

April 17, 2026

Wilson Families,

We hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Break and is feeling refreshed, recharged, and ready to finish the school year strong. These next six weeks are likely going to go quickly! As we head toward May, there are so many exciting things happening, so be sure to check out all the updates below.

This week, our 3rd through 6th grade students completed the ELA Ohio State Test, and we could not be more proud of their effort! They showed great perseverance, took their time, and truly worked to demonstrate all that they've learned. Score reports will not come home to families until next fall.

We also had a great Board of Education meeting on Wednesday evening, where we were thrilled to recognize Mana Hale as our Volunteer of the Year! Her dedication and support of Wilson over the past 10 years have made such a meaningful impact on our school community. Be sure to read more about her below. We also loved hearing from one of our 4th grade students, Travis, who proudly represented our Wilson Running Club and shared why it's so important to him. Great job Travis!

State Testing will continue next week for third through sixth grade students, and we appreciate your continued support in helping students feel confident and prepared.

We hope to see many of you at our PTO meeting on Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00 PM in the Wilson iLab. It's a great way to stay connected and involved! Have a fantastic weekend! It definitely feels like we're heading into "Maycember," and we're excited for all that's ahead!

Take care,

Erin and Brian

Building Information

Wilson PTO Meeting: Tuesday, April 21

We hope you can join us THIS Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Wilson iLab for our PTO meeting.

Wilson Volunteer of the Year: Mana Hale

Mana has been a part of our Wilson community for the past 10 years, She has generously given her time, energy, and heart to our school in so many meaningful ways. As our parent representative on the Tier 1 Wilson Way team for 6 years, she has helped bring creativity and joy to our PBIS (Wilson Way) efforts. From hot chocolate parties to popcorn parties and so much more, Mana has played a key role in creating experiences that our students truly look forward to.

Mana has also served as a room parent, supporting teachers and students behind the scenes and helping classrooms run smoothly throughout the year. Her impact doesn't stop there. During Healthy Habits Week, Mana has helped introduce our students to new foods and experiences during Try Something New Tuesday, encouraging them to step outside their comfort zones and try something new.

As a valued part of the Wilson community for the past 10 years, she will truly be missed next year. We are glad we will see her out and about as she continues to be a part of the Forest Hills Foundation for Education.

Upcoming Chorus Concert (5th and 6th Grade)

Join us for our upcoming Choir Concert on Tuesday, April 28th! Our talented students will be sharing a wonderful program that celebrates children's voices from different parts of the world.

The 5th grade choir will perform at 6:00 PM, with singers arriving at 5:45 PM.

The 6th grade choir will take the stage at 7:00 PM, with singers arriving at 6:45 PM.

We hope you can join us for this special evening of music!

Staffing Information and Changes for the 26-27 School Year

As we continue planning for the 2026–2027 school year, we want to share some upcoming staffing changes. Please see the updates below. While transitions can bring a mix of emotions, we are both excited to welcome new staff members to our community and grateful for the contributions of those who will be pursuing new opportunities and adventures. We appreciate your continued support as we navigate these changes together.

[**WILSON STAFFING \(26-27\)**](#)

Ohio State Tests

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:
 - Math: April 28 & 29
 - 4th Grade:
 - Math: April 28 & 29
 - 5th Grade:
 - Math: April 21 & 22
 - Science: April 23 & 24
 - 6th Grade:
 - Math: April 21 & 22
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Wilson Field Day: Save the Date

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 27 for our annual Field Day! We're excited for a fun-filled day where our Wildcats can enjoy time outside, stay active, and make great memories together. The rain date for Field Day is Thursday, May 28. More details coming soon!

Lunch on the Lawn Dates

As we head into April, we're getting excited for one of our favorite Wilson traditions - Lunch on the Lawn! There are two lunch dates to

choose from. Students will eat at their regular lunch time on the front lawn. If you plan to attend, your Wildcats will come meet you outside, so there's no need to come inside the building. If weather forces us to cancel, we'll send an email as early as possible. More information is below.

- Dates:
 - Tuesday, May 5
 - Friday, May 15

- No food delivery sent to the office (DoorDash, UberEats).
- No pets are permitted on campus.
- Students will meet you on the front lawn at their regular lunch time (bring a blanket).
- If the weather dictates we cancel, we will send an email by 10:00am.

[Lunch and Recess Schedule 25-26](#)

Wilson Recess & Lunch			
Grade	Recess Times	Lunch Times	Location
K	10:55-11:20	11:20-11:45	Kitchen Side
1	11:25-11:50	11:50-12:15	Kitchen Side
2	12:15-12:35	12:35-12:55	Kitchen Side
3	1:05-1:25	1:25-1:45	Kitchen Side
4	11:45-12:05	12:05-12:25	Hallway Side
5	11:20-11:40	11:40-12:00	Hallway Side
6	12:25-12:45	12:45-1:05	Hallway Side

Lunch on the Lawn Cancellation Protocols

As we look forward to our *Lunch on the Lawn* events, we want to share some important information about what happens when weather doesn't cooperate.

When we need to cancel Lunch on the Lawn due to weather, we are unable to accommodate families inside the cafeteria because of limited space. We know this can be disappointing, but we appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to keep all students safe and ensure a smooth lunch period for everyone.

If you're planning to drop off lunch for your child on any day, especially when the weather is uncertain, please make sure the lunch is clearly labeled with:

- Your child's first and last name
- Their grade level
- Their teacher's name

This helps us ensure every student receives their lunch quickly and efficiently. We also want to reassure you that we have plenty of food available through our cafeteria, so students are always welcome to order lunch if needed. If the forecast looks questionable, it's a good idea to plan ahead and have your child pack a lunch or buy from the cafeteria, just in case the event is canceled.

We understand that canceling *Lunch on the Lawn* is never ideal and not a decision we make lightly. Thank you for being flexible and

understanding as we do our best to manage these events in a way that's safe and enjoyable for all.

Parent Input for 26-27 Class Placement Consideration

Parents are welcome to provide information to school staff regarding their child's placement for the coming school year. This information **must be received by April 24, 2026 at 3:00pm**, as we will begin to generate class lists for the 26-27 school year. If you are so inclined, we ask that you provide any information regarding your child's social, emotional, and/or academic background that may assist us in making the most appropriate class placement for next year. Completion of this form is completely optional. Please refrain from making requests for specific teachers as we are unable to honor your request.

Please complete one form per child.

[PARENT INPUT FORM](#)

6th Grade Recognition Information

Please read the information below carefully as you plan for Recognition Night.

When: Wednesday, May 27, 2026

Location: Turpin Auditorium

Time: 6:00pm to 7:30 pm (Doors will not open until 5:30 pm).

Arrival Time: Students arrive and gather in the Turpin Cafeteria at 5:30 pm.

6th Grade Clap Out

We are excited to celebrate our amazing 6th grade students with a Clap Out on their last day of school (Friday, May 29)! This special tradition will take place at 3:30 PM at the end of the school day.

To ensure the event runs smoothly and safely for all students, staff, and families, we ask that you please follow the guidelines below:

- Families must gather on the hill by the outdoor learning space.
- Do not stand on the sidewalk or in the bus loop. These areas need to remain clear for students and buses.

Please be respectful of these guidelines so we can provide a safe and celebratory experience for everyone involved. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we honor our 6th graders and give them a memorable send-off to the next chapter of their educational journey.

Volunteers/Chaperones

If you are interested in volunteering in classrooms, the copy room, or on field trips, you must complete a background check through the district's Raptor System. Background checks are good for 5 years. If you are unsure if your background check is up to date, please contact [Lynn](#) in the main office.

- [Complete online process via Raptor System](#) (includes background check).
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Counselor's Corner

Guiding your child in social conflicts:

Counselor Keri is one of my favorite resources. Recently, she shared some guiding questions that can resolve and avoid social conflicts in a healthy way. [Check out more here.](#)

Healthy Habits Week Review:

On Wednesday before spring break, we encouraged kids to try a new food item. Many kids seemed to enjoy our selection, so I thought I would share the list of items again, in case you would like to try more at home. [Here is a list of the items and an overview of the week.](#) The FHSD Elementary School Counselors coordinated Healthy Habits Week.

Our wonderful **Blue Card Book Mobile** is in need of some new or slightly used books for Kindergarten - 3rd-grade readers. If you have any you would like to donate, please send them in or drop them off at the iLab or to me.

Just ask! Please reach out to me if I can do anything for your family. Smiles 😊 Jean Bode jeanbode@foresthills.edu

PTO Information

Before / After-School Enrichment Programs

Check out the before and after-school learning opportunities and make sure to communicate with your student's teacher if they are participating in a program!

[Volleyball Session 2](#) - MONDAYS, April 27, May 11 and 18, 3:50 - 5:00

Another chance to learn the game or continue growing your skills!

[Yoga \(Grades 3-6 \)](#) - MONDAYS, April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 3:50-4:50

Enjoy the spring weather while learning the art of yoga with this outdoor program!

Restaurant Nights

Support the Wilson PTO, local businesses, and make dinner easy by stopping by one of these restaurant nights! Don't forget to mention Wilson!

Sunday, April 19 : NVT Pizza & Brew 11am-8pm

PTO Friend of Children Recognition

Wilson PTO would love to show our appreciation for an individual or group's effort on behalf of the Wilson Students. This award recognizes individuals, groups, and community organizations that have gone above and beyond for our students.

Nominate Tutors, PTO volunteers, scout leaders, teachers, school staff, administrators, parents, or businesses that have provided our students with exceptional support.

Submit a nomination here: <https://forms.gle/poJV9ugGPTfWLP8>

6th Grade Updates

5/19, 10am-2pm: FHSD 6th Grade Olympics at Anderson High School (students must wear rainbow tie dye). We will need parent volunteers so look for a signup coming soon. Volunteers must be available 5/19 AND 5/21 (the event rain date).

Pictures for 6th Grade slideshow

Each student needs 2 pictures of your student over the years (label them students last name) and group photos (at Wilson events in the school or on field trips) [ADD PICS HERE](#) Our volunteer is beginning to work on the video and would love your images ASAP!

Lunch Menu for April

- [April Lunch Menu](#)
 - Link for [ALL BUILDING MENUS](#)
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K-6 Cafeteria Helpers

If you're interested in volunteering, please use this link to sign up for April.

- April [LINK](#)
 - May [LINK](#)
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District Information

Superintendent Search Update

The Board of Education met Wednesday to evaluate applications for the superintendent position! The search, which is being done in partnership with the search team at the Hamilton County Educational Service Center, began with a three-week community engagement and input process. There are also upcoming ways for the community to get involved and stay engaged! [Visit our superintendent search webpage for the most accurate and up-to-date information.](#)

Community Bike Rodeo on May 2

This FREE event is open to the public and includes free giveaways, bike safety tips, games, an obstacle course and more! Thank you to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and Anderson Township for organizing this great event! Join us at Nagel MS (front parking lot) on Saturday, May 2 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. [Click here to learn more.](#)

4th Grade Families: Take Advantage of History Pass for Free Museum Entry

Did you know the America 250-Ohio Commission supports a Fourth Grade History Pass? This allows fourth grade students in Ohio to visit different museums across the state free of charge with a paying adult? Locally, this includes the Cincinnati Museum Center, Tri-State

Warbird Museum and several other great spots. [Learn more and download the pass here.](#)

Forest Hills Foundation for Education

The FH5K is in 3 weeks! You don't want to miss this. Let's come together to celebrate spring and healthy habits while supporting all Forest Hills students! You can run, walk, volunteer, cheer, donate...there are many ways to participate. We hope to see you at Nagel Middle School on May 9th. Register for the 5K [here](#). Sign up to volunteer [here](#). Small Steps. Big Impact.

High School Musical Productions | April 30-May 3

Anderson and Turpin students take the stage in a few short weeks with what are sure to be amazing performances! Click the links below to learn more about the shows and to purchase tickets.

- Anderson Theatre (May 1-3) presents [Guys and Dolls](#) (find ticket information [here](#))
 - Turpin Theatre (April 30-May 3) presents [Rodgers and Hammerstein's Oklahoma!](#)
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Community Events

[Click here to visit the flyers page](#) to learn more about opportunities like:

- [Anderson Gymnastics Camp | Girls Entering Grades 1-5 | June 1-3](#)

- [Anderson Theater and Film Summer Camp | Grades 3-8 | June 8-12](#)
 - [Learning Aid Ohio | Free Tutoring Available for Students on IEPs \(see flyer for restrictions and application process\)](#)
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Upcoming Events

K-4 Unified Arts Rotation

- Friday, April 24 will be a “Thursday.”
- Friday, May 5 will be a “Monday.”

Apr. 20

Apr. 21

- 5th & 6th Grade OST (Math) Part 1
- PTO Meeting in the Wilson iLab at 7:00 pm

Apr. 22

- 5th & 6th Grade OST (Math) Part 2

Apr. 23

- 5th Grade OST (Science) Part 1
- Kindergarten Field Trip to the Cincinnati Museum Center

Apr. 24

- 5th Grade OST (Science) Part 2
- Wilson Reds Game 6:40 pm

