

September 17, 2021

Wildcat Parents,

We're just one week out from the Walkathon and our fundraising goal is in sight! Coming into this morning our Wildcats have raised \$7,800 and have officially earned a recess jam with DJ Kitten Mittens (aka Mr. Lyons)! Kindergarten is the leading grade level for the most money raised! Remember, if every student in the classroom turns in an envelope by 9/22, that class earns 10 gold cards! Be sure to ask your Wildcat what their class might do with 10 gold cards!

Our Walkathon is the primary revenue generator for PTO. Money raised from the Walkathon is used to fund programming and resources for the entire school year. It's a big deal! Please consider inquiring with your employer to see if they will match donations! We appreciate any and all contributions!

In addition to the Walkathon, next Friday (Sept. 24) is also Fall Fest! We hope to see you Friday evening (6:00-8:00pm) for some fun, food, and fellowship. Fall Fest is always a great opportunity to meet and talk with our Wilson families!

Take care,  
Erin and Brian

### **Fall Fest**

We feel very fortunate to be able to have our Fall Fest event this year. We hope you and your family can join us to celebrate all your Wildcats hard work raising money for the Walkathon!

The event will be completely outdoors (Oct 1 is the rain date). We are taking precautions so while we won't have bounce houses, there will be PLENTY of fun!

**DETAILS:**

Friday, Sept 24 6-8 pm at Wilson Elementary School

**\*\*NOTE:** parking is VERY limited so it is highly encouraged to park at Clough United Methodist Church: 2010 Wolfangel Rd and ride the school bus shuttle. A MASK IS REQUIRED TO RIDE THE SHUTTLE!

Enjoy music, circus-themed games and entertainment, cornhole, spikeball and more outdoor fun!

Food available for purchase, cash or credit:

- Jersey Mike's
- LaRosa's Pizza
- Specialty Cotton Candy from <https://www.facebook.com/sugarlipscottoncandy/>
- Ice Cream bars from Special Neat Treats: <https://www.facebook.com/Special-Neat-Treats-108208874714471>

**Fall Fest Volunteers**

If you're able to volunteer some time to support Fall Fest we could definitely use some more help: [LINK](#)

**Wilson Walkathon 2021**

The Wilson PTO is happy to announce that the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Wilson Walk-a-thon (WAT) is next Friday, September 24 (rain date is October 1st). 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. Questions? Email Heather Matthews at [hwands@gmail.com](mailto:hwands@gmail.com).

Grade	Lunch	Recess	Snowie	Walking	Specials
PM - K	X	X	2:15-2:30	1:40-2:15	X
K	10:55-11:20	11:20-11:45	11:50-12:20	1:40-2:15	12:50-1:35

1	11:30-11:55	11:55-12:20	12:25-12:50	9:30-10:15	2:05-2:50
2	12:00-12:20	12:20-12:40	12:50-1:15	11:00-11:45	2:50-3:35
3	1:15-1:35	1:35-1:55	11:00-11:25	10:15-11:00	11:35-12:20
4	12:50-1:10	1:10-1:30	1:40-2:05	11:45-12:30	10:50-11:35
5	1:40-2:00	2:00-2:20	2:30-2:55	12:30-1:15	10:05-10:50
6	12:25-12:45	12:45-1:05	1:15-1:40	2:30-3:15	9:20-10:05

### **Wilson Ski Club**

Planning for the annual ski club is well underway. Click [here](#) for more information and be sure to visit us at our booth during Fall Fest! Please contact [jillyroddymuse@gmail.com](mailto:jillyroddymuse@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

### **Second and Fourth Grade CogAT Testing**

Ohio's revised standards for gifted education require that all districts offer cognitive testing once during the K-2 grade band and once during the 3-6 grade band. For the 2021-2022 school year, Forest Hills will test in 2nd and 4th grades. The CogAT Test measures the level and pattern of cognitive development of a student compared to age mates and grade mates. These general reasoning abilities, which start developing at birth and continue through early adulthood, are influenced by experiences gained both in and out of school.

All second and fourth graders in the district will take the CogAT assessment. Fourth grade will test October 4-7th, and Second grade will take the test in March. The test itself is divided into 3 subtests, (verbal, non-verbal, and quantitative) and takes approximately 45 minutes for each subtest. Students will complete these subtests over the course of three settings in the classroom. Results from these assessments will be used to identify students who are cognitively gifted. We use this information as a measure for gifted services and support for student learning.

Please visit the Forest Hills website at, <https://www.foresthills.edu/gifted-education.html>, for details regarding gifted services at all grade bands: K-3, 4-6, 7-8, and 9-12. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

### **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. (\$2 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 \$2 off of the gate price of \$18 or \$16 per ticket.
- At the end of HOMEARAMA, FHSD will receive a portion of the proceeds for every ticket purchased with the code.

### **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 :)

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**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. Any questions or problems contact Membership - [DirectoryAccess.WilsonPTO@gmail.com](mailto:DirectoryAccess.WilsonPTO@gmail.com)

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

### **Friday Rotation**

- Friday, September 24th will be a “Thursday.”

### **Upcoming Events**

**September 20**

**September 21**

**September 22**

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**September 24**

- Walkathon