Welcome to the first 19-20 Wilkins Weekly!

- What a great start to this school year! Happy children (mostly), happy parents (all), and a VERY ready, excited staff! Thank you for your efforts and support in readying your child for this very important day - one that still fills me with excitement and nerves - even after more than 55 first days of school!
- Before we got to that first student day, staff was treated, and I DO mean treated, to a very special Farmer’s Market themed luncheon. Thank you to Keri Lyn, Theresa, and PTA for making us all feel very special and valued. It was a great way to segue from several intense days of professional development into our students’ arrival!
- Thank you to Susan Hills and the Barbagallo family for a extraordinary event that brought our school community together. We managed to devour 600 hot dogs! It was lovely to see familiar faces, meet new families, and come together to celebrate being North Salem Panthers!
- DO YOUR JOB! by getting your paperwork in – thanks to those who have done so already. Also by making an effort to stay informed - via this email, our school website, our District App (notably the Calendar for events) our Facebook page, and our PTA’s Facebook page.
- We have 31 new North Salem children in addition to our 55 new kindergarteners.
- We have only a couple of slots left for fifth graders to join our LEGO FIRST robotics team.
- Please keep bus tags on backpacks for a while longer. It helps us in getting our youngest students into the right bus lines at the end of the day.
- A reminder - PLEASE put initials on your children’s outerwear - no matter how old they are! I washed and recycled over 35 perfectly good sweatshirts from last spring. I was able to return ONE to his owner because it was labeled.
- **UPCOMING:**
  - Salem Scramble registrations are ongoing. Information can be found at [https://www.runreq.com/salem-scramble](https://www.runreq.com/salem-scramble)
  - PTA meeting on Wednesday, September 11th from 7:00-8:00 pm in our library. We are looking forward to a great year and meeting some new parents!
  - OPEN HOUSE - Thursday, September 12th - email went out about times. This is a night to learn about what your students will be learning about this year
  - Our PTA Fall Fundraiser begins this week too - information will be going home on Thursday. This is our main fundraising event that supports many of the activities for the year.
  - Girls On the RUN starts this Wednesday.
  - Picture information will go home this week for next week’s photo shoot on Tuesday the 17th. CLIX is our photographer, and this year they are offering a special deal to those who use online ordering. Watch for the flyer to come home.

Looking forward to seeing you this week!

Janice