

August 20, 2021

Wildcat Parents,

No matter how many years we've been in education, there is still nothing like the feeling of the first day of school! Every August we're filled with the excitement and anticipation that the new school year brings. Our teachers and staff have worked so hard to make this school year the best yet! A special thanks to our custodial staff who has worked tirelessly to make sure Wilson is ready to go for the 2021-2022 school year.

Please be patient with arrival and dismissal procedures as everyone gets used to the routine. Please know that it is very likely that buses will run late these first several days of school as the drivers acclimate to new kids and new routes. Most of the buses that service Wilson come to Wilson directly after running routes for Nagel. As those routes run longer so too will ours. We respectfully request your patience and understanding!

We have A LOT of information in our update this week. Please take time to read through the updates we shared with you. We often get emails about items that are mentioned in our weekly parent update.

We hope you have a great weekend! We look forward to seeing ALL students on Monday, August 23rd!

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Arrival Time

Students may enter the building at **9:00 am** each day. We want to make sure those students having breakfast have plenty of time to eat prior to going to their classroom.

Breakfast

Students who choose to eat breakfast at school will go directly to the cafeteria. This is a change from last year. Once students finish their breakfast, they will go to their classroom. All students should be finished with breakfast at 9:15 am.

Breakfast and Lunch Information

Breakfast and lunch is being provided by the USDA. Please click on the link below in order to see the items that are included in breakfast and lunch if you choose to do this. Snacks and other items not included on the list are still available for purchase. [LINK](#)

Visitors at Lunch

In the past, parents and guardians have been able to come into the building and have lunch with their children. Due to our spacing protocols for lunch, at this point we are not able to welcome guests into the cafeteria.

Lunch and Snack Time

Since lunches for different grade levels can be either very early or very late in the day, some grades may incorporate a snack time. When eating a snack, students will be spaced 6' apart whether they're eating inside or outside.

Water Bottles

Our drinking fountains will be closed again this year, however, the bottle filler outside the cafeteria will be available to refill water bottles. Students are welcome to bring a water bottle (the ones that don't sweat are the best).

Restaurant Night

Join us for our first Wilson Restaurant Night of the year and support our wonderful PTO! Click on the link for more information. [LINK](#)

Volunteer Information

Any adult who will interact with any students other than their own child while assisting with school activities or working independently in a Forest Hills School District building must have a background check.

Example: room helper, reading to classes, making copies for teachers, organizing activities, assisting with productions, etc.

Any adult who will escort students on day field trips within or out of the Forest Hills School District will need a background check as well using the Raptor system.

If you have volunteered in the FHSD in the past five (5) years please contact Mrs. Augenstein, Administrative Assistant, to see if your background check is still valid before starting a new background check.

Forest Hills Foundation Survey

As we support your kid(s) and every student at Forest Hills, we'd love your feedback on your familiarity and experiences with district programs and organizations. Please take [2 minutes to complete the survey](#) and you could be the **lucky winner of a \$50 Target gift card**. Your voice matters as we strive to provide the support our kids need to grow and thrive.

****THANK YOU** for all your support of the Forest Hills Foundation for Education – our goal this year is to raise \$250,000 – largest to-date but I know we can do it **FOR THE KIDS!**

The FHFE is excited to focus on these 2 areas for the coming year:

1. Awareness | ensuring the Forest Hills community knows about the Foundation, who we are, what we do and why
2. Engagement | connecting with all parents/guardians and staff to inform, connect and engage with the FHFE's mission: providing additional support & resources for ALL students at Forest Hills

FHSD WELCOMES NEW FACES AROUND THE DISTRICT!

One of the most exciting things that happens in the life of a school district is when we welcome new employees to our team. In Forest Hills, we are fortunate to have the opportunity to hire some of the most talented and eager individuals to join us as we work for all students in our district! We are **EXCITED** to introduce to you some new

faces to buildings throughout the district and invite you to take a minute to scroll through the following document to meet some of our newest employees! Some are not new to the district, but each of these are in new buildings or positions and they are ALL excited to kick off a great school year! Click on the following link and enjoy: [FHSD New Faces in 2021-2022](#).

Kindergarten Information Night Presentation

[LINK](#)

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 70% 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](#)

District Food Guidelines

FHSD's food guidelines safeguard students from life threatening (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 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.**

Friday Rotation

- Friday, August 27th will be a "Monday."

Upcoming Events

August 23rd

- ALL students report to school
- Board Meeting 7:00 pm in Nagel Cafetorium

August 24th

- First Grade Information Night 6:00 to 6:45 pm
- Fourth Grade Information Night 7:00 to 7:45pm

August 25th

August 26th

- Second Grade Information Night 6:00 to 6:45 pm
- Fifth Grade Information Night 7:00 to 7:45 pm

August 27th