

July 30, 2021

Wildcat Parents,

As the calendar gets ready to roll over to August we start getting excited to see our Wildcats again! Each school year requires a lot of behind-the-scenes work, but the excitement of a new school year is rejuvenating! We hope everyone is able to soak in these last few weeks of summer break!

In our most recent communication we shared some information that elicited several questions that require clarification. First, although we would certainly love to see everyone at the Back to School Bash, we realize that some families (and even staff members) will be out of town. Regardless of the day we choose, there will always be conflicts. Unfortunately, the Bash on the 11th will be the only time available for families to visit classrooms prior to the start of school. Throughout the month of August staff will continue prepping their classrooms and begin attending professional development and other meetings in the run up to the first day of school.

The second clarification is in regards to the New Family Orientation scheduled for August 11. This orientation is intended for new families with students in first through sixth grades. We have quite a few first time Kindergarten families starting with us this fall. There will be a separate Kindergarten Information night for all families (for both new and veteran families) on August 18th.

Over the last 24 hours we have received several inquiries regarding the status of mask-wearing and the continuation of other COVID-19 protocols for the 2021-2022 school year. At this time we do not have any new information to share. Throughout the entire pandemic the district has worked closely with the local, regional, and state officials to provide a learning environment that is as safe as possible for students and staff. We will certainly keep you apprised of any developments or new guidance.

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Supply List for the 2021-2022 School Year

[LINK](#)

Phase In Days for the 2021-2022 School Year

- August 19th: Phase in Day for All students (A-L)
- August 20th: Phase in Day for All students (M-Z)
- August 23rd: ALL students report to school

Ohio Tax Free Weekend

The tax free weekend in Ohio is scheduled for Friday August 6 through Sunday August 8. School supplies and clothing will be exempt from sales and use tax. For more information visit Ohio's Department of Taxation website: [Sales Tax Holiday FAQ](#).

New Staff Members

Mr. Heredia took a position at Nagel as an Innovation Specialist. Although we are sad to see Mr. Heredia leave Wilson, we are excited for him to begin this new chapter! Amanda Adams will be teaching 5th grade math and science this year. Amanda has taught 5th grade previously and we are excited she is joining Wilson. She did some of her undergraduate work at Wilson with Jen DeLotell and Jamie Fulmer. She is thrilled to be back!

We are fortunate to have two intervention aides in our building this school year. We will miss Mrs. Carpenter dearly and wish her the best of luck in her new venture! Lisa Storm and Shannon Platt will be joining us. Shannon worked in the corporate world for 13 years and spent 5 years as a stay-at-home mom. She decided to go back to school to pursue her passion for teaching and earned her Master of Arts in Teaching Elementary Education. Lisa has taught for many years, most recently at Immaculate Heart of Mary. She taught

language arts and has a passion for reading. Be sure to welcome them to Wilson when you see them!

Back to School Bash

Our Back to School Bash will be on Wednesday, August 11th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Students will be able to drop off school supplies to classrooms and/or pick up their Supply Kits (pre-ordered through PTO) as well. Students will be able to see their classrooms too. Please remember that our teachers and staff will still be in the process of setting up their classrooms and getting things organized for the school year. This is not a required event for our teachers and staff. Several of our teachers and staff members will be on vacation during this time.

New Family Orientation (Grades 1 through 6 only)

We will be having an orientation for our new families with students in first through sixth grades on Wednesday, August 11th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. This will take place in the Learning Commons. New students will be given a tour by our Wildcat Ambassadors and will spend time with Mrs. Bode, our school counselor, while our new parents become familiar with important information about Wilson. Kindergarten families will have a separate event on August 18. (see below for more information).

Kindergarten Screening

We want to make sure our kindergarten classrooms are balanced academically, socially and emotionally. On Tuesday, August 10th from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm we will be having our incoming kindergarten students come in and complete a few activities. This will help us create class lists that are balanced. More information to come on this. We will be sending out a communication in which you will be able to sign up for a time.

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.**

Kindergarten Information Night (parents only)

- Wednesday, August 18th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the gym

First Grade Information Night (parents only)

- Tuesday, August 24th from 6:00 to 6:45 pm in the gym

Second Grade Information Night (parents only)

- Thursday, August 26th from 6:00 to 6:45 pm in the gym

Third Grade Information Night (parents only)

- Tuesday, August 31st from 6:00 to 6:45 pm in the gym

Fourth Grade Information Night (parents only)

- Tuesday, August 24th from 7:00 to 7:45 pm in the gym

Fifth Grade Information Night (parents only)

- Thursday, August 26th from 7:00 to 7:45 pm in the gym

Sixth Grade Information Night (parents only)

- Tuesday, August 31st from 7:00 to 7:45 pm in the gym