



Wilson Avenue Elementary School

Tania Sousa-Vilar, Principal



Welcome Back to the 2026-27 School Year

August 14, 2026

Dear Staff:

It is an honor to welcome you to Wilson Avenue School for the 2026-27 School Year! I hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer vacation and that each of you are well. I am very excited to begin my second year as Principal, and I am looking forward to having an exciting year with dedicated parents, highly effective teachers and motivated students. Much work has been completed at our school this past summer in preparation for the new school year. Our administrative team looks forward to the start of a new academic year.

All staff will be reporting to work on **Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 8:10 am, Staff Development Day #1** and **Wednesday, September 2, 2026 at 8:10am, Staff Development Day #2**

Our goal at Wilson Avenue School is always to cultivate high standards of achievement and to mold and inspire our students to reach their potential. This philosophy requires a common vision shared by all stakeholders. We will begin our focus with the Superintendent's theme: No Stopping Us Now. We will start our **first Staff Development of the year on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, PD Day #1**. Refreshments will be provided for all staff. During the meeting, we will work collaboratively in grade-level teams to analyze school policies/procedures and school-wide expectations for the new school year. We will review our opening day binder and school-wide PD plan for the year. On **Wednesday, September 2, 2026, PD #2**, Refreshments will be provided for all staff. During the meeting, we will dive into the curriculum, begin planning with your teams and analyze data. On **Thursday, September 3, 2026, PD #3, Organization Day**. The Superintendent will host his Convocation in the morning, and you will be able to set up your classrooms in the afternoon.

If you are interested in coming in sooner to begin setting up your class, you can come in on August 17 - August 28, 2026 from 8:30am- 3:00 pm. Please call the office to let me know you will be in the building (973) 465-4910, or 4912.

- **First day of School** -Tuesday, September 8, 2026
- **School Hours**- 8:15 am- 3:05 pm/Grades K-8
- **School Uniform Colors** – Yellow Shirt and Navy Blue pants/skirt
- **New Student registration and re-registration for returning students**- taking place through the month of August 2026. Please log on to School Mint to register, upload the required documents, and complete registration forms. All returning students must also re-register using SchoolMint by August 3, 2026, to secure their seats. If parents need assistance resetting their password, they can contact our main office at (973) 465-4910 or (973) 465-4912.
- **Summer Reading Assignments** are due no later than Friday, September 11, 2026. Please visit our website for more information regarding the assignments. <https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/wls>



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- **Principal Meet and Greet** will take place on Friday, August 28, 2026, from 9am-9:30am for K-4 parents and 9:30am-10am for 5-8 parents in the large playground. If you are willing to attend, you are more than welcome.
- **Our School Supply lists** are posted on our school's website and were distributed in June.
- **Lunch applications**- Must be completed for all students. In order to be eligible to receive free or reduced lunch, your child must have a completed application submitted by October 1st.
<https://family.titank12.com/application/new?identifier=7LGSDU>
- **Back to School/ Open House Night** is on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's teacher and hear about our curricular programs, clubs, and school wide expectations. All staff must attend.

Our school community continues to shine because of the dedicated and committed educators such as you who work at Wilson Avenue School.

I look forward to a very successful school year!

Best Regards,

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