

## 2020 WILSON SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS PROGRAM

### PROGRAM SUMMARY:

Wilson School students will begin participating in our annual Winter Sports Program on **Tuesday, January 14th. The program will continue on Thursday January 16th, Tuesday January 21st and Thursday January 23rd.** This is an exciting opportunity for our students to gain knowledge and skills in winter activities, which are a significant part of our local way of life. These activities are lifelong sports that will continue to serve your children after they leave Wilson School. **As you discuss the choices with your child/children, please consider a sport in which your child might not otherwise have an opportunity to participate.** Please read carefully.

### Winter Sport Choices:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Venue</u>
(K-5th)	Cross-Country skiing	Trail Creek Ranch
(K-5th)	Ice-skating or learn to skate	Snow King Event Center
(1st-5th)	Ice Hockey	Wilson Rink
(1st-5th)	Alpine Skiing	Jackson Hole Mountain
(2nd-5th)	Snowboarding	Jackson Hole Mountain

Please complete separate permission pages for each child and turn in all documents including waivers and Sport level forms to your child's classroom teacher by **Friday December 13th.**

### **Keys to success in Winter Sports:**

- Turn all documents in **by Friday December 13th, at the latest!**
- Waivers and level forms are available on the door of the main office and our website.
- School starts at the regular time, lunch is served early and students leave for their venues at 11:30.
- Lunch in the cafeteria: 10:35-10:55 (K-2<sup>nd</sup>) 11:00-11:20 (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)
- This is a special opportunity and students are representing Wilson School. Please help your child understand that they must follow the 3 B's with all adults. Disrespectful, rowdy or dangerous behavior will not be tolerated! Students may be removed from one or more sessions of the program at the discretion of the Principal or supervising teacher.
- Become familiar with the program's procedures; if you are unclear about any part please call or email Mrs. Hunt or Mrs. Milburn at the school.
- Because school buses are prohibited from carrying skis inside the passenger compartment, we must transport equipment by private vehicles to and from school and to JH Mountain Resort and Trail Creek Ranch. Equipment must be at the school no later than 10:30am to make the transport to the venue.

- Each program has specific equipment needs. We have some hockey skates and XC skis for checkout. These will be available on a first come first serve basis. Email [khunt@tcsd.org](mailto:khunt@tcsd.org) for skis and [ndolentz@tcsd.org](mailto:ndolentz@tcsd.org) for hockey gear.
- All sporting equipment is the responsibility of the parents.
- Make arrangements to rent or borrow equipment early. Do it Today!
- All students must **ride the buses back to Wilson School** after the lessons **unless** you have **prior written** consent from Kathy Milburn. The consent form is on our website.
- For students who regularly ski, leave ski passes at home. they interfere with the J card!
- Lesson costs are not refunded if a student is absent.
- All equipment is the responsibility of the parents.
- Along with the WES teachers and our instructors, parent volunteers are extremely important. If you can help, please consider what you can do and sign-up on the permission slip.
- Our 5th grade Mentors work with the younger students, teachers and instructors to make a more personal experience and build relationships to improve community.

## **INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHOICES**

### **Ice Hockey-1st-5th grade**

All students receive four lessons at the Wilson Rink from Nick Dolentz, our own 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher and former Moose Hockey player.

- For experienced skaters only! If your child has no experience skating please start in the “Learn to skate” program.
- Helmets (with facemask), hockey skates and sticks are required, additional padding is recommended.
- Students walk to the Wilson Ice Rink at 11:30 with our teachers and mentors.
- There is a limited supply of hockey skates, helmets and sticks available at the Wilson School, please contact Mr. Dolentz.
- Forms needed=TCPR Waiver
- Parent Volunteers: One or two parent are needed each session to help tie skates and bring a snack and drinks to the Wilson Rink.

### **Alpine Skiing 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade and Snowboarding 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade**

- Students are placed into groups according to their skill milestones form.
- All students receive four lessons that go from noon to 2:15 from the Ski School at JHMR.
- Helmets are required for all skiers and snowboarders.
- Students load the bus at 11:30

- Rentals **must be done in advance** to pick up at the at Jackson Hole Mountain Sports in the Bridger Center (739-2649 is the rental department). Make sure to inform the rental shop that you are with the Wilson Elementary Winter Sports Program.. **Please email [khunt@tcsd](mailto:khunt@tcsd) if your child is renting skis or a snowboard from Jackson Hole Sports to ensure your child's gear is ready upon arrival.** Other local sporting good shops also have season rentals but you must pick-up on your own.
- All skis and boards must be dropped off at the school prior to 10:30am unless you are renting gear from Jackson Hole Sports.
- Please make sure your child's bindings are adjusted properly and equipment is up to date. Also... label your child's gear with their name and use ski bungees to hold skis together.
- Students will be given their "J"cards" each Winter Sport day. If for any reason a child loses their card it is a \$5.00 replacement fee.
- Forms needed= Kids Ranch Winter Release 2020 and Snowboard or Skier Level Form
- Parent Volunteers: Three parent volunteers are needed each session to transport skis , poles and snowboards to JHMR and then back to the school. You will be compensated with a half - day ski ticket for JHMR on the day you transport.

### **Cross-Country Skiing K-5<sup>th</sup>**

- All students receive four lessons from the Jackson Hole Ski Club Nordic Coaches at Trail Creek Ranch.
- Wear appropriate clothing and heavy duty socks.
- Students may want to bring water!
- Students load the bus at 11:30.
- The school has many x-c skis for check-out, first come first serve! Please email Kim Hunt for information at [khunt@tcsd.org](mailto:khunt@tcsd.org)
- Rentals can be obtained from Skinny Skis (full season) and Teton Pines Nordic Center (daily rentals).
- Forms needed= JHSC Waiver
- Parent Volunteers: We need 2 parents each session to transport skis to Trail Creek Ranch and ski with the kids. We also need 2 parents to bring a snack, and a hot drink to the Wilson School Cafeteria at 2:20.

### **Ice Skating & Learn to Skate K-5<sup>th</sup>**

- All students receive four lessons from the (GTSA) Grand Teton Skating Academy.
- Students load the bus at 11:30
- The lesson includes skate rentals at the rink.
- Lessons run from 12:15-2:15
- All skaters must wear crew or higher socks, and snow gloves! Big 5 is encouraged!!
- All beginner skaters **must** wear a helmet.

- Forms needed= GT Skating Waiver
- Parent Volunteers: Three parents are needed each session to assist in tying skates promptly at 11:50 and providing a snack mid way through the session.

With all the wonderful staff, kids and parents at Wilson School we are very confident that this will be another great year for the Wilson School Winter Sports Program.

Kathy Milburn (Principal)

Kim Hunt (Physical Education Teacher)