

April 12, 2024

Wildcat Families,

It was wonderful to see everyone back at school this week! We hope your spring break was restful and rejuvenating as we head into the last seven weeks of the school year!

The spring State testing season kicked off this week as our 5th grade students took the State test in Science yesterday and today. High stakes testing elicits a range of feelings in people, especially kids. At school we like to remind them that it's normal to feel a little nervous before a test. We remind them that they have been working hard and learning so much in class all year long. All we want is for them to do their best, no matter the outcome. We know all of our Wildcats are capable and resilient kids who can handle tough things! In the end, the score someone gets on a test isn't going to tell us the most important things about that person. That score isn't going to tell us how kind they are to others. It's a score that reflects a solitary point in time, nothing more nothing less.

We didn't have the best weather for our Kindergarten students to be on a field trip at Parky's Farm, but they had a wonderful day of hands-on learning! We appreciate all of the volunteers who helped chaperone this field trip to provide such a memorable day for Wildcats! We're especially thankful for our Kindergarten team for planning and organizing such a fun trip!

Next week State testing will begin for the rest of our 3rd through 6th grade students. Please make sure students are well rested and have a good breakfast for their testing days! Please see the schedule below for the specifics.

As we look to close out this school year you will likely notice many year-end activities. We will continue to share those dates and activities throughout these updates in the coming weeks, so be sure to mark those calendars!

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Building Information

State Testing

State testing is upon us for students in Third through Sixth Grades. On testing days, please make sure our Wildcats get plenty of rest and a good breakfast. If students arrive late to school on a testing day they will not be permitted to join the class until testing has concluded for the day. They will need to complete the missed test during a makeup session.

- 3rd Grade:
 - April 18 & 19 (English Language Arts)
 - April 25 & 26 (Math)
- 4th Grade:
 - April 18 & 19 (English Language Arts)
 - April 25 & 26 (Math)
- 5th Grade:
 - April 16 & 17 (English Language Arts)
 - April 23 & 24 (Math)
- 6th Grade:
 - April 16 & 17 (English Language Arts)
 - April 23 & 24 (Math)

Counselor's Corner

Many thanks to our Mindful Music Moments partner, The Well, for spending time with our staff for Wellness Wednesday and also with our 5th graders for Mindful Poetry Moments. Please keep in mind any Wilson family can log into our [MMM portal](#) for resources and to check out the music we listen to each week. PW: mindfulwilson

Looking ahead for resources for Summer Camps, [check out these resources from Mindpeace](#). There are general camps as well as specific camps for:

- General Camps (that accommodate mental health disability)
- Autism
- ADHD
- Horses, Equine Therapy
- Music/Dance/Acting/Art
- Sports
- Swim

Smiles,

Jean Bode jeanbode@foresthills.edu

Electronic Devices (phones and smart watches)

It is really important that students understand that phones and other electronic devices are not allowed to be used on campus. For example, all phones and electronic devices should remain in

backpacks until students return home from school. Phones and electronic devices should not be used on the bus either.

Starting next week, we will be making announcements over the PA to remind students the importance of keeping all devices in their backpacks until returning home from school.

We would appreciate your support and help in reinforcing this expectation. Please talk with your students over the weekend about the importance of keeping all electronic devices away until arriving home from school.

PTO Meeting

We hope you can join us on Monday, April 15 at 7:00 pm in the Wilson iLab for our PTO meeting.

Kentucky Science Center Volunteers

The entire student body will participate in a hands-on science based assembly brought to us by the Kentucky Science Center! We need help facilitating the walk-up station activities. Please consider volunteering your time! Any questions, contact Amy McConaughy via phone (513) 290-0291 or email (amyfmconaughy@gmail.com) or Ally Wehmann (ally.wehmann@gmail.com).

[Volunteer Sign-Up Genius](#)

6th Grade Upcoming Events

There are many 6th Grade Events in April and May and we understand it is hard to attend all events. Below are upcoming 6th grade events. We will share more information as events come about.

- Thursday, April 18: 6th Grade Open House at Nagel 5:30 to 8:00 pm at Nagel
- Friday, April 19: 6th Grade Color Run from 5:00 to 6:30 pm at Wilson
- Friday, April 26: 6th Grade Color Run Rain Date from 5:00 to 6:30 pm at Wilson
- Friday, May 3: 6th Grade Olympics at Anderson High School 9:30 am to 1:00 pm
- Thursday, May 23: 6th Grade Recognition Night at Turpin High School from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm
- Friday, May 24: 6th Grade Clap Out at 3:30 pm (Wilson)
 - Students will be exiting through the third grade doors and parents are welcome to be on the hill out front. We need the sidewalks clear due to buses.

School Supply Kits

School Kits are available for the 24-25 school year. Please see more information below.

[24-25 School Supply Kits](#)

Art Volunteers

We are looking for a few volunteers to help in the art room when the first and second grade students work on their clay projects in April. Please sign up using the link if you are able to help. Thanks in advance!

[Art Room Sign-Up Link](#)

Gifted Resource Fair

A Gifted Resource Fair is taking place at Hamilton County ESC on April 20. Feel free to preview the information below and attend this event if it is something that interests you! [Flyer](#)

Wilson Elementary *Friend of the Children* PTO Award

The *Friend of the Children* award is a way Wilson PTO shows appreciation for an individual or group's effort on behalf of the children.

Possible recipients could be tutors, PTO volunteers, teachers, school staff, administrators, parents, or businesses that have provided our students with exceptional support, or an extraordinary experience.

Complete the [Friend of the Children Google Form](#) to submit a nomination by **Monday, April 22, 2024**. Students are encouraged to make nominations too!

Each recipient of the *Friend of the Children* award will receive a certificate of recognition and be honored at the May PTO meeting.

If you have any questions please contact Katharine Robinson
katharinehrobinson@gmail.com

Morning Arrival Concerns

Keeping our Wildcats safe is our number one priority at Wilson and we need your help. We have our arrival procedures in place each morning and it is important that those procedures are followed. We have noticed many families are letting students out of cars prior to 9:00 am when staff are not yet on duty. Students should not be exiting cars until instructed by a staff member.

Wilson Bricks

Go to the [Wilson PTO Store and Information Forms](#). Once you go here, hover over "Fundraising", which is located at the top of the page. A menu box will drop down and you can click on "Buy a Wilson Brick."

Yearbooks on Sale!

Get your commemorative 2023-2024 yearbook and enjoy memories from this school year. **Deadline to order is April 21st!** Please review the information in the flyer below for more information. If you miss the April 21st deadline, you can place a summer sales order starting at

the end of May. Summer Sales are about \$10 more per book plus shipping since they are printing single books rather than a bulk order.

[Yearbook Flyer](#)

iLab Book Helper Volunteers

Your help is greatly appreciated since we check-in, check-out and reshelve books along with doing STEM activities in the Innovation Lab. Please sign up for your preferred day and time:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49A5AB2EAB9-46412089-innovation>

If you have not volunteered in the learning commons in previous years or completed training, please contact Sara to set up a brief training at the beginning of your volunteer session. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions to Sara at 513-313-3928 or saraostermeier@hotmail.com

Lunch Helpers

We always appreciate our families volunteering whenever your work schedule allows. Below are all of the lunch helper sign ups for the remainder of the year:

- April: [April Lunch Volunteers](#)
 - May: [May Lunch Volunteers](#)
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Restaurant Nights

Take a night off cooking or grab a quick family meal at one of our upcoming Restaurant Fundraisers. You'll support a local restaurant AND the Wilson PTO! Don't forget to mention WILSON!

Wednesday, April 17 | Arthur's on Beechmont @ All Day

Tuesday, April 23 | NVT Pizza & Brew @ 4-10pm

Enrichment Programs

- Chess Club | Does your student enjoy chess? Join the final session of Chess Club on Thursdays starting March 28. Click [HERE](#) to register.
- Cool Critters | Does your student love animals? Join the new session of Cool Critters on Mondays starting April 15th. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

District Information

Half-Day Kindergarten

There is an important change that will impact our Half-Day Kindergarten (HDK) program next school year. Although HDK has traditionally been offered at all elementary schools, due to declining HDK enrollment, effective next school year we will consolidate these low-enrollment classes and will only offer HDK at Summit, Maddux,

and Wilson. Accordingly, HDK students whose home school is Ayer will attend HDK at Summit; students whose home school is Sherwood will attend HDK at Maddux; and students whose home school is Mercer will attend HDK at Wilson. Lastly, based on enrollment, at this time we will only offer HDK during the morning session.

SAVE THE DATE - Forest Hills Foundation for Education

FH5K Pre-Race Party at Wandering Monsters

Thursday, April 18 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Let's kick-off the celebration as a community and come meet Gary, FCC mascot!

10% of all sales will go back to the FH students

Join us for the 15th FH5K on Saturday, May 11 as we “Celebrate Every Victory.”

[Register and Get Involved today!](#)

Summer Camp Resource List by MindPeace

The mental health professionals at MindPeace have created a helpful resource list of summer camp options that accommodate students with mental health needs or students with disabilities. [You can find a link to the list here.](#) The resource list includes general camps available for anyone to participate including youth with disabilities. There are also camps listed for children specifically diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, behavioral challenges, and other disabilities, and it includes options for equine therapy camps, music, dance, sports, and swimming camps.

Community Events

You can also visit our [flyers webpage here](#) that has updates on other fun events and activities, including the following items:

- Anderson Athletic Boosters Summer Camps 2024 | Various Grades K-8 ([Flyer](#) - [Registration Link](#))
 - [Mental Health Webinar Series directed to parents from the Hamilton County ESC](#). The next event is April 23 and discusses social media and protecting children online.
 - Anderson Mental Health Collaborative: Go Green for Mental Health at Big Ash Brewing on April 25, 2024. [Purchase tickets here.](#)
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EMERGENCY AND SUPPORT RESOURCES

- If you, your student, or anyone else you know is in a life-threatening health crisis or emergency, call 911.
 - If you, your student, or anyone else you know is in emotional distress or experiencing a suicidal crisis, call or text 988, available 24/7.
 - If you have concerns about threats to student safety, we urge you to call or text the Safer Ohio School Tip Line at 844-SaferOH. This line is staffed 24/7.
 - If you are seeking additional resources, we encourage you to start at the links below:
 - [MindPeace](#)
 - [FHSD Family Resource List 22-23](#)
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Upcoming Events

K-4 Unified Arts Friday Rotation

Friday, April 19 will be a "Thursday."

April 15

- PTO Meeting 7:00 pm in Wilson iLab

April 16

- Ohio State Test for 5th and 6th Grade ELA (9:30-11:00)
- Wilson News Crew 3:45 to 5:00 pm
- 4th Grade Try It Night at Nagel from 5:30 to 8:30 pm

April 17

- Ohio State Test for 5th and 6th Grade ELA (9:30-11:00)

April 18

- Ohio State Test for 3rd and 4th Grade ELA (9:30-11:00)
- 6th Grade Family Open House at Nagel 5:30 to 8:00 pm

April 19

- Ohio State Test 3rd and 4th Grade ELA (9:30-11:00)
- 6th Grade Color Run 5:00 to 6:30 pm