

Wildcat Newsletter

Joseph C. Wilson Commencement High School



PTSO activities update:

The PTSO has been happy to support several events this quarter by providing food and attending. We are so grateful to all the staff and students who put on the events.

On February 29th we fed the Black History Month Talent show performers and their family in the audience.

On March 7th Wilson hosted a Spaghetti Dinner, graduation requirement presentation and Parent Teacher Conferences, all organized by the amazing Ms. Vargas. So great to see so many Wilson Families there. Thanks to all involved.

On March 12th Mr. Burns, the creative writing teacher hosted the third local writer talk in the library for students and parents. The spoken word poet was totally engaging and the student asked earnest and insightful questions.

We'll sell popcorn at the eclipse event, April 8th, (see back of this newsletter.)

Want to help us plan a family picnic for May 30th? The spring concert and art show will also happen then.

Wilson's Writing Lab Presents
Anderson Allen



Anderson "Poetically Undefined" is a spoken wordsmith, slam poet, actor, mentor, yogi and teaching artist based in Rochester, NY.

www.poeticallyundefined.com

SCHOOL BASED PLANNING TEAM

Interested in attending one meeting per month with teachers, staff and admin to ensure the school is offering the best to our students? Scan this to apply to school based planning team:



PTSO BUSINESS MEETINGS

3rd Thursday of each month 6 to 7:30 alternating in person/online. April is in person on 4/18. Refreshments will be provided.



Wilson Art:

Currently the IB seniors are getting ready for their upcoming exhibition! The IB art opening is scheduled for Thursday, April 11th from 4:30 - 6:00. My IB juniors are finishing up a ceramics unit. The 10th graders looked at the work of Precisionist Charles Demuth and are completing their own designs based on Demuth's piece "I Saw the Number 5". - **Ms. Trella-Curtice**



Wilson Talent:

Check out the Black History Month talent show stars in the photos next to this text. They are from the Black History Month Talent Show on February 29th.

Thanks to the following staff for putting together all the black history month events! Mr. Freeman and Ms. Sharpe of the music department, Ms. Passmore and from Center for Youth Services, Mr Randall from Hillside. Thank you also to Ms. Brown and Ms. Vargas, as well as Black Student Union advisor, Ms. Tookes.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION!



PTSO FUNDRAISING EFFORTS:

PTSO continues to sell ice cream, popcorn and concessions at games to support extracurricular events. Would you like to help? We earned \$105 with the Chipotle fundraiser on January 13th. So far, we have made 229.37 on the Raise Right Fundraiser. Raise Right is an ongoing fundraiser. Please help the PTSO raise money to support students! Just scan this QR code, open an account, buy some gift cards and we will get a % of what you spend. Email questions to wilsonptso2022@gmail.com

Senior class is coming up fast to prom and graduation and could use all the financial support you can offer through the go fund me QR code on the yellow box.



Wilson students out and about:

Ms. Trella-Curtice took her senior art classes to the Albright-Knox Gallery in Buffalo. Earlier in the year they went to the Memorial Art Gallery.



Earth Science teacher, Ms. Post and The Genesee Country Museum partnered with the Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation to provide Wilson students with the opportunity to learn how to make maple syrup. They were also treated to a pancake breakfast. In May, Ms. Post will be taking her Earth Science students to the Rochester Museum and Science Center. Thank you, Ms. Post for sharing some great stuff about Rochester.



WILSON OUTDOOR CLUB

Each month, Wilson Outdoor Club participates in an off-campus trip (at little or no cost to students) to explore various outdoor activities in the greater Rochester area. On March 1, Outdoor Club members reached new heights at RocVentures Climbing Gym located on University Avenue in downtown Rochester. 30 students and six staff members enjoyed a two-hour climbing session which included rope safety training, team building activities, harnessed climbing, and free-style climbing. It was an incredible trip, and we are looking forward to climbing again next year!

Our club is fully funded by the generous donations of people in the community who wish to support our mission to provide healthy outdoor activities that enrich the lives of our students. If you are interested in helping us finance upcoming trips, monetary donations can be sent to:

Rochester Education Foundation
c/o Wilson Outdoor Club
250 Mill Street, Suite 400
Rochester, NY 14614

- Ms. Chitaphong



Wilson in the news...

X-Cats, Tuolumne, James and Aianna spent an hour on the radio talking with Evan Dawson on WXXI's Connections about FIRST robotics.



The following weekend the competed at RIT. Now to Chicago!



Ms. Post, Ms. Chitaphong, Wilson Outdoor Club and X-Cats Robotic Club and SouthEast Area Coalition (SEAC) are hosting an eclipse viewing event in Genesee Valley Park on April 8th. They have built viewing tents so that people can see the eclipse together. "The special film that's in the glasses that you wear to look at the eclipse, we put it on the tent so people who don't want to wear the glasses can sit under the tent, or just be with family under the tent," explained Wilson 11th grader, Zavon Payne. For Kiki Smith, one of the organizers, making the event inclusive for all people is very important. "For me to be able to be there and invite my blind or low vision peers, my friends with autism or hearing impairment and



mobility challenges to all be in one place to share the music, the food, the entertainment, the hard work of these guys, it's just so gratifying." We hope to see you there on April 8th at Genesee Valley Park from 1 to 6.



Dreaming of a culinary career? Let's get cooking!

We are currently recruiting for our ninth class of Career Fellows. Interviews and assessments are beginning and will go through the first week in April, with the next class starting in the middle of April. Please spread the word!

Our year-long, paid culinary training program includes:

- Essential skills classes, and culinary education with both Foodlink staff and employer partners
- Transportation assistance and fresh food vouchers
- Food safety certifications including ServSafe Manager and Allergen certification
- Certification in CPR/ First Aid/ AED and Sexual Harassment Prevention
- Culinary Certification in ROUXBE Professional Culinary Foundations, Levels 1 & 2
- Certification as NYS DOL Cook apprentice
- Foodlink Community Kitchen and Café experiential learning
- Financial coaching, case management, career coaching, throughout the program and minimally 4 years post-graduation in the FCF alumni network
- Culinary uniform, portfolio and knife roll
- Mentoring through regional food establishments—executive chef or sous chefs. Community employment partners include:
 - Delmonte Hotel Group
 - Erie Grill
 - Grappa
 - Native Eatery
 - Salena's Mexican Restaurant
 - St John Fisher University
 - Wegmans



To nominate, apply or get more information, please contact Foodlink's Career Empowerment team at FCFellowship@FoodlinkNY.org



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SOLAR ECLIPSE WATCH PARTY

APRIL 8, 2024

Free Admission
FREE ADMISSION
FREE ADMISSION

Free Eclipse glasses!

Celebrate with us in this once in a lifetime event!

- April 8th
- Genesee Valley Park
- 1:00-6:00 pm

Music by our own Ron Johnson!

Enjoy immersive interactive stations like:

- Audio Darts
- Tandem Biking
- Guide Training
- Bleep Baseball
- Robot Demos
- Wilson High School Band
- Tactile Map Building
- Audio Description of The Eclipse
- Free Tax Preparation
- 3D Printing
- Kids Crafts and Games

Genesee Valley Field House Lodge
1316 Genesee St Rochester, NY 14611

Bring the whole family!

Timeline of the solar eclipse

DISCLAIMER: time will vary based on your location

(BEGIN - 2:07pm)

TOTALITY - 3:20pm

(FINISH - 4:33pm)

PATH OF TOTALITY

Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School is hosting AN ECLIPSE EVENT WITH Lakespan and X-Cats

Retina Associates of Western NY, P.C.