



Woodrow Wilson Elementary School

Dear Wilson Families,

To help celebrate PTA's White Ribbon Week, January 22nd-26th, a week the appropriate use of electronic devices and the internet, we at the Wilson Community Council want to send an email explaining Wilson Elementary's cell phone policy and its rationale. Students are allowed to bring their phones or electronic devices to school, but they must be stored in lockers or with the teacher during the day. Phones can be used before and after school but are not to be used during the school day, including lunch and recess. Smart watches are allowed to be worn but should not be used during school hours, and we encourage parents to restrict their usage during that time.

We believe that restricting phone use during the day helps us have a safer school environment that is focused on learning. We are also concerned, as is Governor Cox, about the negative effects of social media and the overuse of electronic devices on students of elementary age. We will be addressing internet safety during our White Ribbon Week. We know some parents are concerned with being able to contact their students, and you can always reach out to the Wilson office at 385-646-5102. Additionally, in case of any emergency, the school will reach out to all parents.

Going forward, please continue to discuss safe phone and social media use with your student. Make sure you have your contact information updated with our office so you can receive all school communication and text messages. If you have concerns or opinions about Wilson's cell phone policy, we invite you to attend our next Community Council meeting, February 5th, 9:15 AM, at the Wilson office.

Sincerely,

Candice Cronin, Community Council Chair

Christine Christensen, Wilson Elementary Principal

P.S. Here are some additional references and resources about responsible internet use.

www.socialharms.utah.gov

<https://www.graniteschools.org/blog/2018/02/13/in-todays-world-internet-and-smartphone-safety-is-critical/>

<https://www.graniteschools.org/parent-and-family-resource-guide/>