



## Wilson Middle School

## LEGENDS NEWSLETTER

## Classroom Happenings

“More than just a sword in a stone”

**Mrs. Yordy's and Mrs. Hensley's Science Classes** are exploring the wacky world of weather. Classes will be learning about all of the ingredients that work together to create the daily dynamics in our atmosphere. Students will be using the same tools meteorologists use to make predictions about tomorrow's forecast. Classes are always very interested in this part of the curriculum. Go ahead, talk with your child about the weather! Following the winter break, we will be learning about different climates that exist throughout the world. Students will explore through a variety of means what other 7th graders around the world see out their classroom windows.

**Mr. Ogletree's classes** are learning how to research information on the internet. They are also learning how to type and send e-mail messages with document attachments.

**Mrs. Womack's Read 180 class** is getting ready to start their first class novel, The Outsiders. We will continue to work in our small groups and will be focusing on characterization, symbolism, theme and setting. My CP Reading class will be getting into the holiday season by reading A Christmas Carol. The main focus will be on themes and how they apply to our lives today, which will tie into their character.

**Ms. Strickland's and Ms. Alf's English classes** have learned over 40 new words this year and will continue working on expanding our vocabulary. We also finished learning all of the parts of speech and have moved on to parts of a sentence. We will be writing persuasive business letters which will allow students to argue for a change here at Wilson Middle School. Before Winter Break, we will be using propaganda and persuasive techniques to create ad campaigns for a toy that the students will invent. They will then present these campaigns to the class!

**Mr. Taylor's and Ms. Randolph's World History classes** will be looking at the development of the first civilizations of the world. We will discuss how these civilizations laid the foundation for the world we live in and look at what we need to do to improve the civilizations of today. We will be exploring the origin of Islam and the history of the religion. We will look at how Islam has spread from the Middle East to the rest of the world along trade routes. As we study the Islamic religion we will identify the major contributions that the Muslims have made in the fields of medicine, math, geography and the arts.

## Students of the Month

Tatum Thompson

Mark Philhower

Arian Platt

Kristen Lunsford

Justin Fields

**Mrs. Grabel's Reading classes** have finished up The Outsiders and are moving on to the play, "A Christmas Carol". We have researched the Victorian Era to learn about the Poor Law, social injustices, workhouses, child labor, and the living conditions during this period. This information will be important when we meet the characters of Ebenezer Scrooge, Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim. Over the holidays, hopefully you can catch one of the adaptations of this novel on TV!

**Mr. Marshall and Mr. Thomas' classes** are working with fractions, ratios, rates, and proportions. We will be exploring how scale models function and how to make maps. Students will calculate average speed, and use comparison shopping to find the best deal at the grocery store. Make sure you ask your student to help you find the unit price and let them help you save at the supermarket!

**Ms. Beyer and Mrs. Lawson's READ180 class** has just started our first class novel, The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton. Although we will focus on reading The Outsiders for the remainder of the 2nd quarter, we will still use the rBook (Workshop 4) and computer program in our daily routine. We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season!

**Mr. Anderson's Holiday Concert** is around the corner! Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> the Wilson Choirs, featuring *Concert Choir*, *Chorale*, and *Cutting Edge*, will present their Holiday Concert at 6:30 & 7:30 p.m. in the Garfield Auditorium. Call time for all groups is 6:00 p.m. and the students must be dressed in their concert attire (please refer to the Choir Handbook for complete concert attire). Please plan on attending only one of the performances and please plan on transportation home at the end of the evening (8:10 p.m.). Due to the overwhelming support the past few years we had to add another performance because there was not enough room in the auditorium for everyone.

Have a safe, happy and restful holiday break. Come back ready to prepare for exams!



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