p.m.  
**ENTER DOOR #38**

### SCHOOL TIMES

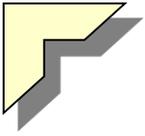
8:17 AM- Entry Bell  
8:22 AM - 3:29 PM

### FOOD SERVICES

Hot Lunch	\$2.75
Milk	.60
Breakfast	\$ 1.50

**$\frac{1}{2}$  DAY DISSMISSAL 11:33 A.M.**

Wilkerson Elementary  
12100 Masonic Blvd., Warren, MI 48093  
Phone: (586) 825-2550 Fax: (586) 698-4385



## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Can you believe that we are already past the halfway point in the school year? As we look back on this school year, please take some time to reflect on the academic progress of your child. Here are some things to consider to make sure that each student progresses each year:

- Does your child have homework? If so, are you helping to make sure it gets completed? Is this work that could be completed at school?
- Are you reading with (or to) your child every night or making sure your student is reading every night?
- Are you checking grades regularly on the Parent Portal (for grades 3-5)?
- Have you looked at testing data (for example, the NWEA test scores) to see your child's strengths and areas for growth?

If you have any concerns about your child's academic growth, please contact the teacher.

In other news, we have much to celebrate, and much to prepare for. We are getting ready for:

- "March is reading Month" activities
- Playworks, and their inclusive and respectful team building activities
- Watch Dog Dads
- The next round of common assessments (NWEA, WCS Writing task, WIDA, and M-STEP)
- PTO election nominations
- PTO restaurant nights
- Spring Parent Teacher Conferences and book fair

Lastly, our lost and found bins are overflowing. There are boots, hats, gloves, coats, water bottles and lots more. If your child has had anything turn up missing, please check in our bins. We will be donating unclaimed articles during the February break.

## COUNT DAY

The state requires two school count days. The first one was Wednesday, October 4, 2017 and the second one is Wednesday, February 14, 2018. It is very important that all students attend school on these days. We ask that parents make every effort possible to have their children attend school on count days.

**½ DAY OF SCHOOL  
FEBRUARY 16, 2018  
DISMISSAL AT 11:33am**

**NO SCHOOL**

## WINTER BREAK

School will be closed February 19 through February 23, 2018, for mid-winter break. Classes will resume on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:17 a.m.



Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

## SICK CHILDREN



Another safety concern is when children should return to school after being ill. The school policy is that the child must be ***fever free for 24***

***hours***. A child returning too soon will usually have a relapse and go home sick. All contagious diseases should be reported to the office. During the winter, children do not get out because of weather, and therefore are in their classrooms without fresh air and need all their immunities up to par. Again, it takes everyone doing their part to keep everyone healthy during the winter. Also, for every day a child is absent they have that many days to make up their work.

## SNOW DAY...NO SCHOOL?

If we get a lot of snow overnight and you are not sure if Wilkerson is open. **DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL!** Watch TV channels 2, 4 or 7 for school closing announcements or check the website [www.wcskids.net](http://www.wcskids.net)

To receive school closing information through your phone text: WCSKIDS to 57780.

If you hear or see ***Warren Consolidated Schools is closed***, it means that Wilkerson is closed.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!**

**SPRING PICTURES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>**

## PARENT TIPS

Tips for Better Communication Between Home and School.

- ◇ Review all papers your child brings home each day.
- ◇ Sign and return forms on time.
- ◇ Inform the school of any changes in your address, phone number or emergency contacts.
- ◇ Email your child's teacher or write a note any time you have a question or concern.
- ◇ Return phone calls from school as soon as possible.
- ◇ Volunteer at school as often as you can.
- ◇ Attend PTO and other parent meetings.
- ◇ Read school newsletters and PTO notes.
- ◇ Inform the school office and teacher when you know your child will be absent.
- ◇ Get to know other parents and keep their phone numbers handy.



## **BACKGROUND CHECK AUTHORIZATION FORM**

*Now is the time when the planning begins for field trips, end of the year parties, field day, etc.* Be prepared and make sure your Background check form has been or now will be turned in. Fill out a Background check form, send in a copy of your Michigan Driver's License, take the GCN training on the internet, and return the completed certificate to the main office. **If you have watched the videos in a prior year, you do not need to do it again. You simply need to indicate that you have already watched the videos by checking the box on the authorization form.** The background check forms are available in the office and on the Wilkerson website.

## *"Make a Difference" Award*

The Macomb Intermediate School District Parent Advisory Committee proudly sponsors the annual "Make a Difference" Award to individuals who have made a significant positive impact on the educational experience of a special needs student. Every parent who has a student with a current IEP or IFSP, who receives Special Education services in Macomb County is encouraged to complete a nomination form which you may pickup in our office and return prior to February 9, 2018.

# WELCOME CLASS OF 2031

On Thursday, February 15, 2018, Warren Consolidated Schools will host an informational parent meeting for all families with children entering Kindergarten in September 2018. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center located at 12901 Fifteen Mile Road in Sterling Heights, attached to Sterling Heights High School.

Parents attending will be provided with information about

- All Day and Half-Day Kindergarten Options;
- Year-Round and Traditional Calendar
- Kindergarten curriculum;
- Transitional Kindergarten
- Health requirements to attend Kindergarten;
- Breakfast and lunch options;
- Transportation
- Before- or after-school Latchkey services
- World of Fours and Preschool opportunities

In addition, student registration packets will be available as well as information on registration dates and times.

**Please plan on attending this important step in starting your child's formal education in the Warren Consolidated Schools.**

For more information, please visit the WCS webpage, [www.wcskids.net](http://www.wcskids.net)

# **BIRTHDAY TREATS**

We understand that birthdays are very important to our students! In order to help you choose appropriate Birthday Treats, we have set the following guidelines:

Birthday Treats **must** be delivered in the morning before lunch and packaged to be passed out, easily.

- Good: cookies (individually packaged)
- Better: prepackaged healthy snacks like Goldfish crackers, pretzels, fruit bars
- Best: pencils, erasers, stickers, etc. (these must be individually packaged for each student because they will be sent home in the students' backpacks at the end of the day).

## **Please do not send in:**

- Cupcakes with frosting (too messy)
- Drinks
- Sheet Cakes (or any treats that need to be cut)
- Pizza
- Frozen Treats
- Refrigerated Treats
- Balloons or Flowers

**All teachers have been asked to follow these guidelines.**

We truly appreciate your cooperation!

Anthony Viviano  
Principal

# WILKERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



**2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr Camp Mtg 6:00pm	7 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr Field Trip	8	9	10
11	12	13	14  Valentine's Day <b>Count Day</b> Please be at school	15 2018-2019 Kindergarten Registration @ Performing Arts Center – 6:00pm	16 <b>½ Day of School</b> Dismissal at 11:33am	17
18	19 <b>NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK</b>	20 <b>NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK</b>	21 <b>NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK</b>	22 <b>NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK</b>	23 <b>NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK</b>	24
25	26 <b>Classes Resume</b>	27	28			

## NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

Under Federal law, you as parents may request the following specific information about the professional qualifications of your children's teachers:

1. Whether the teacher has met the state qualifications/licensing for their grade level/subjects.
2. Whether the teacher is on a temporary permit or waiver.
3. The teacher's majors, graduate certificates/degrees, and discipline fields.
4. Paraprofessional services and qualifications

For further information, please call: (586) 825-2550.

### CHILDREN IN VIDEOS / NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Occasionally your child(ren) may be videotaped/photographed throughout the school year at various school activities. This video may be replayed on the school channel - Channel 9 in Warren. Pictures may also be put in local newspapers. Please indicate in writing to Mr. Viviano if you do not want your child viewed on our educational channels or their picture put in newsletters.

Warren Consolidated Schools is committed to the concept of equal employment opportunity as a necessary element in its personnel program. It is the policy of the district to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, height, weight, marital status, handicap or other characteristic in accordance with the law. Compliance inquiries should be addressed to the Chief Human Resources Officer, 31300 Anita, Warren, MI 48093, (586-698-4099).

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### **Student Achievement**

A focus on measurable student achievement in our Professional Learning Communities.

### **High Expectations**

Clear expectations for every stakeholder, including students, staff and parents.

### **Strong Relationships**

Strong relationships among all stakeholders, including: teacher-student, parent-teacher, principal-teacher, and superintendent-board member.

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act of 1977, and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, it is the policy of the Warren Consolidated Schools that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, (including sexual orientation or transgender identity), disability, age, religion, height, weight, marital or family status, military status, ancestry, genetic information, or any other legally protected category, (collectively, "Protected Classes") be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to, discrimination during any program, activity, service or in employment. Inquiries should be addressed to the Chief Operating Officer, 31300 Anita, Warren, Michigan 48093, (586) 825-2400, ext 63110.