

Happy
New Year

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January

5 - School Resumes
8 - Mini THON Spirit Day: PJ Day-\$1.00 donation
12 - 16 - Mini THON Coin Wars
19 - NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr.
23 - GVHSA Pretzel Delivery
23 - Spirit Day: Would You Rather?
Math or Reading? Wear numbers or letters!
26 - Feb. 6 - "Souper" Bowl Food Drive

February

3- HSA Meeting - GV Library @ 7pm
7 - Spirit Day - Wear your favorite team jersey
12 - Valentine's Celebration
13 - NO SCHOOL
16 - NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day

News from the Office

Emergency Closings and Inclement Weather Information

In the event of inclement weather, the Wilson School District has a plan for sharing closing and early dismissal information with families. Please [click here](#) to review the Wilson School District notification plan for Emergency Closings and Inclement Weather. Also, ensure your Skyward information is up to date for Alert calls related to inclement weather.

"Souper" Bowl

We are hosting our yearly canned food drive to benefit Helping Harvest Food Bank (formerly Greater Berks Food Bank). Starting January 26th, students will be able to place donations in a designated area to cast their vote for the team they want to win the Super Bowl. We will be collecting canned goods from January 26th through February 6th. On Friday, February 6th, students can participate in a school-wide spirit day by wearing their favorite sports team jersey or shirt!

Recommended items for collection: cereals, peanut butter, pasta, rice, oatmeal, beans, canned goods, baby wipes, diapers, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. (PLEASE DO NOT SEND GLASS ITEMS OR EXPIRED FOOD)

Important Information from the Nurse

To prevent the spread of germs, please keep your child home from school if s/he shows any of the following symptoms: unusual skin eruptions/undiagnosed rashes, diarrhea or vomiting, fever over 100.0 degrees, persistent cough or headache, chills, swollen glands, discharge or redness of eyes, or sore throat. **Please check your child for signs of illness before sending him/her to school.** If your child has been sent home from school due to vomiting, diarrhea, or a fever of 100.0 degrees or higher, or has had a fever (above 100.0 F), vomiting, or diarrhea the night before school, please keep your child home from school the following day to avoid infecting others. A child who is ill will not be able to learn, may infect other children, and will not be happy in school. Your child must be fever-free (without using fever-reducing medications) for 24 hours before returning to school.

Please do not send your child to school with a known illness or injury, an undiagnosed skin rash, or an injury that may require x-ray evaluation, and request that the school nurse examine him/her and prescribe treatment. Only a licensed physician can legally perform this function. Parents should keep the child home from school and have the child evaluated by a physician.

Building Bulldogs

Kindergarten Readiness Program

The Wilson School District is excited to announce that it is again offering its popular Building Bulldogs Program for families in our school community! The program is designed to build kindergarten readiness skills, strengthen relationships with family/students, and build confidence for students transitioning to kindergarten. Building Bulldogs is available for residents of the Wilson School District with children who are 4/5 years old before 9/1/26 and their parents/guardians.

Building Bulldog sessions run from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at each location. Families are encouraged to attend all sessions!

Green Valley: January 21, 2026
Whitfield: February 19, 2026
Shiloh Hills: March 10, 2026
Spring Ridge: March 26, 2026
Cornwall Terrace: April 8, 2026

The first 300 to register receive a FREE Wilson backpack! Register [here](#). Questions can be directed to 610-670-0180 ext. 1143

Help Support Wilson High School's Mini-THON!

What is Mini-THON?

Wilson Mini-THON is an official part of Penn State's Dance Marathon (THON). THON is the largest student-run philanthropy organization in the world, with all proceeds benefiting pediatric cancer research at Penn State Hershey Medical Center. All proceeds raised through Penn State's THON and all of the participating Mini-THONs are directly given to the Four Diamonds Fund. The Four Diamonds Fund supports patients at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital by offsetting treatment costs not covered by insurance. In addition to treatment costs, the Four Diamonds Fund helps families financially by covering expenses related to the child's condition, such as car rentals, hotel stays, gas vouchers, and other uncovered costs.

How to show your support:

Last year, the Wilson School District raised **\$100,182.25** that was donated directly to The Four Diamonds Foundation. We want to continue that momentum! We will participate in several fundraising events over the next few months to help raise funds. This month at GV, we will participate in a Spirit Day on Jan. 8 and a Coin Wars competition from Jan. 12-16. You can find more fundraising opportunities to support Mini-THON on the [WSD official Mini-THON website](#).

Spirit Day: PJ Day for all students and staff with an optional/suggested donation of \$1.00.

Coin Wars: Send in your spare change! Each classroom will collect spare change daily throughout the week. The classroom that raises the most money will be awarded with a donut party.

GVHSA Updates - *Connect with GVHSA - [website](#) - [facebook](#)*

Redner's Receipts

Please send in your Redner's receipts with your child! GVHSA can earn 1% back through the Redner's Save-A-Tape program. If you already shop at Redner's, you can help us raise funds for our school! It's easy to do. Just make sure you have your Redner's Rewards card scanned at checkout, and then send your receipts in an envelope marked "Redner's Receipts" to school with your child. The Save A Tape total must be listed on the receipt for the receipt to be valid.

Yearbook

The Green Valley yearbook can now be preordered! Yearbooks can be purchased online for **students in grades K-4**. All **5th-grade** students will receive one free yearbook courtesy of the HSA in May.

Price: \$19


Link to order: <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/index.cfm/job/25377>

Contribute pictures: We accept pictures of GV students/events for the yearbook.

Pictures should be submitted to: <https://yearbookshare.com/eshare> and enter code 270

Questions? Email the GV Yearbook team at: gvelementaryyearbook@gmail.com

Bulldogs Give Back --- January 16th



We Are Growing Kindness!

A Note From the Library & "Bulldogs Give Back" Team!

In Library class, we are reading the book "Grow Kind" by Jon Lasser. Our class discussed how kindness can grow like a garden and how sharing food is a powerful way to show we care.

We learned that:

- Kindness is for everyone: We never guess who is hungry, but we can help everyone feel respected.
- Small acts matter: we can do small things to help our neighbors.
- Food Scarcity: We learned that some families in our community don't always know if they will have enough food to eat.

How We Will Apply What We Learned: Bulldogs Give Back!

On Friday, January 16, 2026, our District is coming together for a service project. While older students assemble food packs, our elementary students will be writing encouraging notes to go inside them! We are partnering with Helping Harvest, Youth Volunteer Corps and Redner's to provide:

- Weekender Backpacks: Providing weekend meals for students.
- Care Packages: Providing essential food for individuals experiencing homelessness.

How Families Can Help!

To make this project a reality, we need your help to purchase the food. Through our partnership with Redner's, we can buy food at cost, making your donation go further.

Please consider making a donation!

- \$6 provides 1 backpack or care package.
- \$30 provides 5 backpacks or care packages.
- \$60 provides 10 backpacks or care packages.
- \$120 provides 20 backpacks or care packages.

Every Dollar Counts!

To learn more and to donate, scan the QR code or visit wilsonsd.org/bulldogsgiveback

