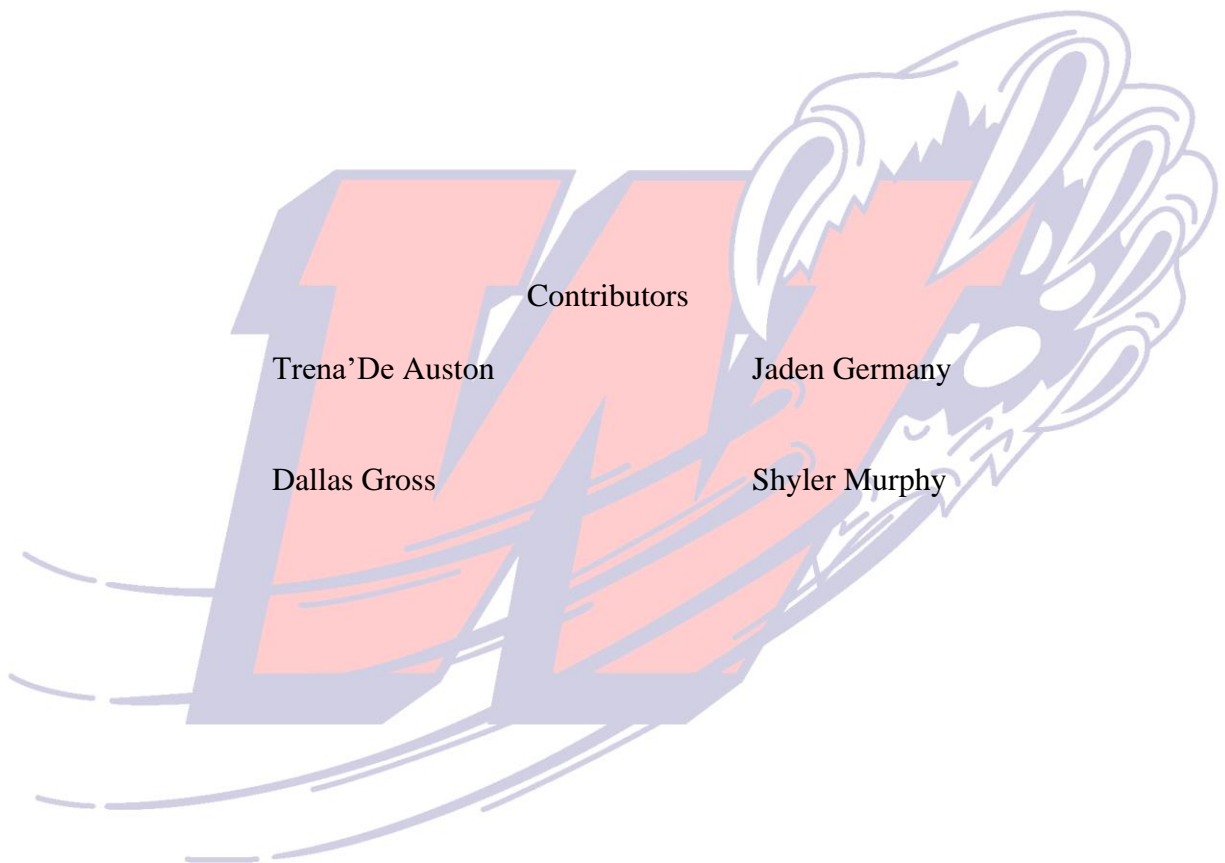




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Who says that a family man can't go to music festivals? Mr. Reynolds, The Joseph C. Wilson Magnet Principal has plenty of hobbies and one of them just so happens to be going to concerts.

Reynolds loves to see artists perform their music: sometimes just to listen and other times to sing along.

His passion for going to concerts first came from his younger years when he attended his first concert at *The War Memorial* to see *The Steve Miller Band* at just 17-years-old.

On top of going to concerts, Reynolds also loves music. Some of his favorite artists include *Biggie*, *Tupac*, *Gangstar*, *Grateful Dead*, *Pearl Jam*, *Nas* and *Snoop Dogg*.

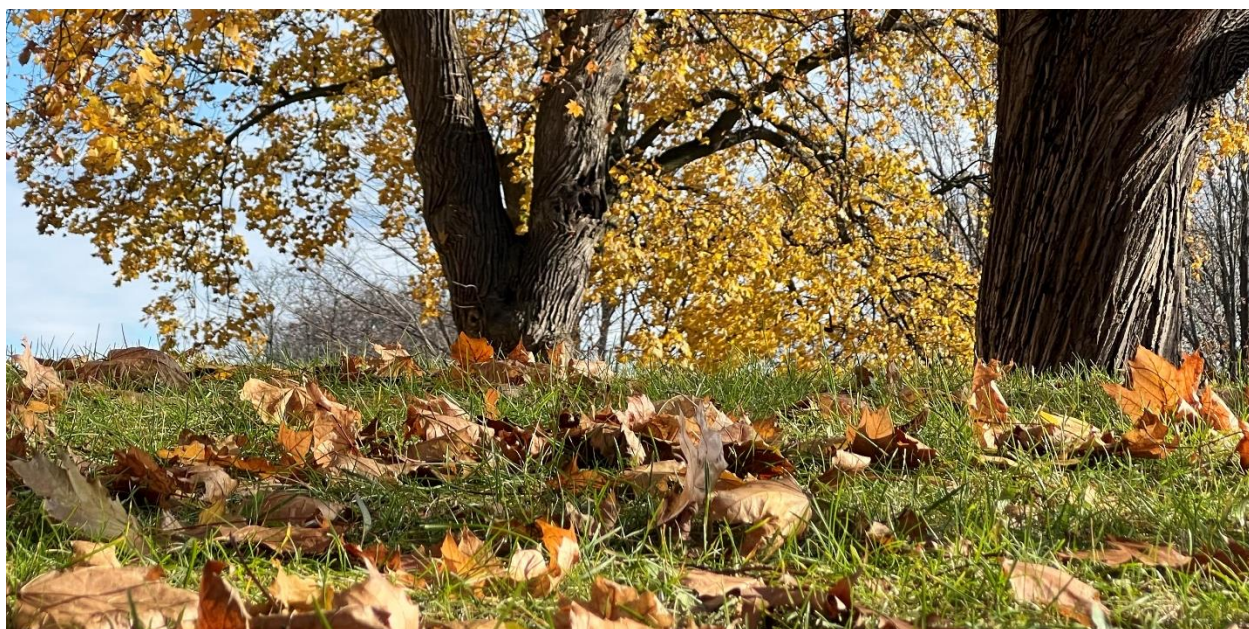
Along with music, Reynolds enjoys spending time with his family. Many afternoons and weekends are spent driving all over the northwest United States attending his daughter's lacrosse games.

If he gets a nice break from school and his daughter's sporting events, Reynolds takes time with his family to go and travel... specifically anywhere with a warmer climate.

"I enjoy the ocean, feeling the sun and saltwater," says Reynolds.

If that isn't enough, Reynolds enjoys stepping into the kitchen, or jumping on the grill, to show off his cooking skills. His favorite meal to cook is grilled steak with some potatoes.

With all his interests and hobbies, it's a wonder that Mr. Reynolds has time for us here at Wilson Magnet High School.



Was it Always a Time to Give Thanks?

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It's November and we are gearing up to gather with family and friends, watch football, or maybe watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade... but has it always been that way?

Many cultures around the world, from the inhabitants of Great Britain to Africa, have celebrated some type of harvest day festival. While the foods of these countries' harvests have a connection with their geography and origin, most harvest festivals are about coming together as a community.

What started as a celebration for the ending of a harvest turned into gratitude for the family and community.

During the 19th century, Native Americans and Pilgrims celebrated Thanksgiving for three days to remember and praise their ancestors along with the power of the Wompanoag (Native American tribe) according to *Kids National Geographic*.

Also mentioned, Thanksgiving occurred before the Civil War but, in 1863, Abraham Lincoln made Thanksgiving two national holidays: One was celebrated in August, where people paid their respect for the Battle of Gettysburg; and the other one was celebrated in November to honor "general blessings" (the latter is the Thanksgiving we celebrate today).

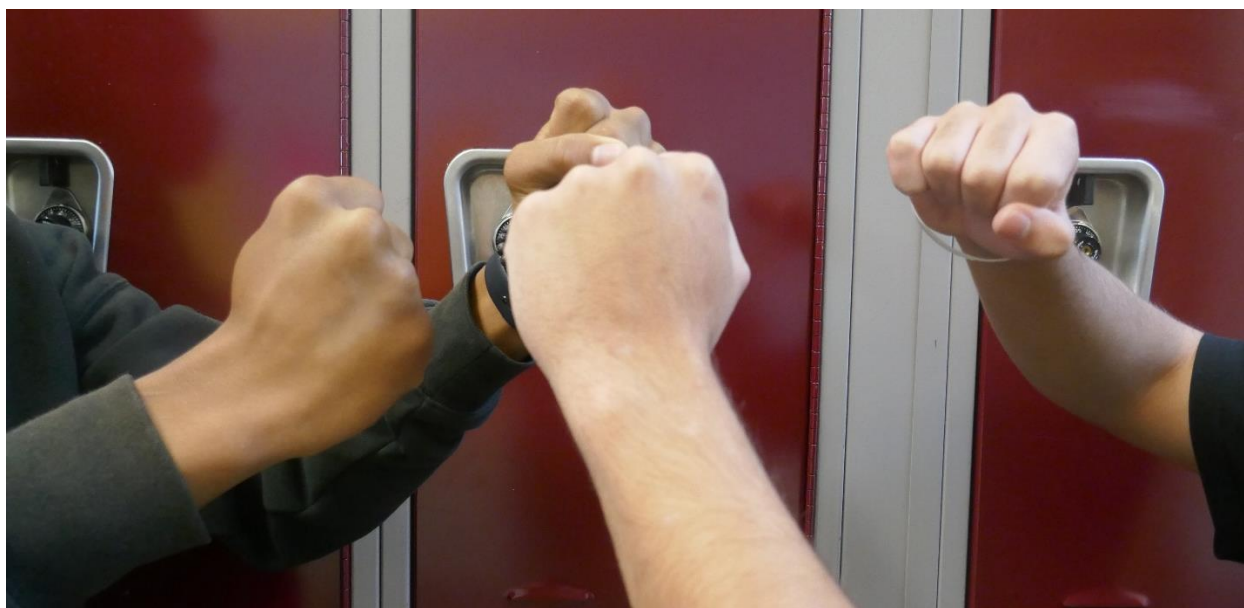
Mr. Roberts, a teacher at Wilson Magnet High School, celebrates with his family by cooking a traditional Thanksgiving meal – like turkey – however, also eats green bean casserole, roasted almonds, squash, potato skins and more. Roberts' all-time favorite dish is his auntie Sherry's cheesy potatoes.

On top of that, he and his family will go camping and hunt for deer from time to time... but try to get home to watch the Macy's parade and watch football later in the day.

Mrs. Sickles, another teacher at Wilson, and her family are Italian so, for Thanksgiving, they eat mostly seafood and a few other things. Her favorite dishes are scallops, muscles, stuffed artichokes, and canned cranberry.

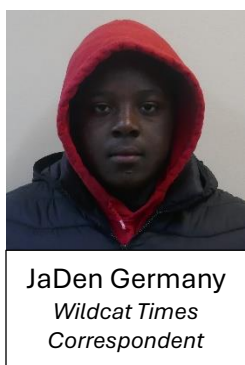
In the morning, they also watch the Macy's parade but, throughout the day, they take time to take a nap and watch *March Of The Wooden Soldiers*. Later, they have a huge buffet of dessert.

However way you celebrate Thanksgiving, remember to make time for your family and friends.



The Need to Come Together

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On November 5th 2024, Donald Trump was elected the 47th President of the United States over Kamala Harris. Trump won the election with 312 electoral votes to Harris' 226.

Although President-elect Trump won handily, the country still seems hopelessly divided... so much so, it was hard to find someone that admitted that they voted for Trump.

"I like that Trump will hopefully curb illegal immigration and government spending," says one anonymous Trump voter.

They added, "Trump's economic policies will stabilize the middle class so the children could afford the American dream."

"Of the two candidates, Trump had a way clearer message than Harris...she is far too progressive. She envisions a country like her hometown San Francisco – which is a lawless mess. Harris' vague platform seemed to be woke status quo."

But the voter admits, "The Democrats do not seem as isolationist as the Republicans with foreign policy... the Republicans seem to want to appease dictators."

Mrs. Tobin, a social studies teacher at Wilson Magnet High School, voted for Harris. She said that she, "liked how Harris was supportive of the women's right to choose," and, "Harris' policies would have benefited her really well because it would have protected her and her family – a family of women...and Harris is supportive of women's rights."

She said that she dislikes Trump's policies because, "He is going to decrease taxes for the wealthy only," and that, "his view on LGBTQ could impact her life."

But, while Tobin believes that Harris was the better candidate, she believes that governing the country will always be an uphill battle: "It's difficult because not everyone will agree – like congress and the civilians of the world."

We need leaders that will bring us together and look out for all of us.

While some are happy with the election results, an equal amount of folks are unhappy... and both sides are extremely vocal.

Whether you voted for Trump or for Harris, I think that everyone can agree on one thing: our county's leaders should look out for what's best for its citizens... and look out for what's best for our country.