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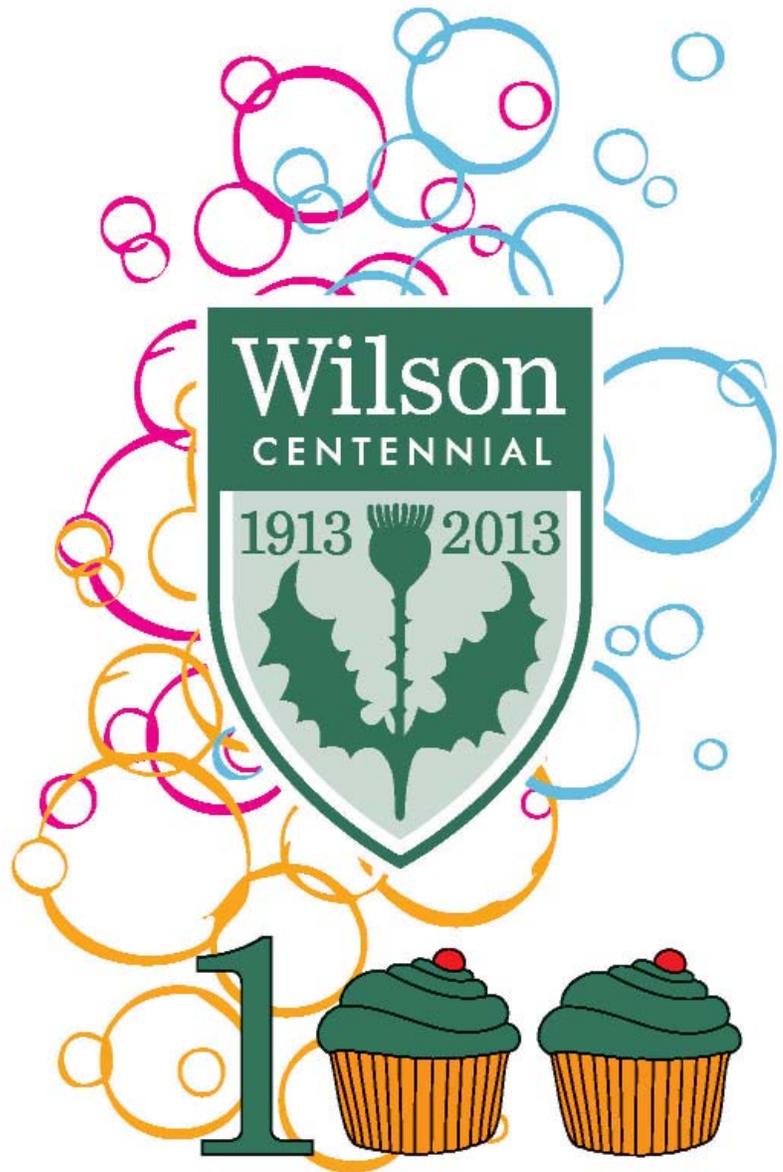
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A Note From Thad ...

As Wilson's 100th academic year draws to a close, I am grateful, sincerely, to the entire Wilson community for helping to make it so successful. We have had the pleasure of celebrating the School's Centennial with a fun-filled birthday party, an elegant Gala, and very special student presentations at assemblies. Also, in one week, we will hold a most remarkable school picnic, which is expected to be the largest attended Wilson event in school history. Another triumph was completing the fire restoration and building expansion projects. These unique and challenging construction efforts turned out wonderfully, and we are so happy to be back home on DeMun. Again this year, we are thrilled with our students' achievements. They amassed an impressive list of academic accomplishments, and, on a daily basis, they showed countless examples of making their mark a good one. Thank you for a magnificent 2012-13 school year!

Best,



Mosaic Art with Artist Mary Chiodini

By Art Teachers Diane Signor and Mary Beth Tipton



After Spring Break, students worked with mosaic artist, Mary Chiodini, on two permanent installations. To prepare for her visit, students created designs of animals and plants found in and around a pond at night and a pond at day. Mrs. Chiodini used these as inspiration to create the final compositions. Using the templates of the design, students worked with Mrs. Chiodini in carefully placing and gluing each colored glass tile into its' assigned section. They quickly learned that

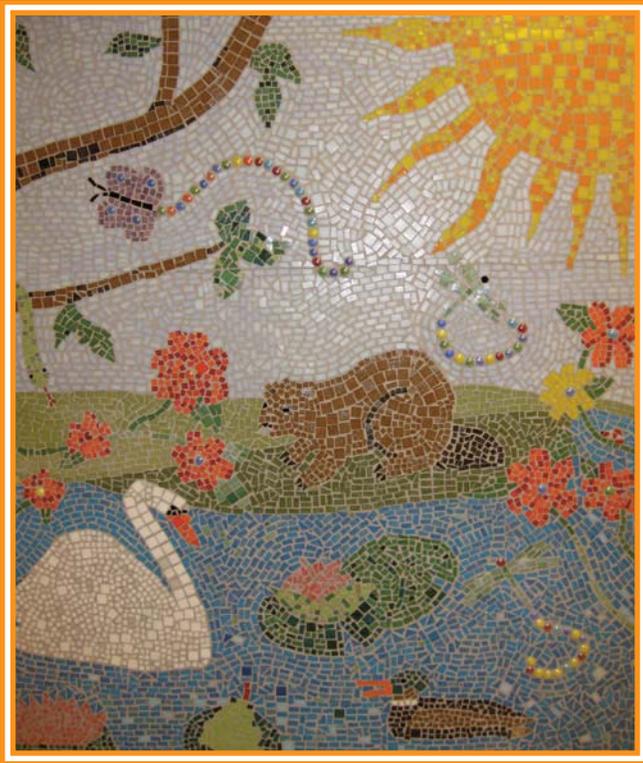


even though the process looks simple and easy, it actually takes time and patience. The resulting piece made the experience very rewarding.

Mrs. Chiodini spent a couple of days working with the students. She demonstrated technique for applying the glass

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tiles -- the work requires a combination of precision and intuition. Throughout April and into May students continued to help complete the murals during their art time. Even some of Wilson's faculty contributed after school one day!

Once both pieces were carefully completed, Mrs. Chiodini came in to cut them into smaller sections to prepare for the installation. Each section was carefully adhered to the wall in the fourth grade hallway using thin set. Once dried, grout was used to fill in between the small glass tile pieces.

The end products turned out to be outstanding works of art in celebration of our centennial year!



Awards! Awards! Awards!

On Wednesday, May 15, Wilson honored students for their achievements this year.

National Mythology Exam Medalists:

Gold

Fifth Grade: Madeleine, Alexis, George, Adam, Joe, Amelia, Sophia, Gwendolyn, Andrew

Sixth Grade: Max, Andrew, Madison

Silver

Fifth Grade: Jaclyn, Rex, Camden

Sixth Grade: Josh, Gabby, Ella, Lucy, Eva, Bergen

Bronze

Fifth Grade: Amarah, Lindsey, Peter

Sixth Grade: Margaux, Samantha, Kyra, Adam

Honorable Mention

Fifth Grade: Brooke, Dias

Sixth Grade: Ashley

Academic Challenge Cup - LInguiSHTIKS:

Sixth Grade

1 of the Top 3 Winning Teams

Complex Cowgirls:

Madison	Top Scorer
Lucy	Top Scorer
Ella	Top Scorer
Gabby	Top Scorer
Margaux	

1 of the Top 3 Winning Teams & Winner of Best Name

Neon Nouns:

Grace, Ashley, Bergen, Matt, Kyra

Greater St. Louis Science Fair

Sebastian (SK), Blue

Charlie (Second), Blue

Zoe (Third), Blue

Amelia (Fifth), Red (with special recognition from The Gifted Resource Council)

Marilyn Ackerman Award



The Marilyn Ackerman Award is given to a sixth grade student who consistently demonstrates the characteristics of sportsmanship, fair play and participation in PE, as well as at recess and other game play. Congratulations, Andrew!

Girls on the Run

Third), Francesca (Third), Hallie (Third), Zoe (Third), Lillian (Third), Sophie (Third), Isabella (Fourth), Fourth), Madeleine (Fourth), Sophia (Fifth), Fifth), Madeleine (Fifth), Bergen (Sixth), Samantha (Sixth), Ella (Sixth), Margaux (Sixth), Gabrielle (Sixth).

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Fitness Awards

National

First Grade: Lana, Clay, Daniel, Gerard, JT, Brielle, Nicholas, Tristan, Cohen, Sofia, Na'ilah, Monet, Connor

Second Grade: Olivia, Theodore, Charlie, Stella

Third Grade: Matt, Zoe, Sophie, Lillian, Phoebe, Immanuel

Fourth Grade: Madeleine, Hugh, Owen, Phoebe, Margaret, Zoe, Caleb

Fifth Grade: Sophia, Jaclyn, Camden, Alexis, Amarah, Amelia, Michael, Madeleine, Gwen, Peter

Sixth Grade: Lucy, Gabrielle, Madison, Molly, Eva, Ashley, Josh, Grace, Matt, Adam, Kyra



Presidential

Second Grade: Estelle

Third Grade: Miles, Ethan

Fourth Grade: John

Fifth Grade: Lindsey

Sixth Grade: Andrew

Read, Right and Run

Senior Kindergarten: Isabel, Caden, Jasira, Theo, Kate, Nina

First Grade: Lana, Brandon, Abby, Ryder, Kate, Nicholas, Tristan, Coleman, Cohen, Sofia, Sebastian, Hailey, Monet

Second Grade: Whitney, Olivia, Estelle, Jonathan, Leila, Kaitlin, Stuart, Eleanor, Will, Charlie

Third Grade: Hallie, Sophie, Franie, Sebastian, Zoe, Jared, Mia, Aiden, Michael, Kai, Immanuel

Fourth Grade: Catherine, Hugh, Christopher, John

Fifth Grade: Peter, George

Sixth Grade: Adam

MCTM



The Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM) sponsors a selective competition for fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students. Only three students from each grade are allowed to participate in the regional contest that consists of two written tests: concepts and problem solving. Much of the training takes place outside of the school day and over the course of three months.

Fourth Grade Participants: Madeleine, Hugh, John, Zoe, Isabella

Fifth Grade Participants: Joe, Andrew, Adam, Amelia, Alexis, George, Madeleine

Sixth Grade Participants: Madison, Margaux, Kyra, Lucy, Matt, Max

Missouri Math League

The fifth- and sixth-grade classes competed in the Missouri Math League competition. The fifth-grade level is a classroom competition. The students completed a 30 question test in 30 minutes that

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consisted of difficult math concepts and problem-solving questions. This competition recognizes the top five scores from each class with a certificate and a book for the person with the top score.

Fifth Grade: Adam, Madeleine, Joe, Lindsey

Top Scorer in the class: Andrew

The sixth-grade also competed in this competition. They had 30 minutes to answer 40 questions that consisted of difficult math concepts and problem-solving questions. The top five scores made up the sixth-grade team and were judged at regional and state levels. We had a tie for fifth place. The sixth-grade team of top scorers are:

Sixth Grade: Kyra, Matt, Ella, Gabby, Margaux

Top Scorer in the class: Madison

Wilson School tied for 8th in the state!

Math Olympiad

Math Olympiad is a national contest that consists of taking five tests throughout the year with five problem-solving questions on each test. The student's score is the sum of his/her correct responses. In fifth grade, this contest recognizes good and exceptional achievement with a certificate of achievement.

Fifth-grade members who earned the certificate:

Joe, Alexis, Amelia, Adam, Andrew, Lindsey

The top scorer of the class receives a trophy. This year, the top scorer in fifth grade was Adam!

In sixth grade, this contest recognizes good and exceptional achievement with the Patch of Excellence.

Top 50% (patch): Grace, Margaux, Adam

Additionally, students are recognized for scoring in the top 10% nationally. Keep in mind that most participants in this contest are very strong math

students so scoring at this level is quite an accomplishment. For their achievement, students at this level will receive the silver pin. The recipients are:

Top 10% (patch & trophy): Madison

The contest recognized the highest score in the class with a trophy. The trophy for highest score in sixth grade goes to:

Highest Score (trophy): Madison

Equations

This school year, the fifth- and sixth-grade students and four of the fourth-grade students had the opportunity to participate in the math enrichment club Equations. Equations is a challenging and fun game that promotes problem-solving and higher order thinking skills. This game covers a broad range of math topics including addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, exponentiation, algebra and more. It creates a rich, interactive problem-solving situation filled with complex strategy, bluffing and intrigue.

The "Gifted Resource Council" holds an annual tournament where teams from various schools play Equations in a competitive environment. The Wilson School Equations Club formed multiple grade-level teams consisting of up to five students each that took part in this competition. To prepare for this tournament, all fifth- and sixth-grade students practiced playing Equations on Friday mornings since December.

The Top Team from Wilson: Gabby (Sixth), Max (Fifth), Margaux (Sixth), Matt (Sixth), Madison (Sixth)

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Stock Market Game

This year, the Wilson Sixth Graders participated in the Stock Market Game sponsored by the Missouri Council for Economic Education. **A Wilson team placed first in the St. Louis Elementary Division:** Gabby (1st Place), Kyra, Eli, Grace

Robotics

Every year students in Wilson's Upper Grades have the opportunity to join the Robotics Team. This year we competed in research and robot games related to "senior solutions," or challenges that help the elderly. **Robotics this year:** Max (Sixth), Justin (Sixth), Matt (Sixth), Sophia (Fifth), George (Fifth), Peter (Fifth), Adam (Fifth), Joe (Fifth)

The Award for Excellence



The Award for Excellence celebrates extraordinary teaching and recognizes efforts that significantly contribute to the success of The Wilson School. Mr. Michael Hinkebein, Senior Kindergarten teacher, is this year's recipient of the award. Michael's *Travel to the Moon* unit inspires and prepares the next generation of explorers through an interdisciplinary approach. Students take an active role in their learning, not only with "hands-on," but "minds-on" activities. In to learning what it would take to repeat the monumental task of returning to the Moon, students create and measure craters, launch rockets, and learn about life in space from members of the International Space Station. A highlight of the unit is the Stargazing Party where family and friends are invited to share in the excitement of space and science exploration with their Wilson students. Congratulations, Mr. Hinkebein!

The Wilson School 2013 summer camp

Summer is here! Have you made your summer plans? The Wilson School Summer Camp opens its doors on Monday, June 10! Sign up now! Weekly registration is available. All Wilson students registered for the 2013-2014 school year receive a discount on camp tuition. The Wilson School rate is \$200.00 per week. To read the full brochure, visit wilsonschool.com. Questions? Contact Michael Hinkebein at mhinkebein@wilsonschool.com





Centennial Year in Review

100th Birthday Party:

Current families and friends wished Wilson a happy 100th birthday on the field at the Maryland Campus. Wilson Trustee and Clayton Alderman, Alex Berger, announced that August 23 will be recognized as Wilson School Day in Clayton. Guests donated birthday boxes to Operation Food Search, helping over 100 families celebrate a birthday with treats and presents that would otherwise have not been possible. The event was filled with jugglers, face painters, balloon artists, and even a bubble bus! A

very special thank you to the event chairs: Lisa Prinster-Messey, Dawn Jungermann, Trisha Becker, Kelly Fleming.



Centennial Gala:

February 23, 2013, will go down in history as the party of the century. Almost 300 Wilsonites – current and former faculty and staff, current and alumni parents – enjoyed a lovely evening of wining, dining and dancing in celebration of 100 years of excellence. More than just a good time was had; close to \$95,000 was raised toward ensuring another amazing century for Wilson! A very special thank you to the event chairs: Lisa Christenson, Tanya French, & Megan Philip.



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May Day:

As part of our Centennial May Day celebration, Rebecca Donaldson brought back the Mariposa dance, which was performed by combining students in grades 4, 5 and 6. A lovely Garland Dance, choreographed by Mary Jaeger, was simultaneously performed in the center of the circle.



Centennial Picnic:

The World's Fair Pavilion in Forest Park will be the fittingly historic venue for this year's family picnic. All Wilsonsites – past, present and future – were invited for an afternoon and evening of BBQ, live music, games, entertainment, artists, and hot air balloon rides. We look forward to sharing the highlights with you soon! We want to thank Student Council for the gifts of "Giant Chess" and "Life Size Angry Birds," as well as the Parents' Association for their gift of the balloon rides. A very special thank you to the event chair: Lisa Prinster-Messey.

MYMAGO Service Projects:

The Wilson community commemorated one hundred years of excellence in education with a year of service. Throughout the year, Wilson students completed monthly service activities at home. Each activity required students to offer their time, assistance or appreciation to others throughout the year. They also focused on how each of us can *Make Our Mark a Good One*. For our 100th Day of School in our 100th Year, Wilson students were challenged to collect 100 cans of food per classroom for Operation Food Search. Our families went above and beyond their goal, collecting over 1,000 food items in total! Here are the service activities for each month this year:

September: Learn about someone who has made a difference in the world.

October: Rake leaves for your family, a neighbor or a friend.

November: Write a meaningful thank you note to someone that has helped you.

December: Help each member of your household by doing a good deed for them or helping them complete a chore.

January: Learn how to do something new that you have always wanted to learn.

February: Write a Valentine card to mail to a retirement home.

March: Donate a gently used item that belongs to you to a charity.

April: Plant flowers for your family, a neighbor or a friend.

May: Exercise for 10 minutes each day.





Calendar of Events

May 27	No School – Memorial Day
May 30	Graduation
May 30	Last Day of School
May 31	Centennial Family Picnic
June 10	Summer Camp Begins

**Mark Your Calendars Now!
Important Dates for 2013-2014**

August 20: First Day of School
August 29: Curriculum Night
September 2: No School – Labor Day
October 11: Parent Teacher Conferences
November 7-8: No School – Professional Days
November 27: Grandparents' & Special Friends' Day
November 28-29: Thanksgiving Break
December 13: No School – Progress Report Writing Day
December 21 - January 5: Winter Break
January 20: No School - MLK Day
February 17: No School – Presidents' Day
March 14: Parent Teacher Conferences
March 15-30: Spring Break
May 26: No School - Memorial Day
May 29: Last Day of School

Check the Wilson School website for more dates and details:

www.wilsonschoool.com

