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Important!

No School Monday, May 30th/Memorial Day

Dear Families,

The end of a school year can be quite a busy time. I have enjoyed seeing the year-end performances with more still to come. I am also preparing for the 2011-2012 school year. We have just conducted interviews for next year and I will write more about this in the next *Words From Wilshire* when everything is finalized.

I would like to sincerely thank Melissa Nelson who has been our WPPA President for the past three years. I initially sought out Melissa when I heard that she was the type of person who wanted to involve parents and do great work for all of the students at Wilshire Park. Being the president is not always an easy job and I have appreciated all that Melissa has done for us. The use of technology in keeping parents informed has taken great strides due to Melissa's leadership. I would also like to thank out-going board members, Teri Anderson (Secretary) and Tessie Rodkewich (WPPA Volunteer Coordinator) and welcome incoming board members, Julie Pierce as President, Pam Metcalf as Secretary and Tara Halverson as WPPA Volunteer Coordinator.

The district will be hosting an International Youth Summit next fall from Sept. 26-30. The Summit expects to host thirty-five to forty students and eight staff from our Sister City Salo, Finland; Puchheim, Germany; Nagykanizsa, Hungary; and Rhjev, Russia. There will be a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at Applebees on Saturday, May 21st from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Your wait staff will include district superintendent, Rod Thompson and the principals from all three schools. Tickets are available in the school office for \$5.00 a person. Please consider joining us!

Sincerely,
Kari Page, Principal
kpage@stanthony.k12.mn.us

What Are Our Students Learning?

From Dean of Students, Mrs. Crotteau:



Keep up the terrific work!

We have completed our MCA testing and students in grades 2-5 have moved onto our spring MAP testing. Students are working diligently and exhibiting great work and study skills. Our *Caught Being Quiet* program is once again off and running. Students are doing an outstanding job showing their Panda Pride and working quietly. Hallway behavior has been much improved. This is so helpful in encouraging all students to learn and achieve to their full potential. Thanks, everyone, for doing your part to make Wilshire Park such an awesome place to learn!

Our *Caught Being Quiet* winners so far include:

- Week 1: Mrs. Burba's 1st Grade Class
- Week 2: Ms. Smyth's 4th Grade Class
- Week 3: Mrs. Heil's Kindergarten Class
- Week 4: Mrs. Haugerud's and Ms. Molinaro's (student teacher) 2nd Grade Class

From Physical Educators, Mr. Allison and Mrs. Egan:

The students in physical education will be finishing up their track and field practice events for the Friday, May 20th Track and Field day.

From Band Specialist, Mr. Ravndal:

Mark your calendars: The 5th Grade Band's Final Concert is Thursday, May 19th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wilshire Park Gym. (Matinee performance for school audience is at 2:00 p.m.). Your 5th graders have been working hard and are doing a very nice job!

Lessons and Full Band will go through Friday, May 27th. The last 2 weeks of the year end up with even more "can't miss" class activities, and this also creates some much-needed time for me to connect with students individually in preparation for Band at the Middle School.

I strongly recommend any and all students keep playing for the summer. One great way to do that is through summer lessons. Look for information on summer band lessons in the Community Services catalog. I'll also have that information at our May 19th concert.

It's been an excellent year of playing and learning for our 5th Grade Band students. They're playing well and have a nice, solid foundation of skills as they head on to middle school. Good work, 5th graders!

Thank You!

- A community member recently designated Wilshire Park as a recipient of Residential Mortgage Group's Refer a Friend Program. Each loan closing with RMG, listing Wilshire Park as a recipient, results in \$100 being sent to Wilshire Park. Thank you to Peter Seiler for designating Wilshire Park to receive a donation.



- What a fabulous turnout at Tuesday evening's Ice Cream Social and Art Show! Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who hung and displayed art work, helped with the Scholastic Book Fair, worked at the Book Swap, sold yearbooks and distributed ice cream. Wow! We couldn't have done it without you.
- Thank you to the WPPA for making Staff Appreciation Week at Wilshire Park such a fun week! Staff were treated to many surprises including coffee and bakery treats. Thank you to all the parents who made us feel pampered all week.
- And finally, thanks to the parents who helped out at Super Saturday on April 9th.

Events

Track and Field Day: Friday, May 20th



In physical education the students are finishing up their fitness testing. Now they are looking forward to Track and Field Day on Friday, May 20th. We are emphasizing the importance of sportsmanship so we can all remember to have fun and encourage one another.

The 2nd-5th grade students are practicing thirteen different events for Track and Field Day. We are looking for adult volunteers to give us a hand with grades 2-5 for half the day or all day. The Track and Field volunteer sign-up form was sent home with students. For more information on helping with grades 2-5, please contact Mr. Allison at callison@stanthony.k12.mn.us or at 612.706.1236. Parent volunteers should check in at the gym.

The Kindergarten and first grade Track and Field Day is also on Friday, May 20th. Younger students will participate in six events. (See the following schedule for times). If you are interested in helping with kindergarten and first grade Track and Field Day events, please turn in the sign-up sheet or contact Mrs. Egan at jegan@stanthony.k12.mn.us or 612.706.1238.

- 9:05-3:20 p.m. Students in Grades 2-5
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. AM Kdgn., All Day Kdgn. & First Grade: Cooper and Johnson.
- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. PM Kdgn. & First Grade: Burba, Kessler and Tischer/Jarmulowicz.

Please put sunscreen on your child before they leave the house that day and make sure they are wearing tennis shoes instead of flip flops or sandals. Water will be provided so students should NOT bring water bottles to school. It would be helpful if your child wears the same color as other students in their grade level:

- Kdgn.: Yellow
- Grade 1: Red
- Grade 2: Blue
- Grade 3: Green
- Grade 4: Orange
- Grade 5: Black/White

Fifth Grade Music Technology Showcase Wednesday, June 1st from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Music Room and Science Room

Fifth graders and their families are invited to a Music/Technology open house on Wednesday, June 1st from 3:40-5:45 p.m. in the music room and science room (Rooms 127 & 124). Students have been using computers to create Soundtracks of their life story and original songs. It is amazing to see and hear what they have created! We would like to share their work with you on Wednesday, June 1st from 3:30-5:45 p.m. The event will be an open house format. If possible, please visit during the time frame listed below – but anytime during the event will work. The computer club, Triple C will share their movies in the science room.

- 3:40-4:00 p.m. – Mrs. Frank’s class
- 4:00-4:20 p.m. – Ms. Eastman’s class
- 4:20-4:40 p.m. – Ms. Nord’s class
- 4:40-5:00 p.m. – Mrs. McCone’s class
- 5:00-5:45 p.m. – Ms. Smith’s class
- 5:20-5:45 p.m. - anyone

Meet and Greet/School Photos Next Fall on Tuesday, September 6th from 11:00 a.m.- 5:45 p.m.



Meet and Greet will be held on Tuesday, September 6th, the day after Labor Day from 11:00 a.m.-5:45 p.m. After receiving feedback from families, we adjusted the hours to accommodate working parents. Families will come to school on a staggered schedule based on the first letter of your child’s last name. Student photos will also be taken on September 6th. Feel free to stop in to meet your child’s

teacher and have your child’s photo taken anytime during this time frame. You do not need to stay for the entire time. You will receive Back-to-School information in the mail in mid-August.

Meet and Greet Schedule & School Photos for Tuesday, September 6th:

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| • 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. | Staff Meeting |
| • 11:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m. | Families visit (Last names G-M) |
| • 12:45 p.m.- 1:15 p.m. | Staff Lunch |
| • 1:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m. | Team Planning and Curriculum Meetings |
| • 2:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m. | Families Visit (Last names N-Z) |
| • 3:45 p.m.-4:00 p.m. | Break |
| • 4:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m. | Families visit (Last names A-F) |
| • 5:45-6:00 p.m. | End of Day Check-in for Staff with Mrs. Page |

- If the time assigned to your family does not work in your schedule, please come at one of the other family times.

- St. Anthony Community Services will have childcare available on Tuesday, September 6th. Please call St. Anthony Community Services to arrange for all-day or part-time care.
- **Wednesday, September 7th will be the first day of regular classes and school buses will be available to transport students to and from school.**

Announcements

Help Wanted for Fifth Grade Recognition on Thursday, June 9th

Help wanted! The 5th Grade Recognition committee needs a few fourth grade parents to help with serving refreshments at the reception following Fifth Grade Recognition on Thursday, June 9th from at 12:30-3:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. If you are available and willing to help, please call Julie (Dylan Evans' mom) at 612.208.0104. Thank you.

Yearbooks for Sale

The 2010-11 yearbooks have arrived and look fantastic! Many photos, including the cover, are in 3D and there are many color photos throughout the book. Thanks so much to Kari Tholkes, our yearbook editor, for all of her hard work and Steve Campbell for contributing the 3D photos. If your child ordered a yearbook, he or she should have received it. Extra yearbooks are for sale in the school office for \$25 while the supply lasts. Checks may be made out to "WPPA".

Fifth Grade Class Photos

The 5th grade class photos can be viewed online at www.brianekartphotography.com. Click on "Galleries", then "School" and look for a gallery called "Wilshire Park 5th Grade – 2011". Copies of the order form can be found in the school office. Photos can be ordered by sending the form with payment to the address on the bottom of the order form until May 20th. The photos will be delivered to your child at school. After May 20th, the photos must be ordered through the web site and the photos will be mailed directly to you with a shipping charge.

Any questions, please contact Denise Seim at dandeniseim@comcast.net

Important Bus Information for Next School Year

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter addresses transportation for the 2011-12 school year and the changes that will be implemented. During the March meeting, the School Board made the decision to increase the fee from \$70 to \$100.00 per open enrollment student to ride the bus for the year. The charge will not be assessed to students who are in the Choice is Yours Program or for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. Bills will be sent out during the 2nd week of September, 2011. Payment plans will be available and will be discussed on an individual basis. Please contact Todd Niklaus at 612.706.1117 to discuss options. Forms for free and reduced lunch will be available on the District website after July 1st at www.stanthony.k12.mn.us

Students who live outside the district will still be able to walk or get a ride to the closest in-district stop and ride the bus for free. The 2011-12 school district bus stops have not yet been developed. The stops will be developed in July and mailed out in early August and will also be posted on each school's website. We will continue to make stops within two or three blocks for each student. Every request will be reviewed but there are no guarantees where stops will be located.

If you have already responded to our transportation registration form for next school year, **thank you**. If not, it is not too late. Please complete the attached transportation census IF your child will be using the bus.

If you have any questions regarding transportation, please contact me at 612.706.1117.

Thank you.

Todd Niklaus
Director of Transportation

Are You Planning to Move?

If your child will not be attending Wilshire Park School next year, (or in the case of fifth graders, St. Anthony Middle School), please let us know. It is helpful for our planning and as we order materials. We will prepare your child's records to forward on to his or her new school. Thanks for your help!

Tutoring List Available in the School Office

Some of our Wilshire Park teachers and substitutes are available to provide tutoring to students. Please contact the school office for a list of possible tutors. Tutors set their own rates and schedule.

Lost and Found Area is Overflowing!

The Lost and Found area is overflowing with lost jackets, sweatshirts and t-shirts. Next time you are at school please look through the items for things that your child may have misplaced. Unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity before the end of the school year. The Lost and Found is located near the parking lot doors (Door #3). Smaller items such as jewelry and watches will be held in the office. Please mark your child's belongings (include your last name) to ensure speedy recovery if lost. We discourage children from bringing valuable or sentimental items to school for show and tell or play.

From the Nurse



Scoliosis Screening

As the weather gets warmer, a quick reminder that students should not wear flip flops out to recess or for Phy Ed. If your child chooses to wear sandals to school, please send along a pair of tennis shoes for recess and gym. There are many toe injuries from open-toed shoes. Thank you for your help!

The last screening of the year will take place during the last weeks of May. I will be screening the fifth grade girls for scoliosis. Parents of fifth grade girls should see a note coming home next week for when your daughter will be screened. It is easiest to screen when the student is wearing a light colored T-shirt. If a student does not pass the initial screening, she will be rescreened on another day. Those who do not pass the rescreen will be sent a referral letter by US mail.

Scoliosis is a curvature of the spine. The most common time for this to occur is during the adolescent growth spurt. A scoliometer is used to measure the curvature of the spine. Most curvatures are very minor and only warrant the physician watching and monitoring.

Occasionally the curve is pronounced enough that a physician may order a brace to straighten the curve of the back. This happens in only a very small percentage of scoliosis patients. If you have any questions about scoliosis screening, please do not hesitate to call the Nurse's Office at 612-706-1205.

Lori Watzl-King, RN LSN
Wilshire Park Nurse's Office
612-706-1205 or lwatzl-king@stanthony.k12.mn.us

Take Note!

Doctor's Note Required to Stay in From Recess

Children are expected to participate in regular school activities including physical education and recess. If your child has an injury or a temporary health concern, a note from your child's doctor is required for your child to stay in from recess.

ALL Visitors Must Sign In at the Office

We would like to remind you that when you come to Wilshire Park, you must sign in. This is to provide safety and security for our building. If you are dropping something off that your child has forgotten, the office staff will be happy to take the item in the office. The office staff will either deliver the item or e-mail your child's teacher and let them know there is an item waiting in the office. We try to ensure uninterrupted academic time for your child. Thank you for your help.

Money Sent to School with Your Child

When sending money to school with your child, please mark the check or envelope clearly with your child's first and LAST name, teacher's name and why the money is being sent (lunch money, field trip, book order, All Day Kdgn. tuition, etc.). If paying on your child's lunch account, please include your child's Lunch PIN number.

If Your Child is Absent or will be arriving late. . .

Please call the attendance line at 612.706.1204. Please call before 9:05 a.m. (Afternoon kindergarten, please call before 12:50 p.m.) You may leave a message 24 hours a day.

After School Child Care

Please remember to notify your child care provider if your child is ill or you pick up your child

from school. Sometimes we receive calls from St. Anthony Community Center, Nativity, etc. after school looking for children. Save all of us some anxious moments! We want to know that our children are safe.

Flyers

Non-school-related flyers are not sent home with students but will be made available to parents in the school office. Parents may also call the school office to request that a flyer be sent home. **Flyers currently available in the school office:**

- **Piano Lessons** by Michelle Carpenter, a Wilshire Park mom: Individualized instruction – ½ hour lessons in my St. Anthony home. 20 years experience working with children of all abilities. Please e-mail: michellec@email.com or phone: 612.788.4679.
- **Classical Music Academy:** Now accepting new students of all ages for Summer Session, July 5 to August 4, 2011. Private violin, viola, and piano lessons available. *New!* Group violin lessons for beginners: weekly on Tuesdays @ 6:00 p.m. for 50 minutes; \$19.50 per week. Ideal for students who've always wanted to play the violin, but are not able to fit in lessons during the school year, or for those who just want to play for fun or with a group of friends. Free violin rental, if register for private or group lessons by May 27th. Non-profit music educator located at Faith United Methodist Church, 2708 33rd Ave NE, St. Anthony, MN 55418. www.classicalmusicacademy.org or 763.291.7523.
- **Camp Wow!** is offered Thursdays during June and July at Nativity Lutheran Church. Two sections will be offered: one for preschoolers and another for children in grades 1-4. Flyers are available in the school office or at www.nativitychurch.org or by contacting Tori Setterholm at 612.781.2766 or tsetterholm@nativitychurch.org
- Information about Isotonix powdered vitamins is available in the office.
- **Summer Reading Skills Program offered through the University of St. Thomas.** Classes offered in Roseville, Shoreview and on campus. Call 1-800-978-3532 for more information or to register.
- **New Brighton Stockyard Days Junior Ambassador Program** is looking for boys and girls to represent New Brighton and Stockyard Days for one year as goodwill ambassadors. Ambassadors will attend parades, coronations, civic events around the twin cities. Flyers are in the school office or visit: www.stockyarddays.org

Community News

Auditions for “The Sound of Music”

Saturday, May 14th from 9:00-3:00 p.m. at SACC

The St. Anthony Community Theater is holding auditions for this summer’s production of “The Sound of Music” from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. at the Community Center. See www.sactheater.org or call 612-562-8228 for more information, or pick up a flyer in the school office.

**St. Anthony Village Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting
Tuesday, May 17th at 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Chandler Place Assisted Living, 3701 Chandler Drive, St. Anthony

Our featured speaker will be Mike Hinton, Head Golf Professional with the Columbia Golf Club in Columbia Heights. Mike will be giving us background on the Columbia Golf Club, the second oldest golf course in the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board system, as well as some facts on the course and a few golfing tips. Donald Jensen, First Command Financial Services, will briefly discuss different types of life insurance.

- 11:30 a.m. - 12 Noon - Registration
- 12 Noon - 1:00 p.m. - Lunch & Program
- Cost: \$10.00

The Chamber must receive your RSVP no later than Noon on Monday, May 16th.
RSVP to Kelly Salseg: email: autorecyclersmn@bitstream.net or 612.782.8786

**Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at Applebee's - \$5.00/ticket
Saturday, May 21st from 8:00-10:00 a.m.**

The International Youth Summit will be held September 26-30th, 2011 during Homecoming Week. The Summit expects to host thirty-five to forty students and eight staff from our Sister City Salo, Finland; Puchheim, Germany; Nagykanizsa, Hungary; and Rhjev, Russia. The International Youth Summit planning committee is hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser at the St. Anthony Applebee's on Saturday, May 21, from 8:00-10:00 am. Tickets are \$5.00 and include pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice and soda. Your wait-staff for the breakfast include: our district superintendent, Dr. Thompson, our school principals, Mrs. Page, Dr. Corneille and Mr. Terry and other district administrative staff! Tickets are available from all of the administrative staff and the offices at Wilshire Park, the Middle School, High School, Community Services and the District Office. Stop by any school office to purchase tickets.



Spring Music Concerts

- Tuesday, May 24 - Middle School & Concert Choirs
- Tuesday, May 31 - 6th & 7th Grade Band Concert
- Monday, June 6 - 8th Grade & Symphonic Bands Concert

Above concerts begin at 7 p.m. in the St. Anthony Village High School Auditorium

- Thursday, May 26 - High School Chamber Choir Sr. Concert, First Lutheran Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, June 2 – Concert and Jazz Bands Senior Concert, St. Anthony High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

**Early Childhood Advisory Council Sponsoring Garage Sale:
Saturday, May 21st from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

St. Anthony's Early Childhood Advisory Council is hosting a kids' stuff garage sale at the St. Anthony Community Center on Saturday, May 21, 2011, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Families

and local vendors can rent a table, set their prices, and sell their kids' stuff. To rent a table, call Community Services at 612-706-1166 or register online for class #8004 at www.stanthonycs.org. Rental costs are \$30 per table until May 12; \$35 per table from May 13-20, 2011. Proceeds will benefit St. Anthony ECFE, Preschool, All Day Preschool and School Age Care classrooms.

VillageFest - August 4-7

It is that time of year again, and we are planning for VillageFest 2011. We are very excited to announce we are moving Saturday's events back to Central Park. Friday night will still be the same with the parade down St. Anthony Boulevard, and the street dance at the St. Anthony Shopping Center.

For those of you who are not familiar with VillageFest – it is St. Anthony's City Festival, and it is the first week in August. It starts on Thursday night, August 4th, with the St. Anthony Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, and ends Sunday with the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast and the final performance of the community theater play. In between there is much entertainment, food, games and fireworks! We are looking to expand the offerings this year, and the schedule will go out in early summer. There are many fun activities for kids!

We are always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering with a fun group of people for a wonderful community event – we welcome you! There are jobs of all sizes available. Our biggest need is people who are willing to follow up with ten businesses after we send out our sponsorship letters, but there are all sorts of needs.

We are also looking for people willing to donate something to our Silent Auction.

If you are interested in volunteering, or have questions about the event – please email Julianne Hunter at j.hunter@interiorarchitects.com If you are interested in donating to the Silent Auction, please contact Monica Long at monicaintown@comcast.net

VillageFest is a GREAT St. Anthony event, and is completely self-funded. We rely on community support and participation to help us continue. We thank you in advance.

Calendar



Calendar: Looking Ahead!

- **Friday, May 13:**
 - 9:10-11:00 a.m. – 5th grade visit to St. Anthony Middle School
 - 1:00-3:30 p.m. – Volunteer Luncheon - MPR
- **Monday-Friday, May 16-20:**
 - MAP Testing – Grade 4, 5
- **Monday, May 16:**
 - 9:10-1:30 p.m. – Grade 1 Field Trip to Springbrook Nature Center
- **Tuesday, May 17:**
 - 7:00 p.m. – School Board Meeting- High School Media Center
- **Thursday, May 19:**
 - 7:00 p.m. – 5th Grade Band Concert – WP Gym

- **Friday, May 20:**
 - 9:05-3:20 p.m.- Track and Field Day Events for Grades 2-5 (13 events)
 - 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. - Track and Field Day: AM Kindergarten, All Day Kindergarten & First Grade: Cooper and Johnson (6 events)
 - 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. - Track and Field Day: PM Kindergarten & First Grade: Burba, Kessler and Tischer/Jarmulowicz (6 events)
- **Saturday, May 21:**
 - 8:00-10:00 a.m. – International Youth Summit Fundraiser at Applebee’s. \$5.00 pancake breakfast tickets available in the office.
- **Monday, May 23:**
 - 9:40-12:15 p.m. – Grade 2 Field Trip to Gibbs Museum
- **Wednesday, May 25:**
 - 10:45-3:15 p.m. – 5th Grade Crossing Guards to Twins Game
 - K-Kids Picnic After School
- **Thursday, May 26:**
 - 8:30-2:00 p.m. – Gr. 4, 5 GT to Young Authors’ Conference at Bethel University
 - 9:00-2:00 p.m. – All School Program: Chemistry Show
- **Friday, May 27:**
 - 9:30 a.m. – Assembly for Students: Chinese Acrobats
 - 10:30 a.m. – Assembly for Students: Chinese Acrobats
 - 10:30 a.m. – AM Kindergarten has lunch at school
 - 1:30 p.m. – PM Kindergarten has lunch at school
- **Monday, May 30:**
 - **No School – Memorial Day**
- **Wednesday, June 1:**
 - 5th Grade Music and Technology Showcase:
 - 3:40-4:00 p.m. – Mrs. Frank’s class
 - 4:00-4:20 p.m. – Ms. Eastman’s class
 - 4:20-4:40 p.m. – Ms. Nord’s class
 - 4:40-5:00 p.m. – Mrs. McCone’s class
 - 5:00-5:45 p.m. – Ms. Smith’s class
 - 5:20-5:45 p.m. - anyone
- **Thursday, June 2:**
 - 9:45-12:30 p.m. – Grade 3 Field Trip to Children’s Museum
- **Friday, June 3:**
 - Track and Field Make-up day (in case of rain on May 20th)
- **Tuesday, June 7:**
 - 7:00 p.m. – School Board Meeting – St. Anthony City Hall
- **Wednesday, June 8:**
 - 11:45-3:15 p.m. – 5th Grade Activity Day at Shoreview Community Center
- **Thursday, June 9:**
 - 1:30 p.m. – 5th Grade Recognition – WP Gym (Reception to follow in Multipurpose Room)
- **Friday, June 10:**
 - Last Day of School, Report Cards sent home with all students.
 - 9:00 a.m. – St. Anthony Community Center closes for the day. Please make other

arrangements for after-school care today.

2011-12 School Year:

- **Monday, September 5th: Labor Day**
- **Tuesday, September 6th: Meet and Greet & School Photos (see schedule on page 4)**
- **Wednesday, September 7th: First day of classes and bus transportation**

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