



# WELCOME BACK, Silver Streak Families!

Janie Howard Wilson Elementary  
August 2026



## Dear Silver Streak Families,

Welcome to an exciting new school year at Janie Howard Wilson Elementary! We are thrilled to welcome both new and returning families as we begin another year of learning, growing, and building together.

Just like LEGO® builders, every child comes to school with unique talents, ideas, and strengths. Throughout the year, our students will collaborate, inquire, create, and reflect as they build the skills needed to become lifelong learners through our International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP).

## Our theme this year reminds us:



**EVERY BRICK COUNTS. EVERY LEARNER BUILDS THE FUTURE.**



Together, our students, families, and staff will build a strong foundation for academic excellence, character, and leadership.



## BUILDING STRONG HOME-SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

Communication between home and school is one of the most important building blocks for student success. This year, our primary communication platforms will be:

- **ClassDojo** – Receive classroom updates, photos, reminders, and direct communication from your child's teacher.
- **Parent Portal** – Monitor attendance, grades, report cards, and other important student information.

Please ensure your contact information is current so you never miss an important update.



## BUILD A FASTER CHECK-IN WITH RAPTOR PASSPORT

Planning to volunteer, attend celebrations, eat lunch with your child, or join us for school events? We encourage all families to register for Raptor Passport before visiting campus.

Using Raptor Passport allows for:

- Faster visitor check-in
- A safer and more secure campus
- Less waiting during special events and family activities

The more families who register ahead of time, the smoother our events will be for everyone!



**RAPTOR**  
PASSPORT



## WE ARE AN IB PYP SCHOOL!

Our IB Primary Years Programme encourages students to:



Ask meaningful questions



Work collaboratively



Think creatively



Show kindness and respect



Take action that makes a positive difference

We encourage families to ask their children:

"What did you wonder today?" | "How did you solve a problem?" | "How were you a caring learner today?"

These conversations help strengthen learning beyond the classroom.



## INTRODUCING OUR RON CLARK HOUSE SYSTEM

We are excited to introduce the Ron Clark House System this school year! Every student will be sorted into one of our four houses, where they will belong, build friendships, earn points, and inspire greatness!



### HOUSE OF BOLT

Move with speed.  
Lead with energy.  
Strike with positivity.



### HOUSE OF GRIT

Stay strong.  
Work hard.  
Never give up.



### HOUSE OF MOMENTUM

Keep pushing.  
Build progress.  
Create impact.



### HOUSE OF VALOR

Choose courage.  
Show integrity.  
Do what's right.



Students will earn House Points by showing our school expectations, IB Learner Profile attributes, leadership, academic growth, positive behavior, attendance, and acts of kindness. Houses will come together for exciting celebrations, team-building activities, and friendly competitions throughout the year!



## AUGUST REMINDERS

- Follow your child's ClassDojo regularly.
- Check Parent Portal each week for attendance and academic progress.
- Register for Raptor Passport if you plan to visit campus throughout the year.
- Encourage excellent attendance—every day is another brick in your child's success!

Here's to a fantastic year of learning, leading, and building a lasting legacy!

With appreciation,

*Kim Griffiths*  
Kim Griffiths  
Principal



*Jennifer Simpson*  
Jennifer Simpson  
Assistant Principal



Thank you for partnering with us as we begin another incredible year. Together, we are creating a school community where every student is known, challenged, supported, and inspired.

**Go Silver Streaks!**

