

August 13, 2021

Wildcat Parents,

It was wonderful to welcome so many of you back to Wilson on Wednesday for the Back to School Bash! For most families it was their first time inside in more than a year and a half, and some of our families had never been beyond the vestibule! There is still quite a bit of work to do inside before next week, but we're eager to see our Wildcats! Thank you PTO for coordinating and planning such a fun evening!

Just a reminder that next Thursday (8/19) is the first day of school for families with the last name A through L. Families with last names M through Z will have their first day on Friday (8/20). All students should report to school on Monday, August 23.

Although the start of our school year isn't exactly back to normal as we had hoped, it is important to remember and recognize the many positive things that are taking place! Our students are able to learn face-to-face with their peers, and receive an amazing education due to the dedicated and hardworking staff members we have at our school. Our teachers are incredible people who are extremely passionate about their profession. They love children and will do anything for our Wildcats. As was the case last year, our goal will be to maintain face-to-face instruction as much as possible.

It is extremely important that we do everything we can to keep our Wildcats and staff members safe. We must follow the protocols put in place by Forest Hills in accordance with local, state, and national agencies. Regardless of how you feel about any of the Board's decisions, it is important that your child sees all of us working together as a united team to give them the best education possible.

In saying that, below are a few reminders as students begin the school year next week. We appreciate your understanding, cooperation, and support in maintaining the current protocols.

- All students will wear a mask while on the bus.
- Our staff and students will wear masks in the classrooms/instructional areas.
- Students may take their masks off while moving in the hallway, on the playground or outside.
- Students will be spaced 6' apart during lunch.
- In the event of a positive COVID case, contact tracing will still take place and families will be alerted to the close contact. So long as the students were masked, there will be no need to quarantine (unless of course a person begins to show symptoms).

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Kindergarten and First Grade Lunch Helpers

The first few weeks of school are always exciting as the students meet new friends and learn new routines. With all of this excitement, many of our younger students struggle to finish eating during the allotted lunch break and often need help opening things in their lunch. We are looking for a couple volunteers for the first two weeks of school to help with the new routine. Duties include ensuring the students have the utensils and napkins they need, helping to open condiment packets, keeping eating spaces clean, and encouraging the students to finish eating. If you are available, please sign up [HERE](#). Don't forget to bring your mask!

Bus Helpers

We are in need of parent volunteers to help our Kindergarten and First grade students in the morning and afternoon. In the morning, parent volunteers will escort Kindergarten from the bus to their classrooms. In the afternoon the volunteers will gather students from their classrooms and escort them to the correct bus. Please sign up [HERE](#).

Final Forms

As we get ready for the school year it is important that we have accurate and up-to-date information for your child. If you have not already completed your child's Final Forms account (only about half of our students have everything completed) please complete it as soon as possible. If you have not seen an introductory email from Final Forms please check your spam folder for an email from "FinalForms <mailman@finalforms.com>".

If you can not find the email in your Spam Folder please contact Lynn Augenstein in the main office (513-231-3240).

Arrival and Dismissal

Our arrival and dismissal procedures have not changed from last year. Please watch this short video to refresh your memory on parent drop off and pick up: [PARENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP](#).

In an effort to keep students from clustering in one area, they will enter and exit the building in the same manner as last year. Teachers will spend some time the first few days of school reminding and practicing with students. If anyone happens to forget their entrance we'll be sure to help them out.

- K through Second Grade: Enter/exit through the main entrance
- 3rd Grade: Enter/exit through the side door nearest the 3rd grade classrooms.
- 4th and 5th Grades: Enter/exit through the doors nearest the Music room.
- 6th Grade: Enter/exit through the side door nearest the 6th grade classrooms.

Join PTO!

Did you know if you don't update your info in Membership Toolkit and join the PTO, ***you won't get important emails about PTO events?*** Your information DOES NOT carry over from last year. Therefore, the PTO can't email you unless you complete the steps below.

As an added bonus for our Wildcat community, if you **join the PTO by SEPTEMBER 1st**, you'll be entered to win **1 of 2 \$100 Kroger gift cards**.

The gift cards are sponsored by The Wellness Experience. A FREE event sponsored by the Kroger Company, Aug 20-21 at The Banks. Entry to the festival is FREE with the donation of a non-perishable food item that will be donated to the Freestore Foodbank. This is a family friendly event with live cooking demos, workouts, music, free food samples and a Kids Zone on the Moerlein lawn which includes a Ninja course, Marvel comic machine, skateboarding, cornhole, family workouts, etc from 10am - 7pm. Main stage events include a Ben-gal cheer clinic, a cirque du soleil performance and tons of other things. Full schedule here:

<https://thewellness-experience.com/schedule/>

How to Join the PTO

Create or update your Membership Toolkit Account -- [HERE](#). For new families, please use the email you provided the school.

Here's what you need to do:

- Go to <https://www.wilsonptocincinnati.membershiptoolkit.com>.
- Click on the Register/Login button.
- Under "New User?" Select the "Create Account" button.
- Click "Verify my email" and then check your email for a link to complete the process. The link expires in 2 hours. If you do not receive the email, check your spam or junk folders.
- Once you have verified your email address, log in with "Returning User?" and finish registration.
 1. Update your Family and Student Information.
 2. Choose what information you want published in the directory.
 - We are an OPT OUT school. If you DO NOT want your information to be available online in the directory, Select "No". Selecting "Yes" will allow you to remove fields you do not want published.

After you have created or updated your Membership Toolkit Account - [Click HERE to Join the PTO!](#)

1. Select Store.

2. Click Join the PTO!
3. Update the # of memberships dropdown, then Add to cart.
4. Click the cart to checkout
5. Review your order, then Pay Now (use credit, debit, or PayPal account).

Any questions or problems contact Membership -
DirectoryAccess.WilsonPTO@gmail.com

PTO General Meeting (Virtual)

Monday, September 13th at 7:00 pm will be our first PTO meeting.
More details to come.

Girls on the Run (6th grade girls)

Girls on the Run (GOTR) is returning to 6th grade at Wilson! GOTR is a nationally successful character development program that inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. This program runs from September 13th - November 20th. We will meet twice per week, on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 3:45-5:00pm. On November 20th, all 100+ teams come together for the GOTR 5k at Sawyer Point! Girls on the Run program provides:

- A 10-week program including interactive activities such as running, playing games, and discussing important self-empowering issues.
- Conclude with all participants walking, running, or skipping in a community 5K celebration event. This involves family, friends, teachers, and the community at large.
- Utilize a whole-person approach to elevate emotional, social, mental, and physical health.
- Are offered to all girls regardless of their ability to pay. We provide financial aid for families depending on their household income.

Are you interested and want to get your daughter registered for our fall season? Mrs. Lewis (formerly Ms. Folino) will be coaching with Mrs. Hauserman, Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. Zimmerman. Please see the attached Registration Flyer Details for information and FAQ about lottery registration. For more information about the program:

www.gotrcincinnati.org Please contact Liz Lewis elizabethfolino@foresthills.edu with further questions.

[Girls on the Run Flyer](#)
[Girls on the Run Registration](#)

Medications

Tina Spurlock will be available for medicine drop-off on August 16th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm and on August 17th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm.

Please make sure that you have a [MEDICATION AUTHORIZATION FORM](#) signed by both parent and Physician. It would be very helpful if you could put all of these items in a large ziplock baggie with your child's name on it (and if possible a picture of your child). If there is anything special she should know about your child, you are welcome to email Mrs. Spurlock. (tinaspurlock@foresthills.edu).

New Family Orientation Presentation

Please join us in welcoming all of our new families to Wilson! It was nice to meet many of you on Wednesday! Below is the information shared with the new families: [NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION](#). Please note that the lunch times have been updated from Wednesday night to reflect the new 6' spacing in the cafeteria.

District Food Guidelines

FHSD's food guidelines safeguard students from lifethreatening (peanut or other) food-related allergies as well as other medically related conditions. The guidelines also encompass practices from the reauthorization of the Child Nutrition and Women, Infants and Children Act and the development of a District Student Wellness Program, designed to include goals for nutrition education, physical activity and other school-based activities.

- [Guidelines for Medical and Food-Related Conditions](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions: Food Allergies and Food Guidelines](#)

PreK-6 Student Handbook

[LINK](#)

Wilson Special Events T-Shirt

Wilson Special events shirts are a fun tradition for our Wildcats. These are worn by the students throughout the school year for special events and are a gift from the PTO.

Your help is needed to make this possible - we need to know what size to order for your Wildcat!

Please complete the form for EACH of your Wilson students by **Friday, August 27th, 2021**. [Link to t-shirt order](#)

If no form is received we will do our best to order the appropriate size for your child based on age/grade.

Please note these shirts tend to run a little small. These shirts will be worn for events the whole year and your Wildcat will definitely grow over the course of the year.

We order only the sizes and quantities needed so we encourage you to complete the form to choose the best size for your student. Thank you for your help!

Any questions please email Kelly Meyers at kellymeyers95@gmail.com or Jen Miller at cincyjenmiller@gmail.com

Supply List for the 2021-2022 School Year

[LINK](#)

Phase In Days for the 2021-2022 School Year

- August 19th: Phase in Day for All students (A-L)
- August 20th: Phase in Day for All students (M-Z)
- August 23rd: ALL students report to school

Boy Scout Information

Wilson Cub Scout Pack 867 invites interested students to attend the first pack meeting on Tuesday, August 24 @ 7 pm at Clough United Methodist Church (2010 Wolfangel Rd). We'll share information about the pack and activities for the year, and scouts will build and

launch air rockets in the field. The pack consists of dens from Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Rusche or Geoff Zimmerman at wilsonpack867@gmail.com.

Grade Level Parent Information Nights

The information nights are for parents only. You will need to arrange childcare for your child/children when attending the grade level information nights. **If you are unable to attend, we will make sure you receive any needed information.**

- **Kindergarten Information Night** (parents only)
 - Wednesday, August 18th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the gym
- **First Grade Information Night** (parents only)
 - Tuesday, August 24th from 6:00 to 6:45 pm in the gym
- **Second Grade Information Night** (parents only)
 - Thursday, August 26th from 6:00 to 6:45 pm in the gym
- **Third Grade Information Night** (parents only)
 - Tuesday, August 31st from 6:00 to 6:45 pm in the gym
- **Fourth Grade Information Night** (parents only)
 - Tuesday, August 24th from 7:00 to 7:45 pm in the gym
- **Fifth Grade Information Night** (parents only)
 - Thursday, August 26th from 7:00 to 7:45 pm in the gym
- **Sixth Grade Information Night** (parents only)
 - Tuesday, August 31st from 7:00 to 7:45 pm in the gym

Friday Rotation

- Friday, August 20th will be a "Thursday."

Upcoming Events

August 18th

- Kindergarten Information Night 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the gym

August 19th

- Phase in Day for All students (A-L)

August 20th

- August 20th: Phase in Day for All students (M-Z)