

August 15, 2025

We can hardly believe that next week is already our Back to School Bash, Kindergarten Information Night, New Family Orientation, and of course the first days of school! August always seems to fly by as we hang onto the last little bit of summer! We truly appreciate all you're doing to help your children get ready for the 2025–2026 school year.

As we prepare to welcome students back, we want to share how much we value the partnership between home and school. We believe that relationships are the foundation for everything we do, both the relationships we build with our students and the connections we create with our families. When we work together, communicate openly, and support one another, we give our students the very best chance to grow, learn, and thrive.

If you have any questions big or small, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are here to help and want to make sure the year gets off to a smooth and positive start for everyone.

We can't wait to welcome our students back into the building soon! We're looking forward to seeing you all next week.

Take care,

Erin and Brian

Building Information

Back to School Bash (Open House)

The Back to School Bash is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19 from 4:30 to 6:30pm. We welcome students and their families to

visit the classrooms and drop off any school supplies (to make the first day backpack much lighter). The event is an open house format, but things are typically less crowded towards the end.

Mrs. Augenstein will be available in the main office to receive any school fees if you would like to avoid any online credit card fees.

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. Both parents and students are encouraged to attend. During this orientation our new students will have a short activity and an opportunity to tour the building with our Sixth Grade Ambassadors. While the students are touring the building the new parents will spend time learning more about Wilson and operational logistics.

Bus Route Information and A Call For Bus Helpers

Wilson will most likely have some new bus routes and bus numbers. Information regarding students' pickup and drop off times will be released by Monday. New this year, families will receive an email notification from Stopfinder, an all-in-one bus routing system. Route information will be available for families within the Stopfinder App. It's recommended to check the route information regularly the first couple weeks of school, as minor adjustments may be made to bring greater efficiency to daily

routes. If you have any transportation-related questions, it's best to contact the Transportation Department directly at (513) 231-3335.

As a reminder, the buses typically run a little slower than normal the first few days of school as the kids and drivers get used to the routes.

For the first several days of school we will have bus volunteers (click here if you're interested in helping: [BUS HELPERS](#)) supporting Kindergarten and First grade students off the bus in the mornings, and to the bus in the afternoons. We will always get our littlest Wildcats off the bus and onto the bus first.

Parent Drop off and Pickup Procedures

We will use the same process as we have the past few years. New to Wilson families will receive a car tag (veteran Wilson families should continue to use the same tag). For a visual of the process, click here: [DROP OFF & PICK UP TRAFFIC FLOW](#).

- Morning Drop Off
 - Enter the parking lot closest to Wolgangel and keep to the right.
 - You may begin to form two rows only after passing the endmost point of the parking lot (to keep a lane open for cars to exit).
 - Vehicles will be held in the queue in the driveway perpendicular to the school.
 - Vehicles will move into the unloading zone as directed by staff. Once in the unloading zone, please put your vehicle in "Park".

- **Students may only exit their vehicle when given the 'thumbs up' from staff.**
 - Once all students have exited their vehicles cars may only leave the unloading zone once directed by staff.
 - Please refrain from parking in the lot and walking your student to the door.
 - **Afternoon Pick Up**
 - Vehicles should enter the driveway the same way as during drop off.
 - Kindergarten students will be walked to their cars by a staff member (be sure to have your parking tag visible).
 - First through Sixth grade students will be assisted by staff in finding their vehicle. We will load as many vehicles as we can, however, if your car is beyond the sidewalk we will have the students wait by the benches.
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Lunch with Students

We are excited that our families are able to have lunch with our Wildcats, and we love having our families in the building. In saying that, it is important that our students have time to adjust to the routines and procedures at school while building relationships with their teachers and peers. **Families will be able to begin eating lunch with their Wildcats starting Monday, September 29.** Below is the lunch schedule so you can plan accordingly. We appreciate your understanding and support! Click here to see the daily lunch schedule: [2025-2026 RECESS AND LUNCH SCHEDULE](#).

Kdg & First Grade Cafeteria Helpers

As our youngest Wildcats settle into the new school it's extremely helpful to have additional adults in the cafeteria to support students. If you're interested in volunteering, please use this link to sign up: [PARENT LUNCH HELPERS](#).

Unified Arts Schedule

The daily unified arts schedule and Friday rotation is linked here: [2025-2026 UNIFIED ARTS](#).

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 available to receive medications on the following days and times:

- Tuesday, August 19
 - 9:30 to 11:30am
 - 1:30 to 3:00pm
 - 4:30 to 6:00pm

- Wednesday, August 20
 - 9:30 to 11:30am
 - 1:30 to 3:00pm
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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](#)

Wilson Cub Scout Pack 867

Interested in joining Cub Scouts? The first Pack meeting of the school year is Tuesday, August 26th, at 6:30pm at Clough United Methodist Church- 2010 Wolfangel Rd.

Join us to learn more, register your scout, and participate in olympic style games!

The Scouts welcome K-5th grade boys and girls!

Contact wilsonpack867@gmail.com or kglaser09@gmail.com for more information.

PTO NEWS

Join the PTO for the 25/26 School Year!

The Wilson PTO supports our wonderful school, enhances student experience, and fosters community. Joining does not mean you have to volunteer (but we would LOVE to have you!). You get access to the directory and access to PTO communications.

Sign up before or at the Back to School Bash and receive a Willie Magnet! [CLICK HERE](#) to update your info, join the PTO (\$12), and complete the PTO emergency form (required to participate in PTO-sponsored activities).

PTO General Meetings

PTO meetings will be on Tuesdays! We would love to have you join us for our first meeting on September 16th at 7:00pm in the Wilson iLab.

PTO Event Shirts

PTO provides t-shirts for students to wear during special events such as Walkathon and field trips. In an effort to save on costs, we will be reusing the design from previous years (blue shirt with "Wilson Wildcats" on the front). Please fill out the form below for each student

ONLY if they need a shirt. Note: ALL 6TH grade students need to order a shirt since it will be different from last year.

[Event t-shirt order form](#)

Wilson PTO Room Reps Communication OPT OUT

Wilson PTO Room Reps will communicate with homerooms to share information on parties, class events, etc. If you want to OPT OUT of communications from them, [please fill out this form](#) by Sept 30.

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

District Information

Look Out for Bus Stop Details

Keep an eye out for bus stop information that will be shared via email in the coming days! **This email notification will be delivered via [Stopfinder](#), an all-in-one bus routing information system for families. The email will be sent to the first parent/guardian contact that is listed in Final Forms.** We are introducing this new routing software for the 2025-2026 school year to help improve our transportation department's efficiency and to better serve families who utilize our school bus services.

Support the Arts by Joining Forest Hills Band Boosters

Forest Hills Band Boosters serves all students in FHSD band programs from grades 5 through 12! You can learn more about the organization and options to join [on their website here](#). You can [visit this page to find ways to get involved through volunteer opportunities](#).

Back-to-School Pet Adoption & Community Event @ Sherwood

The Sherwood Arrows of Kindness service initiative is partnering with the League for Animal Welfare to sponsor a special adoption event. The Sherwood PTO invites the whole community to join us to celebrate the new school year! Grab donuts and coffee, snuggle with adoptable dogs and cats, and check out local pet vendors.

The event will be held at Sherwood Elementary on Saturday, Aug. 23, from 10am-1pm!

Turpin Cheer Youth Camp

All children in grade K-8 are invited to participate in the Turpin Cheer Youth Camp on August 20 & 21! Participants will be able to perform at the Turpin football game on August 22! This camp is led by the wonderful THS cheerleaders, and registration information [can be found at this link](#).

Community Events

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

- Forest Hills Lady Hawks Basketball: Calling all 3rd–6th grade girls who love basketball! Registration for the 2025–2026 season is now open! [Link to register for evaluations on Sept. 6](#). Check out an [informational flyer here](#).

Upcoming Events

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