

August 27, 2021

Wildcat Parents,

Although they seem to be a bit tired heading into today, our Wildcats have had a great first full week of school! It always takes some time for their bodies and minds to get back into the routines that school brings along. It's not uncommon for kids to come home at the end of the school day and/or week and be exhausted and cranky. More time in school will certainly help their bodies adjust, but it's also important to make sure our Wildcats are getting a good night's rest and eating well.

As we get back into the swing of things with morning and afternoon routines, we would be remiss if we didn't thank our fabulous volunteers helping with arrival, dismissal, and lunch time. It has been extremely helpful, especially for our Kindergarten and First Grade students! We are so appreciative of the overwhelming support we receive any time there is a call for added help. Thank you!

This week we began meeting with each grade level to review the expectations of the Wilson Way. We will share the grade level presentations with you next week so you can review this information with your child at home. We have a couple more grade levels to finish up at the beginning of next week. Remember, you are always more than welcome to implement "Wilson Way" language at home to ensure our Wildcats are always "taking care of *myself*, taking care of others, and taking care of Wilson (or home)".

There is substantial research that suggests a child's sense of belonging within a school community leads to more positive outcomes for that child. It is extremely important to us that students feel a strong connection to Wilson. Next week, Mrs. Bode and Ms. Storer will be visiting classrooms and completing an activity, focusing on belonging. Be sure to ask your Wildcat about the activity next week!

Thank you all for a wonderful first full week of school. We appreciate all of your patience as the beginning-of-the-year wrinkles take some time to iron out. It means so much! We hope you take time this weekend to disconnect from school and have a wonderful time with your family!

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Wilson Wins GOLD!

For the 6th year in a row, Wilson Elementary has been recognized by the Ohio Department of Education as a GOLD level school for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. Each year, the Ohio Department of Education and the PBIS Network recognize schools and districts for their quality and fidelity of PBIS implementation. Wilson Elementary is a recipient of the Ohio PBIS Gold Recognition Award for 2021 for our commitment to The Wilson Way, which was established in 2008. We are so grateful to our students, community and school staff who have embraced The Wilson Way to create a positive school environment. Way to go Wilson! [The Wilson Way video](#)

Meet our Unified Arts Team

[LINK](#)

Parent Drop off and Pick Up

For the most part things have been going smoothly, but we also want to share a couple of reminders to make the process even more efficient.

- Be sure to pull up near the vehicle in front of you to ensure we can get as many cars into the lot as possible.
- When you stop in the loading zone, please make sure you put your car into "Park".
- Students are not permitted to load or unload until all the cars in both rows have stopped.

- If your child has not arrived for dismissal by the time the line of cars is moving, please pull forward and park in the open spaces just beyond the loading/unloading zone. We will walk your child over to your car when they come out of the building.
- Please remain in your vehicle at all times.

Wilson Special Events T-Shirt

Today is the last day to order your Wilson Special Events T-Shirt compliments of the PTO. [Link to t-shirt order](#). Remember, these shirts tend to run a little small. If you have questions please email Kelly Meyers at kellymeyers95@gmail.com or Jen Miller at cincyjenmiller@gmail.com

Counselor's Corner

Welcome back and welcome to our new families. Please feel free to reach out if I can help your family in any way.

Smiles

Jean Bode

jeanbode@foresthills.edu

Mindful Music Moments:

Once again our school is filled each morning with soothing music and time for all of us to start our day in a calm and mindful way for about 4 minutes. We join over 100,000 others each day across the country. The Well is our partner who provides Mindful Music Moments. They encourage us to share the [MMM login](#) and **password:** **mindfulwilson** with our community. There are many resources available and you can listen to the same music we do each day...and again, it is about 4 minutes of calm. Feel free to check it out. Curious what we will be listening to this year? [Check this out.](#)

Financial need:

There are many opportunities throughout the year I have available for your family if a need might arise. If you would like to be confidently included on communications about these offers, please email me.

Something to Share:

[Is Anxiety Driving Your Parenting? By Delaney Ruston, MD](#)

Village Connections: A FHSD Special Education Community

Families of students with special needs know that information and support come from many sources. Many of us depend on those who have a child with similar needs for support and many families will seek information from others who are further along on the path we are traveling.

Last school year, the FHSD Parent Advisory Team identified the need for ongoing opportunities for these families to connect to share information and support. This year, Village Connections, a new information sharing and support community, will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Learning Commons at Nagel Middle School. There will be a general topic for each session with informational resources available. Our first meeting will be September 8th on the topic "Building Extracurriculars- How to Find What Works for Your Student". See all the topics and dates on the [Parent Resource Coordinator Page](#).

Kindergarten Parent Information Night Presentation

For anyone unable to attend the Kindergarten Parent Information Night, below is the link to the information that was shared. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher. [LINK](#)

Fourth Grade Parent Information Night Presentation

For anyone unable to attend the Kindergarten Parent Information Night, below is the link to the information that was shared. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher. [LINK](#)

Fifth Grade Parent Information Night Presentation

For anyone unable to attend Fifth Grade Parent Information Night, below is the link to the information that was shared. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher.

[LINK](#)

Arrival Time

Students, including those who walk to school, 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 a grant from 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.

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).

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 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 75% 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).

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.

PreK-6 Student Handbook

[LINK](#)

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.

Friday Rotation

- Friday, September 3rd will be a "Tuesday."

Upcoming Events

August 30th

August 31st

- Third Grade Information Night 6:00 to 6:45 pm
- Sixth Grade Information Night 7:00 to 7:45pm

September 1

September 2

September 3