

September 10, 2021

Wildcat Parents,

Students and staff members celebrated the 20th anniversary of September 11th by wearing red, white and blue today. We took a moment of silence during morning announcements to honor those lives lost during this tragic event.

As we reflect on the events from twenty years ago, and in consideration of the current COVID landscape, we have so much to be thankful for. Students are learning face to face in school and our teachers are doing everything possible to build positive relationships among each community of learners.

As much as we love our work and enjoy kids, there is no denying that going to school during this pandemic is really hard. Teaching and learning in the current political landscape where everything is political is also hard. Every member of our staff entered education because we love kids. We love watching kids learn, we love to see them play and have fun, and we love watching them grow from tiny Kindergarten students all the way to mini-adult 6th graders. None of us expected the added challenges of teaching in the current climate.

But, this is where we are for now. Despite the external noise and added consternation we remain resolute in our focus. We are grateful for an incredible staff of professionals who are willing to do everything they can for our Wildcats. We are grateful for district leadership that provides us with the vision, tools, and resources necessary to do our work. We are grateful to be part of a community that understands the importance of education and is committed to supporting its schools.

Take care,  
Erin and Brian

## **Wilson Walkathon 2021**

The Wilson PTO is happy to announce that the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Wilson Walk-a-thon (WAT) will be held on Friday September 24<sup>th</sup> 2021 (rain date is October 1st). Event information and collection packets were sent home with the students earlier this week. The PTO's largest fundraiser, WAT is a FUN and positive way to come together as one and raise money used to support numerous PTO programs, as well as provide resources for our teachers and school. As we did last year, classes will walk the campus and neighboring streets at scheduled times. The schedule for each grade level will be released soon. Don't forget your sunscreen!

Questions? Email Heather Matthews at [hwands@gmail.com](mailto:hwands@gmail.com).

## **Homearama 2021**

Forest Hills families are invited to attend HOMEARAMA 2021 for a day of fun, viewing upscale luxury homes while raising money for the Forest Hills School District! Guests will have an opportunity to tour five fully decorated and beautifully landscaped houses at Parkside Estates at Coldstream in a variety of architectural styles. FHSD families receive discounted tickets. (\$3 off per adult, children 12 and under are FREE!)

- Visit [Cincyhomearama.com](http://Cincyhomearama.com)
- Click on BUY TICKETS
- Select Tickets
- Enter number of tickets
- Highlight the online ticket option at 18.00
- Buy tickets - Enter name, email, address, etc. (Children 12 and under are FREE with a parent)
- Enter the ENTER COUPON CODE which is FHSD2021
- Click on APPLY DISCOUNT CODE and it will give the purchaser \$3 off of the gate price of \$19 or \$16 per ticket
- At the end of HOMEARAMA, FHSD will receive \$3 for every ticket purchased with the code.

**FHSD families are invited to participate in an online Anderson Township Comprehensive Plan survey that will be open until September 13<sup>th</sup>.**

The online questionnaire will gather community feedback regarding goals and initiatives of the Anderson Township Comprehensive Plan and proposals for future land use. For those unable to join the township's "Let's Get Together" Comprehensive Plan open house, The township's survey provides an avenue for feedback and continues through September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Link: <https://www.planning-next.com/lets-get-together/>

**PTO Kroger Gift Card Winners**

Congratulations to Lisa Sullivan and Naomi Van Horn! There is still time to join PTO! Please see below for directions.

**Sherwood Unified Arts Team**

We are excited to announce that the Sherwood Unified Arts Team will be helping us out in Kindergarten and Third Grade this year. Each classroom in Kindergarten and Third Grade will have one of their unified arts courses taught by a Sherwood teacher. Click on the link to see the Sherwood UA Team! [LINK](#)

Third Grade

- Adkins Homeroom - Art with Ms. Lisa Smith
- Downey Homeroom - Media with Mr. Mark Ernst
- Henning Homeroom - P.E. with Mr. Aaron Taylor
- Hyden Homeroom - Music with Ms. Maria Felice Rivers

Kindergarten

- DeLotell Homeroom - Media with Mr. Mark Ernst
- L. Hicks Homeroom - Music with Ms. Maria Felice Rivers
- M. Hicks Homeroom - Art with Ms. Lisa Smith
- Sharrer Homeroom - P.E. with Mr. Aaron Taylor

**Trespassing**

This past week we received complaints from some of our neighbors regarding our Wildcats cutting through backyards on their way to and from school. Please do not allow your child to cut through

properties unless you have received permission. Thanks for your help in taking care of our neighbors.

### **Chorus Opportunities**

For anyone interested in additional choir opportunities, there are two local organizations hosting auditions. Please note that neither of these organizations are sponsored or endorsed by Wilson Elementary or the Forest Hills School District.

[Cincinnati Youth Choir](#)

[Cincinnati Boychoir](#)

### **Counselor's Corner**

Ms. Storer and I were so excited to spend time with each class sharing a social/emotional lesson on Belonging. We read the book "[Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great](#)" by Bob Shea, focused on what important characteristics we all have that make us belong at Wilson and created a school wide "quilt"... [Keep reading here to find out ways to support your children with this important social/emotional learning.](#)

Does your child have worries and nervous moments??

Talk with your child about the skills they are learning every morning during Mindful Music Moments. We all spend about 4 minutes every morning to allow our brains and bodies learn how to relax and be calm. You can log in from home too, to hear the language we use and skills that are being shared.

Mindful Music Moments:

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](#)

Smiles :)

Jean Bode, Wilson School Counselor [jeanbode@foresthills.edu](mailto:jeanbode@foresthills.edu)

### **Final Forms**

If you have not already completed your child's Final Forms account (only about 90% 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](mailto: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.

### **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](mailto:DirectoryAccess.WilsonPTO@gmail.com)

**PTO General Meeting (Virtual)**

Monday, September 13th at 7:00 pm will be our first PTO meeting. Wilson PTO is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Wilson PTO September General Meeting

Time: Sep 13, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87124426404?pwd=eIVmeGo5ZzF0Ky9Ob1RpVXkJQWRZUT09>

Meeting ID: 871 2442 6404

Passcode: 600687

One tap mobile

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### **Friday Rotation**

- Friday, September 17th will be a “Wednesday.”

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **September 13**

- PTO Meeting 7:00 pm (virtual)

#### **September 14**

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#### **September 15**

#### **September 16**

#### **September 17**

- Constitution Day