

Wilkerson Weekly Update – 12/1/17



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Upcoming Events

- 12/4-8 – Generation Texas Week!
- 12/4 – Wilkerson Winter Orchestra Concert, 6:30pm
- 12/7 – 6th Grade Math Benchmark
- 12/11 – Wilkerson Winter Choir Concert, 6:30pm
- 12/14 – Wilkerson Winter Band Concert, 6:15pm
- 12/15 – 5th Grade Band Performance, 3:00pm
- 12/20 – Early Release @ 12:45
- 12/21-1/8 – Winter Break – No school
- 1/9 – Students Return (This is a TUESDAY).

Generation Texas Week!

Wilkerson will be celebrating Generation Texas week December 4-8 in an effort to emphasize the importance of education! Below are the topics that will be addressed each day. Students are encouraged to dress along with each day's theme.



December 4 - 8, 2017



Monday – Transitioning to graduation!
(wear Junior High or High School shirts)



Tuesday – College Day! (wear a favorite College shirt)



Wednesday – Consider military and 2-year vocations! (wear military or 2-year degree career attire)



Thursday – Paying your way for higher education (Wear Green or Bling!)

Friday – Career Day! Dress professionally!



Teacher Websites are now on CANVAS.

Our websites now run through Canvas. In order to view your teacher's webpage, you will need to have a Parent Access account. If you are not signed up for PA, you can do that by clicking here: <https://pac.conroeisd.net/>

If you already have PA account, you can go to the Wilkerson Intermediate homepage, click on the 'more' tab then click on 'faculty & staff', scroll down to find your teacher's name and click the link that says 'visit website'. Your username and password for Parent Access will be used to access Canvas.

Nominations for Gifted and Talented Screening

Nominations are now open for the Conroe Independent School District Gifted and Talented program. Although the testing will not take place until late January, nominations will be accepted through December 20, 2017. Test results are received in May, and will be considered for GT placement in the 2018-19 school year. Nominations may be made by parents or teachers, and forms are available in the front office. Nomination forms are also available on the CISD GT homepage. All nomination forms must be returned to Ms. Roddy by December 20.

Early Release on December 20 – Plan Now!

December 20 is a half day for students. Dismissal for Wilkerson will begin at 12:45.

Lunch times will be altered to accommodate this schedule:

A Lunch – 11:15-11:45

B Lunch – 11:30-12:00

C Lunch – 11:50-12:20

D Lunch – 12:05-12:35

Wilkerson PTO

Wilkerson PTO meets on the first Thursday of each month at 1:15pm. In addition to monthly meetings, there are a variety of ways that you can be involved. Please check out our Wilkerson PTO website for more information about membership, meeting dates, spirit events and more!

<https://sites.google.com/site/ptowilkerson/home-2>

School Hours

8:00am – Front doors open (students report directly to cafeteria).

*Students may not be dropped off prior to 8:00am as no staff is on duty to monitor student safety.

8:30am – Students are released to homerooms (those who arrive at/after 8:30 go directly to HR).

8:40am – Daily announcements begin

8:50 – Start bell rings and instruction begins (those who enter the building after the 8:50 bell will be counted tardy).

4:00 – Dismissal bell

Students are encouraged to be in the building by 8:35am each morning in order to hear announcements and get prepared for their day without feeling rushed. **Instruction begins at 8:50am and school is dismissed at 4:00pm.** Doors open each morning at 8:00am. Students should not be dropped off prior to this time as there are *no adults on duty to monitor their safety.*

Free and Reduce Meal Applications

If you have not already applied (or renewed your application) for the 17-18 school year, please do so now! We encourage ALL families to apply. If enough Wilkerson students are eligible for free or reduced lunch, it means additional funding for Wilkerson. The easiest way to apply is online at <http://childnutrition.conroeisd.net/Free%20and%20Reduced%20Information>

*Additionally, if you have been displaced from your home due to Harvey, you will be eligible for free meals for the remainder of the school year. Please let us know and we can get you registered.

Lunch and Breakfast Information

The meal prices for the 17-18 school year are:

Student Breakfast \$1.35

Student Lunch \$2.85

Reduced Student Breakfast \$.30

Reduced Student Lunch \$.40

Adult Breakfast \$2.30

Adult Lunch \$3.55

Breakfast and Lunch Menus are posted on the serving lines in the campus cafeteria, on the Child Nutrition website and on Wilkerson's website at <http://wilkerson.conroeisd.net/menus/lunch-menu/>.

Online credit card payments can be made at www.myschoolbucks.com

Student safety is our biggest priority. For this reason, all visitors to our building must check in at the front office and present their photo identification. Additionally, during afternoon dismissal, we will be using a barcode system to help us account for all car riders, walkers, bikers, day care and bus riders. Car rider signs not received at Meet the Teacher will be distributed to students on the first day of school. Students or parents may request additional signs through their homeroom teacher or the front office. Car riders will be dismissed through the front doors and placed in cars with the proper CAR RIDER SIGN. Any parent who does not have a car rider sign will be asked to park their car and wait until the pick-up line has dwindled (usually by 4:15pm). At that point, parents may enter the building with their photo identification to obtain a dismissal pass or new sign. To save you time and ensure the safety of your child, it is imperative that you have the car rider sign with you each time you come through the line. The sign should be prominently displayed through the entire line process and not removed until your child has loaded your vehicle. Student name(s) should be written in large, bold print with a black marker. **Please do not enter the Front Office between 3:50 and 4:10 to get your child.** Each staff member has a specific duty during this busy dismissal process. Interruption of these duties hampers our ability to dismiss all students correctly and safely.

If you need to **change your child's normal mode of transportation**, you must send a signed note to his/her teacher that morning, notifying them of the specific details. Should an emergency occur, requiring transportation to be changed later in the day, you may fax a signed request to the receptionist @ 832-592-8910. **Please CALL US at 832-592-8900 to make sure the fax was received.** Because we cannot guarantee that emails will be seen or received in a timely manner, this mode of notification will not be accepted. Any changes in transportation must be received prior to 2:30 pm. After this time, your child must ride his/her normal mode of transportation. Please know that requests to ride the bus home with friends will not be permitted.

Please note that we will provide a “**Drop Off**” station in the front office for items that you bring to school for your child such as lunches, forgotten instruments, homework, etc. We will not disrupt the classroom with phone calls to notify the student of the drop off. They may, however, check this table on their way to lunch or between classes with teacher permission and a hall pass.

Birthday Recognitions

Birthday recognitions may be served in the cafeteria once the classroom has finished eating lunch. Due to allergy, safety and sanitation concerns, any items served should be limited to store bought items and served using food safe gloves when items are not packaged individually.

Medications

All medications must be checked in through the school nurse by the parent. Students may never have medications, including over the counter products such as pain relievers or cough drops in their position. All medications will be distributed through the school nurse.

Cell Phone/Electronics Policy

Electronic devices (**including phones**) are permitted but **MUST** be turned off and concealed prior to entering the building. Students may notify parents of their arrival to campus before entering the building. Students may notify parents of departure after stepping outside the building. An electronic device should be stored with the student in his/her backpack or bag. **Your student may not respond to a call/text on his/her cell phone during the school day. Doing so will result in disciplinary action.** If you need to reach your student, please contact the school and we will assist you.

Electronic readers are allowed for **reading purposes ONLY**. E-readers must be turned off during class time unless given permission to use by the teacher. Apple or other Smart watches may not be used to send/receive messages or access the internet.

Your child's phone and any other electronic device will be confiscated if used inappropriately. Repeated misuse of an electronic device will result in detention and/or loss of privilege to bring an electronic device to school.

Please note: The school is not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones and/or electronic devices.

Bus Registration

Even if you will not normally ride the bus, we encourage you to register so the option is available if needed. The earlier you register for the bus, the sooner your route information can be established. This is a multi-step process. Please see the following directions.

1. All information can be accessed through the CISD Transportation web page at <http://conroeisd.net/department/transportation/> If a student was registered last year, the system should carry them forward as a registered rider. If not, you can register (again) by selecting the **Register for Transportation** button.

2. If your child is registered for transportation, you will want to look at the orange column entitled ***What Bus Do I Ride?***
3. When you click on the ***Find Bus Route*** button at the bottom of this column, you will be taken to the Compass page at <http://conroeisd.net/department/transportation/>
4. Compass is the system where transportation information is kept.
5. When you arrive on the Compass page, you must click on the ***Student Eligibility*** button at the bottom of the page.
6. When you click on this, it will take you to a prompt that requests two pieces of information. The first piece of requested information is the Student ID number. You can get this from Parent Access, last year's report card or by calling the school. (This is also your child's library and lunch number, so they may be able to help you.) The second piece of information the system uses to identify the student is the student's date of birth in DD/MM/YYYY format.
7. Next, click ***Find***.
8. This will bring up the specific information about the location (address) and time the student will be picked up as well as the drop off location and the time.

Please note that parents should check back later in the week to make sure the route has not been updated.

Food/Drink/Candy

Healthy Snacks and water are allowed in the classroom at teacher discretion at various times of the day.

Allowable healthy snacks for the classroom include:

- Fruit, vegetables, crackers, bars, or other teacher approved options that do not require utensils, leave an odor, stain furniture or carpet or create a mess.
- The only drink allowed in the classroom is clear, unflavored, non-carbonated water. Water may be bottled or stored in a refillable container.

All other food or drink must be consumed in the cafeteria during the designated breakfast time from 8:00-8:40am or during the student's regular lunch time.

- Drinks such as coffee, soda, tea, juice or flavored waters may only be consumed during these designated times in the cafeteria. Students may not drink these beverages in the hallways, at recess or in the classroom.
- Breakfast foods and other items that do not fall under the healthy snack category may only be consumed during these designated times in the cafeteria. Students may not drink these beverages in the hallways, at recess or in the classroom.
- Lunch may not be delivered directly from a restaurant or food vendor as we cannot verify that the parent initiated the delivery or approved of the food. Parents may personally deliver or drop off food from restaurants or other food vendors.

Please note that any food or drinks not consumed during breakfast or lunch in the cafeteria must be sealed and stored in the student's backpack or lunch box or discarded before leaving the cafeteria.

Thank you for support with this procedure as we work to maintain a safe, pest-free, clean and distraction-free environment for our students.

Dress Code Policy

As you prepare for the new school year, please keep the dress code requirements in mind.

- Pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing that are any of the following are prohibited: lewd, violent, suggestive, offensive, vulgar or obscene, or advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, weapons or any other prohibited items.
- Halter-tops, racer back shirts, muscle shirts, and spaghetti-straps tops are not permitted unless covered by another shirt. Shirts must fit under the arm so as not to expose undergarments or torso.
- Midriff shirts, or shirts exposing the midsection of the body, are not permitted.
- Heavy make-up/cosmetics may not be worn or applied at school.
- Hats/hoods are not to be worn inside the school.
- Hair and hairstyle that pose a distraction to the learning environment are not permitted.
- Pants/shorts may not be worn lower than undergarments.
- Shorts, dresses and skirts must reach fingertip length when the student rests his/her arms at his/her side (even when leggings/tights are worn underneath).
- Girls should wear shorts/tights under their dresses.
- Closed toed shoes with backs must be worn in PE. Tennis shoes are recommended. Flip flops may not be worn during PE.
- Leggings/jeggings should be paired with a long, loose fitting, flowing top that covers the hips.
- Additionally, any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations will be prohibited.

Any other dress code issues that are not written in the handbook will be considered on a case by case basis. Wilkerson administrators have final discretion as to what is or is not appropriate.

We LOVE parent support and encourage you to **be involved in Wilkerson happenings!** Your homeroom teacher and Wilkerson PTO will be sharing a variety of opportunities with you! In the meantime, please take a few minutes to complete the CISD Volunteer Application at <http://www.conroeisd.net/volunteer.asp> . Without this completed application, you will not be allowed to volunteer in the school building. This application must be completed each school year.

For additional CISD and Wilkerson information, including teacher websites and the on-line Student Handbooks, visit our website at <http://www.conroeisd.net/>, or go directly to Wilkerson's homepage at <http://wilkerson.conroeisd.net/>.

We are very excited about this new school year and look forward to serving you and your child. If you have any questions at all, feel free to contact me by email at jedaw@conroeisd.net or by phone at 832-592-8900.

Sincerely,
J.J. Daw, Principal

