

October 15, 2021

Wildcat Parents,

Yesterday there was an extra bit of excitement at recess as our Wildcats enjoyed one of their final Walk-a-thon rewards - a music/dance session with Mr. Lyons playing some sweet beats! Everyone had a great time working on their best moves! The surprise of the day was staff learning how many 5th and 6th graders requested *Never Gonna Give You Up* by Rick Astley.

Next week the All in Collection Drive begins throughout the district! The local non-profit 9-United is collaborating with the Forest Hills Foundation for Education to support the Inter Parish Ministry in Newtown. Every school has been asked to collect something specific and Wilson will be collecting items related to taco dinners. Please see additional information in our update below.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Take care,  
Erin and Brian

### **3rd Grade State Testing**

Third grade students will take their first round of the state English Language Arts (ELA) test next Wednesday and Thursday. Testing will begin at 9:30am both days. If a 3rd Grade student arrives at school late and testing has already begun, the student will not be permitted to return to the testing room. Instead, the student will have to wait in the office and read (or work on other assignments) until their class has finished testing. Makeup testing sessions will be held next Friday.

### **Halloween Parade**

Our Halloween parade will be on Friday, October 29th at 9:30 am. Students are welcome to wear their costumes to school for the day. Please be advised that students are not permitted to wear or bring

weapons, masks, something gory, or anything that poses a safety hazard. We also ask that costumes not be too scary as Mr. Lyons frightens easily.

### **Halloween Parties**

We will have our Halloween parties on Friday, October 29th. Each grade level has scheduled their parties at a time that works best for them. Unfortunately, we are not able to have parent volunteers at our parties again this year. We appreciate the grade level room reps creating activities for our teachers to do with students during the Halloween parties.

### **School Substitutes Hiring Fairs:**

Are you (or is someone you know) interested in working as a substitute teacher, custodian, food service worker, or administrative assistant in Forest Hills? If so, [CLICK HERE](#) for information regarding an upcoming hiring fair. Our district hires many of our certified and classified substitutes through Comprehensive Sub Solutions, who is hosting this fair and eager to find individuals interested in working in our schools. This is a great chance to learn about opportunities, understand the licensing process, and get any other questions answered.

### **Interim Reports**

Interim Reports go live next Wednesday at 9am. We have included a link on how to access the interims. Please Email [parenthelp@foresthills.edu](mailto:parenthelp@foresthills.edu) if you have any problems. [LINK](#)

### **ALICE Drill**

We are planning to conduct an ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) drill on Friday, October 22nd. It is important we prepare our students and staff with proactive strategies to use in the event an unsafe situation would ever arise at school. Just as we practice for fires, we will practice and walk through what to do if ever there is an unsafe person on campus. All students will practice leaving the building and walk around the perimeter of the school grounds with their teacher to familiarize themselves with their surroundings.

During this time, teachers and students will discuss options they have if ever faced with a situation in which we have to leave the building. Students will not be running to locations, but simply having conversations as they walk the school grounds. Students will be given the opportunity to think creatively and strategically based on conversations that take place. Our goal is to empower our students to make decisions. A book that can be helpful when discussing ALICE with your child is called [I'm Not Scared, I'm Prepared](#). This book is geared toward K-5 students. This powerpoint [ALICE 6th Grade](#) can be used to review safety information that is more geared to 6th grade students.

### **PTO Meeting**

We hope you can join us Monday, October 19th for our PTO meeting at 7:00 pm. Please see the meeting information below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81552605737?pwd=Snk1dmFkN2NIRDlwRkw2eStTdEdidz09>

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### **Counselor's Corner**

We are continuing with this month's Social/Emotional theme about Self Management. Self-management is a broad term but an essential part of social emotional learning. There are many aspects of self-management to include: responsibility for your actions, self-control, self-discipline, goal setting, coping skills, and the ability to adapt to change. [Read more here...](#)

From our Mindful Music Moments partner The Well:

[Heal Well, Learn Well, Read Well, Listen Well, Play Well](#)

Powerful Family Resource from Screenagers Tech Talk Tuesdays:  
[The Talk To Have About Instagram At Home Right Now](#)

Financial need:

There are many opportunities throughout the year I have available for your family if a need might arise. **Currently we are partnering with a community partner to provide boxed Thanksgiving meals with a turkey voucher from Kroger. As well as working for support during Christmas.** If you would like to be confidently included on communications about these offers, please email me.

Smiles :)

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

### **2021 All In Collection Food Drive**

Join us as we help *Feed Families* and *Nourish Souls* during the 2021 All In Collection Drive, October 18-23. Inter Parish Ministry's pantry in Newtown supports many local community members in need! Thanks to the [Forest Hills Foundation for Education](#) and [9United](#) for organizing the All In Collection Drive as we support the [Inter-Parish Ministry](#). We will have 6th Grade leaders volunteering by organizing the collections, reading announcements on the morning announcements, making and hanging posters and loading the collections on Oct. 23rd. The Forest Hills School District has a goal of 12,000 pounds of food and other personal care items donated to Inter Parish Ministry this year!

Wilson will be collecting items related to taco dinners. Below are items that we will be collecting.

### **Taco Items**

Taco shells

Taco seasoning

Black beans

Refried beans

Spanish rice

Salsa

Diced tomatoes

Canned corn  
Tortilla chips  
Fritos  
Flour tortillas

## **GIRL SCOUT NIGHT**

Come make music and find your beat in Girl Scouts! Join us to learn more! This event is on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Anderson Center (7850 Five Mile Rd. Anderson Township, OH 45230 Community Room B) [LINK](#)

Can't make this? Have questions?

Contact Kristen Quimby at 513-619-1414 / [kristenquimby@gsw.org](mailto:kristenquimby@gsw.org)  
or Gretchen Mueller at 513-479-6802 / [gretchenmueller@fuse.net](mailto:gretchenmueller@fuse.net)

*If you prefer a virtual event, see options at [gsw.org/getstarted](https://gsw.org/getstarted).*

## **Anderson Men's Basketball**

Registration for the annual 3-on-3 Classic is underway! See the link for more details: [LINK](#).

## **Bus Behavior**

Last week we shared that there has been an increase in undesirable behaviors on our buses. Next Tuesday staff members (members of our Positive Behavior Intervention and Support team) will board the buses in the morning to review the expectations. We would certainly appreciate any follow-up conversations at home!

## **Volunteers**

We really appreciate those who have been able to volunteer to help sanitize and clean in between lunches and/or help in some classrooms. However, please be advised that when you're volunteering in any capacity, your volunteer status does not grant access to the entire building. Please remain in the designated area and refrain from roaming the building or visiting your other children during lunch or in their classroom. We appreciate your understanding.

## **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Fall conferences are scheduled for October 20 (4:00-7:40pm) and November 1 (8:00am-7:40pm). As with last year, this year's conferences will be held virtually. To sign up for a conference, please visit [www.myconferencetime.com/wilson](http://www.myconferencetime.com/wilson).

## **October Lunch Sign-Up**

If you're able to help our Wildcats during lunches we could use your help. Below is the link for the October lunch sign up. We have added KDG and first grade to the sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0444A9AF29A0F49-wilson1>

## **Enrichment Programs Update**

We all want our students to engage in meaningful and exciting before/after school enrichment activities, so click this link to find out what classes we have to offer! [Enrichment Programs - WILSON PTO \(wilson-pto.com\)](http://wilson-pto.com) This list will be updated with new programs and dates as soon as possible and during the school year, so please visit often to check what's new!

## **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.

Village Connections, a new information sharing and support community, meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Learning Commons at Nagel Middle School. October 13th's "Future Planning - Creating a Purposeful Plan" will center around the things families can do to build a more successful future for their child. See all the topics and dates on the [Parent Resource Coordinator Page](#).

## **Friday Rotation**

- Friday, October 22nd will be a “Wednesday.”

## **Upcoming Events**

### **October 18**

- All In Food Drive
- PTO Meeting 7:00 pm (virtual)

### **October 19**

- All In Food Drive

### **October 20**

- All In Food Drive
- 3rd Grade OST
- Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 to 7:40 pm

### **October 21**

- All in Food Drive
- 3rd Grade OST

### **October 22**

- All In Food Drive
- ALICE Drill