

WILSON ELEMENTARY

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Dear Pastor Michelle Magee and Friends from Palm UMC,

On behalf of Wilson Elementary School, I would like to thank you for your generous donations and continued partnership with our school. We are grateful for your donation of books and funds to purchase new books in order for our Wilson Warriors to build their home libraries. Our students and their families are benefactors of your contributions. While we have missed the presence of Palm UMC volunteers, due to the COVID health and safety protocols, we have felt your fellowship and support all year long! We are hopeful to welcome Palm UMC, and other volunteers, back on campus next year.

In the 2021-2022 school year, ALL of our students benefited from your contributions in one way or another. Almost every grade level team utilized the donated funds to purchase books from Scholastic, in order for every student to receive a book. In TK-Kinder that meant 81 students took home a book; 1st grade was 69 students and 10 additional copies of books were added to the classroom libraries for long-term use by future 1st graders; in 2nd grade 86 students took home books; in 3rd grade 81 students added books to their homes; in 4th grade we had 81 students; and in 6th grade 91 students benefited. Our 5th grade team opted to purchase the special read aloud they did this year, "Wonder," from Amazon to raffle off to students as a commemorative signed copy from all the 5th grade teachers at the end of the year. About 40 students across 5th grade won a special copy of "Wonder" to take home.

In addition, donated books were distributed to students at our TK-Kindergarten registration events, so even NEW students to Wilson Elementary learned about the special partnership we have with Palm UMC and benefited. Our hallways were lined with carts of donated books for students to pick up on their way out on the last days of school, to promote reading over the summer and continue to build those home libraries. It was so special to see parents and students selecting books together and chatting about how great it'll be to have books to read over the break! Thank you Palm UMC partners! We feel blessed to have you be part of our school community!

With Gratitude,

Maria Lichtenwaldt

Principal