



WAIS AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2017 PARENT UPDATE

Thursday, August 17, 2017 - Building Tours - 5:30 p.m.

Monday, August 21, 2017 - Wilson Area School Board, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, August 28, 2017 - First Student Day

Tuesday, August 29, 2017 - Make-up ID Pictures by Christmas City, 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Friday, September 1, 2017 - Student Holiday

Monday, September 4, 2017 - District Holiday (Labor Day)

Wednesday September 6, 2017 - PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m./Library

Tuesday, September 12 through Friday, September 15, 2017 - PTA Fall Book Fair

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 - Open House, 6:00 p.m.

Monday, September 18, 2017 - Wilson Area School Board, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 29, 2017 - Picture Day

PSSA READING UPDATE

PSSA ELA ACTIVITY - Theme - The theme is the lesson or moral of a story or poem. It is what the author wants his reader to understand about life. Read the following poem by Langston Hughes in order to determine the theme.

"Dreams"
Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.
Hold fast to dreams
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow.

1. What is the **theme** of the poem?
A. Dreams are difficult to achieve. B. Dreams make life harder.
C. Never give up on your dreams D. Not everyone has a dream.

2. What is the intended purpose of the **metaphors** used with the poem?
A. To show how difficult life can be B. To express the poet's love of nature
C. To encourage readers to be happy D. To show what life is like without dreams

PSSA MATH UPDATE

The scale of a model train is 1 inch to 13.5 feet. One of the cars of the model train is 5 inches long. What is the length, in feet, of the actual train car?

- A. 67.5 B. 32.4 C. 14.5 D. 2.7

This question assesses the student's ability to solve a problem involving the computation of actual lengths of an object based on the scale of a model.