

August 1, 2025

Welcome to the 25-26 school year! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer break so far, and have an opportunity for fun in these last few weeks before school starts! We are thrilled to welcome our new students and families to Wilson. To our returning students, welcome back! Each new school year brings opportunities for new friendships, experiences, and discoveries, and we look forward to a year filled with these wonderful moments.

Our dedicated staff has been working hard over the summer to prepare for the upcoming year. We are excited to introduce some new faces to our team! Please see below for more information about our newest staff members. They are fantastic additions to our school community.

We have a lot of important information in our parent update each week. All communication will go out each Friday at 9:30 am. We know how busy families are, but we would certainly appreciate you taking the time to read through all we have to share with you.

Take care,

Erin and Brian

Building Information

Same Principal, New Name

Our principal, Ms. Erin Storer, got married this past October (October 26) and has officially changed her name to Mrs. Erin Sines.

While her name may be different, everything else you know and love about her remains the same. We understand that families and students have known her as “Mrs. Storer” for many years, and we know it will take some time for everyone to adjust.

Extended Support Classrooms at Wilson

We have several new team members of special education providers who will be supporting our expanded Extended Support Classrooms this year. Two classrooms were added to Wilson last year and we are adding a third classroom this year. These classrooms are designed to support the district's continuum of services in special education. These are district classrooms, serving students from three of our six elementary buildings.

Staffing Updates

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we want to share some staffing updates within our Wilson community. We've had a few changes as team members take on new opportunities, and we're thrilled to welcome new faces to our building. Please read below to learn more about these transitions and additions to our staff.

Wilson School Psychologist

We want to share that Denise Weber, our former school psychologist, has accepted a position at the Loveland Early Childhood Center. This new opportunity allows her to work closer to home and focus exclusively on preschool students—a role that brings her tremendous joy and fulfillment.

While we will miss her at Wilson, we are excited to welcome Hayley Lippowitsch as our new school psychologist. We look forward to the expertise and care she will bring to our students, staff, and families.

Hayley grew up in Indianapolis, Indiana, alongside her younger sister. She completed her undergraduate studies at Miami University and earned her graduate degree from the University of Cincinnati. While attending Miami, she met her now-husband, a Forest Hills graduate. They were married in the fall of 2022 and share their home with a golden retriever named Bauer. In November 2024, they welcomed their first child, a daughter named Madelyn. Hayley is currently enjoying her first summer as a new mom! Outside of work, Hayley loves staying active, spending time with family and friends, traveling, and trying new restaurants. Some of her favorite treats include cookies and cream ice cream, Dot's pretzels, sushi, and Chick-fil-A. She's excited to be part of the Wilson team!

Wilson Music Teacher

Caleb Orr, our current music teacher, has accepted a position teaching 6th–8th grade choir in the Talawanda School District. Caleb and his wife recently purchased a home in Fairfield, and this new role brings him closer to home. While we will greatly miss him and the energy, talent, and dedication he brought to our music program, we are excited for him as he begins this new chapter.

With that said, we are fortunate to welcome Bethany Hamann to Wilson as our new music teacher. We look forward to the passion and experience she will bring to our school community. With 17 years of experience teaching elementary music, most recently at Crossroads Elementary in Campbell County, Beth Hamann brings both passion and dedication to the music role. Beth holds a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music and a Master's degree in Music Education from the University of Kentucky. She is also certified in Orff-Schulwerk and World Music Drumming. Beth is a proud mother of three daughters, all of whom attend Forest Hills Schools. It's a

privilege for her to serve the very community she lives in and cares so deeply about. Music has always been her passion, and she is thrilled to share that love with Wilson students while working alongside such a dedicated team of educators!

Wilson ESC Intervention Specialist

We're excited to share that Wilson is adding a third Extended Support Classroom to better meet the needs of our students. Amy Hippert has accepted the position as the intervention specialist for this new classroom, and we couldn't be happier!

Amy's experience and dedication make her a perfect fit for this role, and we look forward to the positive impact she will have on our students and school community. Amy grew up in Columbus, Ohio and moved to Cincinnati after graduating from Wittenberg University. She started teaching as an intervention specialist in Creekside Middle School in Fairfield. Amy spent the last two years working in Mt. Healthy High School as a resource room teacher and transition coordinator. In her free time, she enjoys reading, working out, going to sporting events, and spending time with her kids Jacob (11), Jordan (9), and Johnny (7). She is excited to join Wilson Elementary and be a part of Forest Hills School District.

Wilson ESC Intervention Specialist

Rhonda Russo, our ESC intervention specialist, has made the decision to retire in order to spend more time with her family. Rhonda brought so much joy and positivity to Wilson, and her presence will certainly be missed by students and staff alike.

We are excited to welcome Rachel Sprague into this role and look forward to the care and commitment she will bring to our school community. Rachel will be joining our ESC team as an intervention

specialist. Rachel is filling the position that Rhonda Russo had as an IS for one of our Extended Support Classrooms. This will be Rachel Sprague's 4th year teaching. Rachel has spent the last two years with students who have moderate-severe disabilities in Covington. Before that, she taught in Lexington, KY (go Cats!) doing mild-moderate special education. Outside of work, she spends her time volunteering at Cincinnati Animal CARE, trying new coffee shops/restaurants and reading. She is excited to join the Wilson community!

ESC Paraprofessional

We are excited that Stephanie Flake is joining the Wilson team as a paraprofessional in the Extended Support Classrooms. Education has always been a big part of Stephanie's life. Stephanie has had a fun and unique journey, from teaching surgeons how to use medical equipment to, most recently, being a preschool teacher at Mt. Washington Presbyterian Preschool. She is also a proud alum of the Forest Hills School District. Stephanie lives in Anderson with her husband, Bryan, and three daughters, Scotlynn (7th grade), Harlow (5th grade) and Isla (1st grade). Scotlynn graduated from Wilson last year and Harlow and Isla are currently at Wilson.

Wilson Health Aide

Rachel Moeller, our current health aide, has accepted a position as an RN at Nagel Middle School. Rachel has done an incredible job supporting our students, staff, and families, and while we will miss her greatly, we're excited for her as she takes on this new opportunity.

We are also thrilled to welcome Hope Grau to Wilson as our new health aide. We look forward to the care and support she will bring to our school community. Hope is extremely excited to join our team as the full time Health Aide at Wilson! She has previously been subbing as a health aide throughout the entire district. However, her

heart belongs in the elementary school setting. Hope holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati and her background includes pharmaceutical and medical supply sales prior to becoming a stay-at-home mom to her two Wilson Wildcats, Graham (2nd) and Honor (K). Outside of school she enjoys spending time with her husband Chris and attending their children's sporting events. She is a huge Bengals fan and enjoys a great coffee, trying new restaurants, staying active, and catching up on her favorite shows. Hope is passionate about creating a safe, caring environment for students and supporting their health and well-being throughout the school day.

Wilson Registered Nurse

We're pleased to welcome Cailey Hamilton to Wilson as a part-time registered nurse. Cailey will be supporting several of our students with specific medical needs, and we're grateful to have her expertise on our team. She has been a registered nurse for two and a half years and earned her bachelor's degree from The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Cailey has experience working on a medical-surgical floor in the joint and spine unit at Christ Hospital, as well as in a doctor's office setting. In her free time, she enjoys volunteering with children at her church and is excited about the opportunity to work in an elementary school environment!

Save the Date: Back to School Bash

We will host our Back to School Bash on Tuesday, August 19 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. This is a great opportunity for families to visit classrooms, socialize with friends and drop off any school

supplies. This is an open house format, so please visit whenever your schedule permits.

New Family Orientation

If your family is new to Wilson (this doesn't include our kindergarten families), we will host a brief new family orientation on August 19 from 6:00pm to 6:30 pm in the Wilson iLab. During this orientation, our new students will have a short activity and an opportunity to tour the building with our School Counselor and our Sixth Grade Ambassadors while our new families learn more about Wilson.

Medication Drop-Off for the 25-26 School Year

If your child will require medication during the school day, a new medication permission form must be completed each school year. Each medication requires a separate form.

[Medication Permission Form](#)

Please bring your students medication in the original, labeled container along with the completed medication permission form signed by the physician and parent.

Hope Grau our Health Aide will be at Wilson on Tuesday, August 19 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am and from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. She will also be at Wilson on Wednesday, August 20 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am and 1:30 to 3:00 pm if you would like to drop off your child's medication.

Mrs. Grau will also be available from 4:30 to 6:00 pm at our Back to School Bash on August 19. After these drop off times, medication can be brought to the health office during school hours

2025-2026 Academic Calendar

The entire calendar for next year is available here: [25-26 CALENDAR](#).

Phase-in Days will take place in the following order:

- August 21, 2025: Last names A-L
 - August 22, 2025: Last names M-Z
 - August 25, 2025: All students report
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Wilson School Supply List

Many families will drop off school supplies on the night of the Back to School Bash so their children do not have to carry a heavy backpack on the first day. Here is a link to the supply lists for all of the grade levels. [Wilson Supply List 2025-2026](#)

Save the Date: Kindergarten Screenings

A separate communication went out to our kindergarten families on July 18 with information related to kindergarten and how to schedule a kindergarten screening.

If you did not receive this communication, please reach out to Lynn Augenstein, Administrative Assistant (lynnaugenstein@foresthills.edu).

PTO NEWS

2025-2026 Room Representative Volunteers Needed

A great way to get involved at Wilson is to volunteer as your child's classroom representative. In this role, you will be tasked with collaborating with your child's homeroom teacher to plan class parties and volunteer chances. You will coordinate opportunities to thank your teacher for their hard work throughout the year (birthday, holiday, and end of year). If interested, please fill out the form in the link below. The max of two room reps will be assigned per teacher.

[Room Rep Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

For any questions please reach out to Jill Munninghoff at Jillian.Groszek@gmail.com

Back to School Supply Kits

If your family ordered school supply kits last spring, those supplies will be delivered to your child's classroom for the Back to School Bash (August 19).

District Information

Back-to-School Reminders Article

We put together a helpful article with reminders, frequently requested links, important updates and more! [Check it out here.](#)

Share Your Opinion on the Potential Beech Acres Project

The Anderson Park District, Anderson Township Government and Forest Hills School District are collaborating on a Community Engagement Study to explore future possibilities for approximately 23 acres of land adjacent to Beech Acres Park. [Click here to take the online survey to share your thoughts!](#)

Calendars are Updated for 2025-2026

Click the links below to access the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar and the individual event and activity online calendars for each school!

- [Academic Calendars](#)
- [Event and Activity Calendars](#)

Elementary Parent Guides

Get a jump start on what to expect with next year's academic experience and learning expectations in our Parent Guides for grades K-6! You can find these helpful resources, which also contain tips for family learning activities, on the [FHSD PK-6 Resources webpage](#).

Community Events

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

- [Anderson Township Youth Sports back-to-school shopping coupon](#)

Upcoming Events

Aug. 1

- Wilson office reopens Monday through Friday.

Aug. 12

- Kindergarten Screenings 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Aug. 18

- Teacher PD (No School for Students)
- Kindergarten Information Night 5:30 pm in Wilson Gym

Aug. 19

- Teacher PD (No School for Students)
- Back to School Bash 4:30 to 6:30 pm
- New Family Orientation 6:00 to 6:30 pm

Aug. 20

- Teacher Work Day (No School for Students)

Aug. 21

- Phase-In Day for Students (Last Names A-L Only)

Aug. 22

- Phase-In Day for Students (Last Names M-Z Only)

Aug. 25

- First Day of School for ALL Students