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Wilson Award Winners 2009-2010

On Wednesday, May 19, 2010, many students were recognized for their awards and accomplishments in the 2009-2010 school year. Congratulations to our Wilson Stars! Here are some of the awards earned by our students this year:

LinguiSHTIKs Winners

Top Scorers (5th)
Carolyn Creighton
Sam Frank
(6th)
Cole Giesecking

Teams Placing in the Top 5 for 4th - 5th Grade

Nerdy Nouns
Hannah O'Brien
Alexandra McCormick
Caroline Creighton
John Hastings
Paul Gill

Mario Metaphors

Elizabeth Young
Sam Frank
Arianna Blatt
Aliff Rush
Joey Shearburn

Independent Clauses

Perrin Salewood
Alexander Shornick
Elaina Grimm
Garrett Dunn

Anya Rosener

Team Placing in the Top 3 for 6th - 8th Grades

Jeremy Pinson
Miranda Gottlieb
Jack Mulligan
Cole Giesecking
Christopher Booker

Missouri/Kansas AILA Chapter 5th Grade Creative Writing Contest

1st place in St. Louis region: Anya Rosener (*received 2 passes to Six Flags*)
2nd place in St. Louis region: Hannah O'Brien (*received \$25 gift certificate for Ted Drewe's Frozen Custard*)
1st place in Bi-State Region: Anya Rosener (*received \$100*)

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, root operation, logarithms, fractions, variables, algebra and more. 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. Our teams competed at Washington University back in March. To

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Summer Events

Wilson Summer Camp June 14 - August 13
Register on www.wilsonschoool.com!

First Day of School for 2010-2011 Tuesday, August 24

Have a Fun & Safe Summer!

Big Spring Events For PA!

Used Book Sale: The Used Book Sale raised over \$1,200 this year for the Resource Center; more than double what we expected!

Staff Appreciation Week: Thank You to all of the parents who made Staff Appreciation Week special -- 16 parent volunteers from across eight of the nine grades! We are looking forward to even more people joining us for the 2010-2011 school year.

-- Marni Dillard & Megan Philip, Co-Chairs

Annual Wilson School Picnic: We want to thank all the volunteers who helped out with the Annual Wilson School Picnic -- BBQ Brigade, set-up, clean-up, games, and buffet crews! A special thanks to Gary Gottlieb for providing music, Laura Neuman-Howe and Kat Logan Smith for helping with the recycling, and Anu and Ken Trzaska for taking our leftovers to The Salvation Army. It really is a group effort, so thanks to all our special volunteers!

-- Clare Brady, Chair

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prepare for this tournament, all fifth- and sixth-grade students practiced playing Equations on Friday mornings since December.

Top Team Score:

- Christopher Booker**
- Cole Giesecking**
- Miranda Gottlieb**
- Jack Mulligan**
- Jeremy Pinson**

Top Individual Score:

- Christopher Booker**

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. This contest recognizes good and exceptional achievement with the Patch of Excellence.

5th Grade Patch of Excellence:

- Alexander Shornick**
- Sam Frank**
- Carter Breckenridge**
- Caroline Creighton**
- Hannah O'Brien**
- Paul Gill**

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.

Top 10% Nationally:

- Alexander Shornick**
- Paul Gill**

The Top Scorer in the Class: **Paul Gill**

6th Grade Patch of Excellence:

- Cole Giesecking**
- Jeremy Pinson**
- Miranda Gottlieb**
- Christopher Booker**
- Andrew Gelfman**
- Zachary Bukhshtaber**
- Jack Mulligan**

Top 10% Nationally:

- Cole Giesecking**
- Jeremy Pinson**

Top Scorer in the Class (tie): **Cole Giesecking** and **Jeremy Pinson**

Online Math League

The fifth- and sixth-grade classes competed in the Online Math League competition. The fifth-grade level is a classroom competition. The students completed a 15-question test in 30 minutes that consisted of difficult math concepts and problem-solving questions. This competition recognizes the top two scores from each class with a medal.

Medal, Fifth Grade:

- Sam Frank**
- Hannah O'Brien**

Sixth Grade:

- Cole Giesecking**
- Jeremy Pinson**

MCTM

The Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics 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.

Team 5th:

- Sam Frank**
- Hannah O'Brien**
- Caroline Creighton**

Team 6th:

- Jeremy Pinson**
- Miranda Gottlieb**
- Cole Giesecking**

Regional Contest:

Jeremy Pinson: *6th in Concepts; 5th in Problem Solving*

Miranda Gottlieb: *6th in Concepts; 6th in Problem Solving*

Presidential Fitness Award Winners

- Fourth Grade:* **Elizabeth Cohen**
- Sixth Grade:* **Christopher Booker**

The Best Day Ever! Field Day At The Wilson School!

On Friday, May 14, Wilson students enjoyed a rain-free Field Day (by postponing the games till the afternoon!). Fun games, silly relays, grilled hot dogs, concretes from Mr. Wizard's and a movie were the highlights for our classes!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Miguel Figueras** (Wilson Second Grade Teacher), who is the Varsity Water Polo Coach at DeSmet High School on their first place win at the State Championships on May15! Miguel has been the head coach at DeSmet for eight years and this is their first time winning the title.

Congratulations to **Michelle Alimagno** (Wilson Science Teacher) for being selected to attend PaleoTrek sponsored by The Saint Louis Science Center. Ms. Alimagno will fly to Jordan, Montana, to experience life as a paleontologist for a week in June! During the week, she will excavate and collect actual dinosaur fossils, have discussions with real paleontologists and geologists, participate in fun dinosaur activities, and experience ranch life in the West. Congrats, Ms. A!

Wonderful Wilson PA!

We want to thank the PA and all the parents who donated their time and treats in making Staff Appreciation Week extra special for us!! We are grateful to be part of the Wilson community and are privileged to teach and work with your children! Thanks for all you do to support us!

- Thad Falkner, Laura Hartung, Brooke Hutson Gibson, Marie Unanue, Heather Niemeyer, Ellen Hageman, Mr. Jerry, Linda Roth, Debbie Wilhelms, Helen Marnier, Elizabeth Talbott, Michael Hinkebein, Mary Jaeger, Andrea Jamison, Penny Lyles, Miguel Figueras, Maureen Zeman, Andrea Ruth, Mara Goldschmidt, Roberta Goldfeder, Lisa Leuther, Laurie Finkeneller, Kevin McGinnis, Andrew Rust, Charla Gray, Rachel Simpson, Joana Ocross-Ritter, Michelle Alimagno, Mary Beth Tipton, Diane Signor, Rebecca Donaldson, Melika Panneri, Joe Thomas, Chris Georgen*