

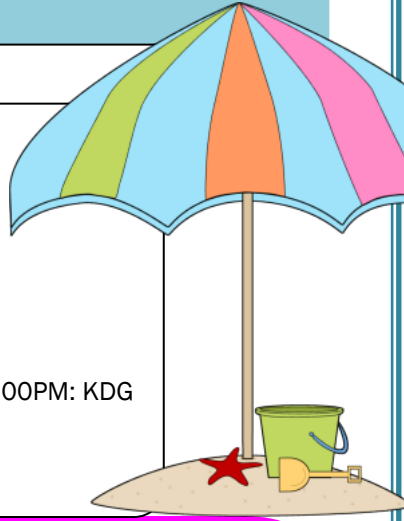
# Wilkins Elementary School

May 2017



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 5/12/17 Early Dismissal @ 11:30  
Walk-a-Thon
- 5/19/17 Early Dismissal @ 11:30  
Sports Day
- 5/24/17 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Day
- 5/25/17 Awards Assemblies  
9AM: Grades 1-3; 10:30AM: Grades 4-6; 1:00PM: KDG
- 5/26/17 Last Day of School  
4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Talent Show



## Notes from Dr. Serdar:

Believe it or not, summer is right around the corner! Did you know that students can experience learning loss when they do not engage in educational activities during the summer months? On average, students lose the equivalent of two months of math and reading skills during summer break. How do we combat that? This summer, let's work to change that for Wilkins students! Here are some ways you can help give our children the best foundation for the upcoming school year.

**Stay Engaged:** Encourage reading all summer long by visiting the local library. This will help prevent the 'summer slide' and provide benefits that can be seen year-round.

**Be Creative:** Summer is the perfect time to let your child's imagination run wild and stimulate creativity. [Kids.gov](http://Kids.gov) provides resources for arts and crafts projects that will keep children engaged and their minds active while having fun.

**Stay Active & Healthy:** Take advantage of the warmer weather and keep youth active outdoors. Check out programs through the local park districts for more ideas and information!

Stay safe and have a great summer!

**Arrival: 8:30a.m. Dismissal: 2:45p.m.**

## Creative Expressions Arts Competition Winners

Five talented artists from Wilkins Elementary School were selected as winners for this year's Creative Expressions Art

Competition. Their artwork will be professionally framed by The Great Frame-Up of Orland Park and will be displayed for parents, teachers, and guests to view during an upcoming gallery style event. Congratulations to (from left): Jorge Treto, Tayea Layne, Sara Flynn, Victoria Flynn, and Wiktorija Mysona.



To report an  
absence, please call  
our attendance line:  
(708) 496-8706

### Calling All Substitutes!

Indian Springs School District #109 is looking to add to its list of available substitute teachers and paraprofessionals. If you are interested in being a substitute in our School District, please contact Mary Ann Hotzfield, School District Receptionist, at (708)496-8700. The eligibility requirement to be a substitute teacher is to possess a teaching license or substitute teacher license (the substitute teacher license requires a Bachelor's Degree). The eligibility requirement to be a substitute paraprofessional is to possess a paraprofessional license. Feel free to contact Mary Ann Hotzfield for further details.

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## Band and Orchestra News!

We would like to congratulate the Band and Orchestra students on their final concert of the year. The final concerts for this year were at Wilkins on Tuesday, April 25 and on Wednesday April 26. We could not have been any happier with all of the hard work that the students did over the course of this year.

Our final rehearsals will be an awards ceremony for the students. Parents are welcome to attend! This will take place at Wilkins in the cafeteria during our rehearsal, from approximately 3:00 to 3:45 PM. Beginning Band and

Intermediate Orchestra ceremony/ final rehearsal will be on Wednesday, May 10th. Beginning Orchestra and Intermediate Band ceremony/ final rehearsal will be on Thursday, May 11th. Final in-school lessons for all students will be the week of May 15th. We wish you all a wonderful summer! Don't forget to play your instrument over the summer!

Ms. Garcia & Mr. Kent



## MARCH VIKINGS OF THE MONTH

The following students showed exceptional acts of citizenship, kindness, and respect in our school. Congratulations!

K-2: Izeddin Souqy  
3-4: Anthony Cozzo  
5-6: Quinton Magett



## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Poetry Contest Winners

Three sixth graders were selected as winners in the Indian Springs School District #109 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Poetry Contest. This district event is hosted each year in conjunction with the Justice Public Library. Poetry submitted was selected based on the following areas: creativity, language, figurative images, structure, and poetic devices. The talented writers, whose poems were selected, will be honored by having their poetry displayed at the Justice Public Library during the next year. Winners were (from left): Starr Baez, Sara Flynn, and Aleksandra Wozniak.

