



Wilcox-Hildreth Public School News & Views

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SEPTEMBER, 2022

FROM THE FALCON'S PERCH

- Justin Patterson, Superintendent

Falcon Nation,

The hallways and classrooms are once again buzzing as we are a month into another wonderful school year. But, this school year hasn't been without its bumps in the road. Our communities have seen more than their fair share of tragedies recently. In tough times, our staff, students, and communities lean on each other to make it through. Time and time again, I am amazed at the outreach and community support that our families receive in times of need.

Each September, the Board of Education adopts the annual budget and sets the tax request to support the district through the fiscal year. Part of the fiscal responsibility that the Board has is to look beyond the current fiscal year and plan for the future of the district. Our Board of Education is proposing a budget this year that will allow the District to continue to plan for the future of our students.



	Proposed 2022-2023 Operational Budget	Proposed 2022-2023 Property Tax Request	Proposed 2022 Tax Rate
General Fund	\$6,650,576	\$4,883,838	0.665810
Special Building Fund	\$2,127,496	\$1,010,101	0.137706
Qualified Capital Purpose undertaking Fund (QCPUF)	\$70,143	\$0	0.00
Total	\$8,848,215	\$5,893,939	0.803516

Greetings Falcon Family,

With the start of the fall activities season, I would like to thank all of the people that allow us to be able to host activities. Many volunteers keep the book, line judge, take tickets, work concession stands, do other jobs, or work behind the scenes. Our custodial and office staff spend many hours making programs, preparing money for gate and concessions, preparing facilities for activities and cleaning and securing them afterwards. These activities could not take place without your assistance.

Also, I would like to take this time to thank all of our positive supporters throughout the school year. I heard once and now pass this on to the students "You take us with you wherever you go". It is true with fans as well. When we attend activities our voices and actions leave an impression on the people around us. The people then take their opinions and transfer them to all of us associated with Wilcox-Hildreth. We want people to think well of Wilcox-Hildreth. Thank you to everyone that is supportive of the players, coaches, and officials in a positive manner and are great ambassadors for our communities and school.

As fans you may have noticed that we have four Thursday night football games and two 3:00 p.m. games on Friday this year. This is due to the shortage of officials across the state. Many older officials such as the ones that have done our games the last few years are retiring. Younger people don't want to get into it because of the verbal and sometimes physical abuse they have to put up with from fans, coaches, and players. Many schools had to raise their pay 50% this past cycle to even get officials. I am guessing it will be that way again in two years as the pool of officials gets even smaller. It is really unfortunate as the students are unable to attend games and support their classmates. Many loyal supporters have to choose which event to attend. If you are interested in becoming an official of any sport, let me know. The pay is good for a couple hours of work. I can help you get the process started.

Homecoming information:

On Friday, September 30th we will conclude homecoming week festivities. The football game vs. Franklin that day will be in Hildreth at 3:00 p.m. We will begin volleyball against Franklin in Wilcox with JV girls playing at 6:00 p.m. followed by varsity girls. Coronation will take place in the new gym following the volleyball games. Check the LiveFeed for dress up days and any changes in schedule of activities.

Go Falcons!

Shannon Lovin

Moments with Muhlbach

Hello.

The first few weeks of this school year have been absolutely incredible! Students and staff have been nothing but supportive, helping me learn the old and allowing me to bring in some new. I could not have asked for a sweeter welcome. After getting to know each other, we started our rounds of testing, including AIMS, NSCAS, and MAPs. We work really hard to space these assessments out in order to not burn the students out. This data is used to better support students in the classroom.

An exciting addition this year in Hildreth is Falcon Families. During this time, students get into their families and participate in various problem solving activities. We celebrate 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places and reflect on things that worked and didn't work along with lessons learned. There is also time taken to recognize our *famous* students receiving a falcon card for exceptional behavior. These come from being nominated by a staff member. A concept we are working on this year is taking pride in oneself and our school. Our words, behaviors, and interactions should leave others thinking, "Wow, it must be great to be a Falcon!" When you check out our live feed, social media, or walk into our building, you will notice some of the key qualities that outline what it means to be a Falcon!

TASC is now coming to 3-6th grade! Trust, Advocate, Support, and Connection are the four pillars of this organization. The purpose of the organization is to provide additional appropriate peer interactions with the support of adults to students that tend to struggle in this area.

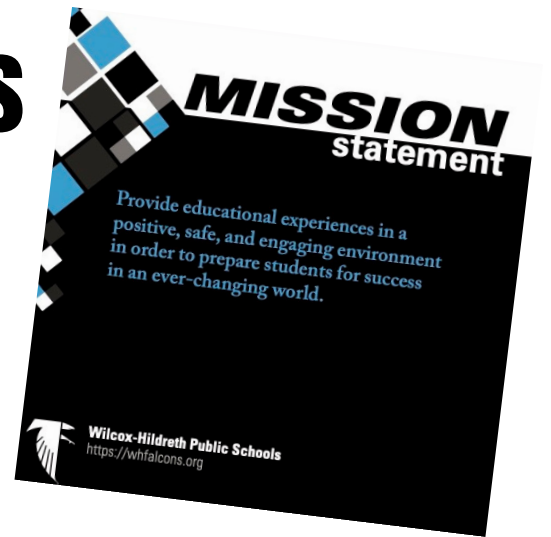
Fifth and Sixth grade students are invited to apply for L.E.A.D. (Leaders of Education, Activities, and Decisions). The purpose of this group is to encourage leadership, critical thinking, planning, etc, through working with staff to make decisions for the student body.

The FORK has hung around in Hildreth quite a bit so far this school year! Students love celebrating the recognized staff members just as much as the staff. Continue being kind Falcons!



Mrs. Muhlbach

22-23 District Updates

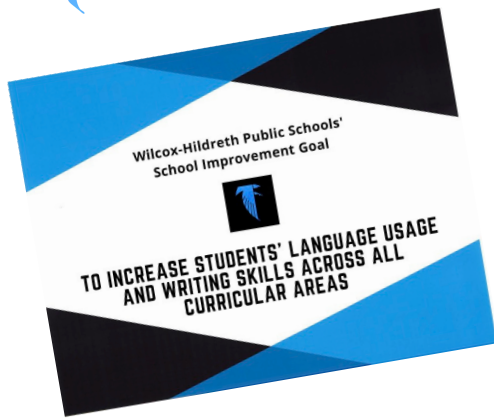


MTSS

The main goal for the MTSS team this year is diving into the data shared on EduCLIMBER.

We have developed teams at each level that will lead conversations on data and how to problem solve for the whole student (education, behavioral, etc.)

School Improvement

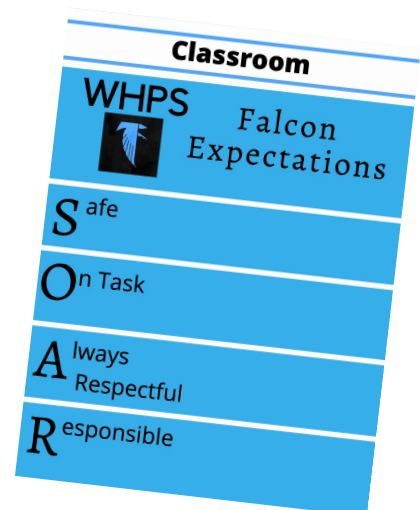


We are entering into year 4 of the School Improvement process, meaning the continuation of incorporating writing into all curricular areas and data collection are the top priorities. This year will look similar to year 3 for teachers with the addition of identifying priority standards. Priority standards are ones that typically take more time and are crucial to being successful in the following grade.

PBIS

To kick off the start of the year, all students and staff took time to review and practice expectations around the buildings.

Teachers either established new classroom expectations or reviewed previous ones.



Wilcox-Hildreth Public School
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, September 19, 2022 ~ 8:00 PM
Posting Locations:
Minden Courier Posting Date: 8/31/2022
Franklin Chronicle Posting Date: 9/7/2022
Conference Room - Wilcox
404 Sapp Street
Wilcox, NE 68982-0190

1. Call to Order. Roll Call

2. Announce location of posted Open Meetings Act

3. Consent Agenda

Motion by Gary Jensen, seconded by Alan Casper, to approve the consent agenda. Motion Passed.

Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Gary Jensen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Absent, Kirk Nelson: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

3.A. Approval of Agenda

3.B. Approval of minutes of the Regular August 15, 2022 Board Meeting and Board of Education Budget Meetings held on August 23, 2022 and August 29, 2022.

3.C. Approval of Claims

3.D. Financial Report

4. Visitors and communication from the public

Visitors: Teresa Carey and Emily Lyons.

5. Action Items

5.A. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the absence of board member Ryan Knaus.

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Kert Hansen, to approve the absence of Ryan Knaus.

Motion Passed.

Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Gary Jensen: Yea, Ryan Knaus:

Absent, Kirk Nelson: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

5.B. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to spend \$89,305 out of the computer hardware depreciation line for the repair to Fisher Track for repair work on the Wilcox track.

Motion by John Donley, seconded by Gary Jensen, to spend \$89,305 out of the computer hardware depreciation line for the repair to Fisher Track for repair work on the Wilcox track.

Motion Passed.

Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Gary Jensen: Yea, Ryan Knaus:

Absent, Kirk Nelson: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

5.C. Discuss, Consider and take all necessary action to approve the Wilcox-Hildreth Educational Association (WHEA) as the exclusive negotiating agent for the 2023-2024 calendar year

Motion by Kert Hansen, seconded by Alan Casper, to approve the Wilcox-Hildreth Educational Association (WHEA) as the exclusive negotiating agent for the 2023-2024 calendar year. Motion Passed.

Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Gary Jensen: Yea, Ryan Knaus:

Absent, Kirk Nelson: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6. Discussion Items

6.A. The Wilcox-Hildreth Board of Education plans to attend the joint public hearing at the Kearney County Fair grounds on Monday, September 26, 2022 at 6:00pm as the Board is proposing a tax asking amount greater than 2%.

Superintendent Patterson discussed the public hearing that he and Board President Kirk Nelsn will be presenting and talking to the public in regards to the tax asking amount.

6.B. Water intrusion update for the Wilcox building

Superintendent Patterson updated the board on the water intrusion project. Tri-County Glass has been out to look at the windows to check the installation and if it was done properly . Spec-Pro will be coming back out to inspect the windows as well. Branch Pattern will also be inspecting the water issues.

7. Administrator Report

7.A. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Patterson reported:

1. Updated the Board on School Finances
2. Updated the Board on the process of the Joint Public Hearing at Kearney County
3. Updated the Board on the water intrusion project at the Wilcox building.
4. Annual School Audit was completed on September 19, 2022

7.B. Principal Report

Principal Muhlbach reported:

The school year is off to a great start!

Falcon Families is a time on Fridays that allows students to practice life skills, problem solve, and think outside of the box through various activities. This time is beneficial for developing skills and relationships between students and staff.

Falcon Cards have been shared out on the live feed and social media highlighting the moments our students shine the brightest.

L.E.A.D. (Leaders of Education, Activities, and Decisions) A leadership group made up of a couple 5th and 6th graders to help problem solve, plan, and lead the student body at the Hildreth site. Students should be selected by next week.

F.O.R.K. (Falcons Observed Radiating Kindness) continues this year! Staff wide recognition with the coolest souvenir. Staff members are nominated by other staff members celebrating why/how our staff is so great. This has been a fun way to give the prideful moments to our staff.

District testing is in progress. There is no finalized data to share at this time as students are still completing the assessments.* This year, we are continuing with the three testing windows throughout the school year, but grades 3-8 will now be taking NSCAS all three times instead of MAPs. Typically NSCAS is taken in the spring and serves as state testing. Originally, NDE shared NSCAS would begin testing more frequently, similar to MAPs, and would provide comparable data. They also shared this would be required for all districts but as the school year got closer, they shared they would not be ready so the 3 sessions of NSCAS would be optional. We decided to take the plunge and continue with the original plan of switching grades 3-8 to NSCAS three times a year, starting this year. The one MAPs test that we are making an exception for is the Language assessment. This provides us with data for the School Improvement Plan and Targeted Improvement Plan. Grades 2-11 will continue to take the Language portion of MAPs

Summary of what grades are taking what and when:

- K-1: MAPs (Math, Reading) 3 times a year
- 2: MAPs (Math, Reading, Language, Science) 3 times a year
- 3-8: MAPs (Language) and NSCAS (Math and ELA) 3 times a year
 - 5th and 8th grade will also take NSCAS (Science) spring only
- 9-10: MAPs (Math, Reading, Language, Science) 3 times a year
 - 10th will take the PreACT, fall only
- 11: MAPs (Math, Reading, Language, Science) fall and winter only
 - 11th will take the ACT, spring only

***Incomplete Assessments:**

- NSCAS ELA: 17 incomplete assessments
- NSCAS Math: 22 incomplete assessments
- MAPs 3-6: 3 incomplete assessments
- MAPs 7-12: 6 incomplete assessments

Principal Lovin Reported on:

- Teacher walkthroughs have begun
- Americanism Act
- FFA and farm safety
- 7th & 8th Grade will do service work at Pioneer Village on September 27, 2022
- The band marched in two parades this fall.
- Fall sports updates
- Homecoming coronation will be held in Wilcox after the volleyball game
- Boy/Girl Counts for the next 5 years and the possible impact on activities at the junior high and high school levels
- Next fall the district will need to declare if we will participate in 8-man or 6-man football during the next cycle. Participating in 6-man football would make the district ineligible for the playoffs for three years.

8. Next Board Meeting: Joint Public Hearing at the Minden Fairgrounds 6pm Monday, September 26, 2022. Budget Hearing 8am Tuesday, September 27, 2022 followed by a Board Meeting in the Wilcox Conference Room. Regular monthly meeting 8 pm Monday, October 17, 2022 in the Wilcox Conference Room.

9. Adjourn

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by John Donley, to adjourn meeting at 8:37 p.m. Motion Passed.

Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Gary Jensen: Yea, Ryan Knaus:

Absent, Kirk Nelson: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

SCHOOL STUFF

7-12 Counselor Updates

7th-8th Grade Guidance

The junior high are continuing to work through ACT's Mosaic curriculum. The 7th graders have been focusing on having a positive self image and being resilient when things are getting tough. The 8th graders have been discussing leadership and how being a leader is based on how they think and act. We have also talked about the importance of confidence.

Apply to College Day

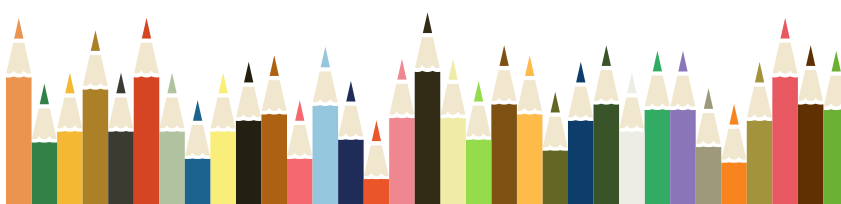
The seniors are going to participate in Nebraska's Apply to College Campaign on Sept. 21st. This event focuses on seniors taking a big step in applying to college. All of the seniors are invited to work on things that will help better their futures, whether that means applying to college or updating their resumes to enter the workforce. Teachers wear shirts that represent the college they attended and talk to their classes about their educational journey. Seniors will enjoy root beer floats at the end of the event.



Save the Date... Financial Aid Night is Oct. 3rd

Senior guardians and parents, please join me on Oct. 3rd at 6:30 pm in Mrs. Hance's room in Wilcox for our Financial Aid Night. Education Quest will be zooming in to present on how to apply for the FAFSA and pay for college. The FAFSA opens on Oct. 1st. This form determine what amount of money the government will be provided in grants and loans. After Education Quest presents, I will talk about the process of applying for local scholarships. Seniors are also welcome to join. Pizza will be provided.

Education Quest is a great, free resource. They help families complete the paperwork for the FAFSA for free. You just have to set up an appointment. To make an appointment, call Education Quest at 308-234-6310. You can also visit their website: Educationquest.org. They have tons of great resources that I often use when I meet with the seniors.





Upcoming Dates...

PSAT: Oct. 13th

Some of the juniors and sophomores are going to take the PSAT. This test is optional and serves as practice for the SAT. As a junior, students can enter the National Merit Scholarship contest where their scores are used to determine eligibility. Sophomore score do not count for that scholarship contest, but taking the PSAT is a good opportunity for them to practice a timed test. This test will be given at school.

ASVAB: Oct. 19th

All juniors will be taking the ASAB test. This test is given by the military and is used as an entrance exam if a student decides to join the military. The test has timed sections that focus on academic subjects, but it also includes testing over mechanical, automotive, and electrical knowledge. The military will explain the scores to the juniors and have them take a career inventory test to help juniors learn about careers that they would be successful in.

Junior and Senior Opportunities:

As the school year is underway, it is important to know about some of the opportunities that are provided to our junior and senior classes.

College Visits: Seniors are allowed to use two school days to visit a college and Juniors are allowed to use one day. These days are marked as school activity days and do not count as an absence. Visiting a college is an excellent way to help decide what institution is a good fit for your student. College have group tours and individual tours. They also have some events that focus on different careers or programs. If your student would like to visit a college, I am happy to help them make that arrangement.

Job Shadows: Juniors and seniors are allowed to take one day or two 1/2 days to job shadow. Students do have to fill out a booklet that requires them to research that career and have questions to ask on the shadow. Again, these days are counted as a school activity. Job Shadows are a great way to see if a career is something your student might enjoy. Students are encouraged to stop by my office for more help in finding a job shadow experience.

Please know that I do meet with our senior and junior students to help them start to think about these opportunities and plan for their futures.

Sidenote:

I know this year has been a hard year with the losses our school district has experienced. Please reach out to me if your student needs extra support or if your family needs resources on grief or any other hardship. I care about our students and the families we serve, so please feel free to email or call the school.

- Hana Mach

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As part of Wilcox-Hildreth's commitment to students' safety and mental health, beginning in September, we are launching an anonymous reporting program, which will allow students and parents to make anonymous reports about concerns of safety or student wellness. Our program is student-focused, as opposed to crime-focused, meaning it is a tool for alerting caring adults about students who need help—not snitching. This is part of our continuous effort to increase campus and student safety, and provide students with a safe, completely anonymous outlet to share concerns.

Students can use our new Safe2HelpNE app to report: bullying, suicide concerns, depression, sexting, stealing, threats, cutting, abuse, dating and domestic violence, fights, drugs, alcohol, weapons or other types of dangerous situations that threaten the safety of others. *Their reports will be addressed by a trained school threat assessment team.*

When you or your student have a concern, you can go to www.safe2helpne.org on your computer, tablet, or laptop-- or you can download the free Safe2HelpNE mobile app-- and make a 100% anonymous report in less than five minutes.

The use of anonymous reporting apps in state programs like Safe2Tell have proven to be successful in providing the tools and information needed for school officials and to proactively address concerning behaviors, potential incidents of violence, and other harmful situations on campus before they develop. We look forward to working with you and your student to continue making Wilcox-Hildreth a safe school.



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We know the struggle is real, that's why we're here. What you know matters. Submit an anonymous tip on the Safe2Help app.



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THANK YOU!

The Summer Lunch Program would like to thank everyone who helped this summer.

We appreciated all the donations of food, money, volunteering, and overall prayers of support. We served 42 different kids of all ages over the summer, serving a total of 418 meals!

A special thank you goes out to the ones who gave of their time: Cindy Woollen, Deb Johnson, Koke Sturgis, Marge Weber, Sharon Lippstreu, McKenzie Aubushon, Maddie Cervera, Kathy Ortégren, Joee Muhlbach, Rhonda Sherman, Kelly Simmons, Denise Hill, Pastor Candance Miller, Joanne Fecht, Laurette Simon, Pastor Nathan Abel, Pat Ourada, Shannon Lovin, and Diane Schubert. We really appreciated it!

I really enjoyed spending time with the great kids that came to the Summer Lunch Program. The kids came and sat at a table together as a “family”, we’d have a short devotion, say prayer, and all eat together. We’d have great conversation, work on some manners, clean-up, and when finished there was always dessert! We even gave up our cell phones during lunch!

I felt as if the program was a success through the generosity and support of our church and community, and look forward to being able to serve again next year!

Marliee Aspegren

Wilcox - Hildreth FFA

UPDATES



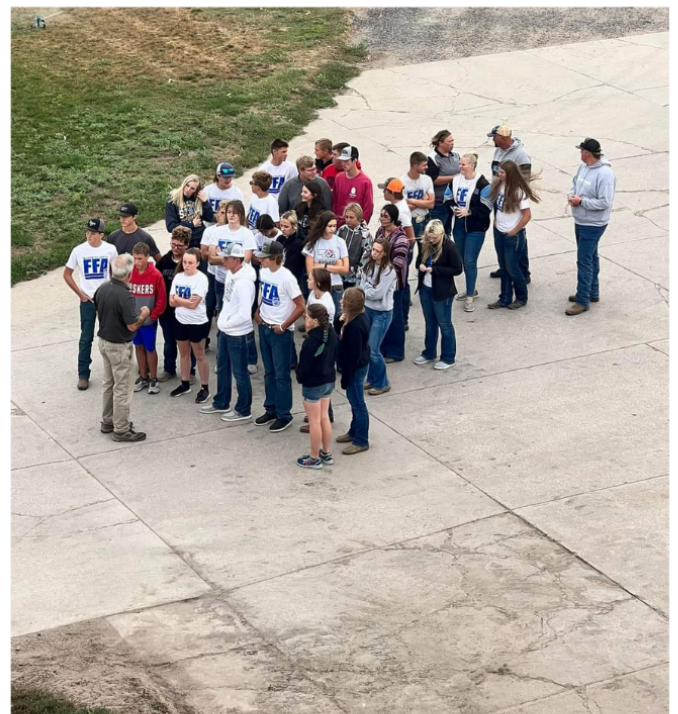
This month the FFA chapter has been very active. The FFA chapter went on a seed corn tour near Shelton, NE. Students got to learn more about the seed corn process and how they harvest the corn. Students also got to help work the Wilcox Demolition Derby's concession stand. Students were able to attend Husker Harvest Days to further their knowledge in agriculture. The officer team will be presenting and leading groups of students at Farm safety day!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 1st: FFA and FBLA
Food Drive

Oct. 5th: Land Judging @
Alma

Oct. 7th: FFA Bonfire @
6:30 at Johnson Residence
Oct. 11th: Monthly Meeting



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WILCOX-HILDRETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito A: BLT Wrap B: PB&J	4 Breakfast: Breakfast on a Stick A: Hamburger Gravy over Mashed Potatoes B: PB&J	5 Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza A: Breakfast for Lunch Biscuits & Gravy B: PB&J	6 Breakfast: Breakfast Round A: Chicken Nacho Boat B: PB&J	7 NO SCHOOL
10 Breakfast: Chocolate Crescent A: Chicken Nuggets B: PB&J	11 Breakfast: Breakfast Sandwich A: Smothered Burrito B: PB&J	12 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll A: Cheesy Potato Ham Soup B: PB&J	13 Breakfast: Donut A: Chicken Patty on a Bun B: PB&J	14 Breakfast: French Toast Sticks A: Nacho Day B: PB&J
17 Breakfast: Frudel A: Bosco Bostix B: PB&J	18 Breakfast: Fruit Smoothie A: Corn Dog B: PB&J	19 Breakfast: Ham & Egg Sandwich A: Fried Chicken Legs B: PB&J	20 Breakfast: Breakfast Bagel Pizza. *NEW A: Taquitos B: PB&J	21 Breakfast: Granola Bar A: Pizza Pocket B: PB&J
24 Breakfast: Muffin A: Chicken & Waffles B: PB&J	25 Breakfast: Monte Cristo A: Combo Sub B: PB&J	26 Breakfast: Chicken Biscuit *NEW A: Chicken Broccoli Alfredo B: PB&J	27 Breakfast: Waffle A: Chili B: PB&J	28 Breakfast: Pop Tart A: Chicken Bacon Wrap B: PB&J
31 Breakfast: Yogurt & Granola A: Pig in a Blanket B: PB&J				

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WILCOX-HILDRETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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Breakfast: Apple Bosco

Breakfast: Bagel

Breakfast: Biscuit & Gravy

Breakfast: Banana Bread

A: Chicken Noodle Soup
B: PB&J

A: Beef Enchilada
B: PB&J

A: Bacon Cheeseburger
B: PB&J

A: BBQ Chicken on a Bun
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Banana Choc
Chunk Bar

Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza

Breakfast: Breakfast Round

Breakfast: Breakfast on a
Stick

A: Hamburgert
B: PB&J

A: Cheese Pizza
B: PB&J

A: Hot Ham & Cheese
B: PB&J

A: Mandarin Orange
Chicken
B: PB&J

A: Frito Chili Cheese Wrap
B: PB&J

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza

Breakfast: Breakfast
Sandwich

Breakfast: Chocolate Crescent

Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll

Breakfast: Donut

A: Turkey Chef Salad
B: PB&J

A: Lasagna
B: PB&J

A: Pizza Pocket
B: PB&J

A: Hot Dog
B: PB&J

A: Chicken Strips
B: PB&J

Breakfast: French Toast
Sticks

Breakfast: Frudel

NO
SCHOOL

NO
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NO
SCHOOL

A: Meatball Bowl
B: PB&J

A: Harvest Feast
Turkey & Fixins'
Public Invited
B: PB&J

NO
SCHOOL

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Breakfast: Granola Bar

Breakfast: Fruit Smoothie

Breakfast: Ham & Egg
Sandwich

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SCHOOL

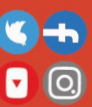
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A: Popcorn Chicken
B: PB&J

A: Smothered Burrito
B: PB&J

A: Italian Dunkers
B: PB&J

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a fresh fruit &
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