We had such a great turnout at our Back to School Bash Tuesday evening! Thank you to our wonderful PTO for planning and coordinating such a positive and fun start to the 2025–2026 school year! It was a joy meeting many of our new families, and we know you are going to love being part of our Wilson community! It truly is a great place to be!

Yesterday we welcomed students for our first phase-in day, and today we continue with our second phase-in group. Our Wildcats, teachers, and staff have already shown incredible energy and excitement, and we know everyone will be ready for a well-deserved weekend of rest after two busy mornings of early alarms and hard work!

We are looking forward to our first full week of school together next week. Thank you for your continued support as we kick off what we know will be a fantastic year at Wilson!

Take care,

Erin and Brian

# **Building Information**

#### Counselor's Corner

Welcome back to a new school year! We are kicking off our school year with a celebration. Last spring, our 5th-grade teachers and our Mindful Music Moments partner, <a href="The Well">The Well</a>, collaborated for a Mindful Poetry session. 53 of our Wildcats had

their poems selected to be published in the Mindful Poetry Moments book! There is a copy in the front office and the 5th and 6th grade rooms, if you would like to check out our poets!

There will be opportunities for support throughout this year. If you are interested, please contact me directly or <u>fill out this</u> confidential form.

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

### **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.

• <u>Complete online process via Raptor System</u> (includes background check).

# Bus Volunteers for Kindergarten and First Grade

For the first several days of school we will have bus volunteers (click here if you're interested in helping: <u>BUS HELPERS</u>) 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: <a href="DROP OFF & PICK UP TRAFFIC FLOW">DROP OFF & PICK UP TRAFFIC FLOW</a>.

# 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 and pull as far forward as you can.
   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.

#### **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: <u>PARENT LUNCH HELPERS</u>.

#### **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**.

# Rock the Stands at Turpin High School

Rock the Stands is scheduled for the September 5 football game against Walnut Hills. Discounted tickets (\$5.00 +credit card fee) for adults and students are available for presale only. Tickets purchased on gameday after 3:00pm are not eligible for the discount. To purchase tickets, follow these steps.

- 1. Click on: <u>Turpin Football Tickets</u> via Hometown Ticketing.
- 2. Enter the desired number of **PRESALE TICKETS**.
- 3. At checkout, enter the promotion code **RockTheStands2025** and press **Apply**.

Our Wildcats will have the opportunity to line up on the field prior to kickoff as the Spartans take the field. Students wishing to participate should meet in the north endzone at 6:45. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:00pm.

#### **PTO NEWS**

# **Before / After-School Enrichment Programs**

<u>Acceleration Training</u> - MONDAYS, Sept. 8 - Nov. 10, 3:45 - 4:45pm. The program is designed for students in grades 3–6.

<u>Spanish</u> - WEDNESDAYS, Sept. 10 - Dec. 17, 8:05 - 9:05am Learn Spanish with friends BEFORE school! Grades K-6.

<u>PIVO Academy</u> – TUESDAYS, Sept. 9 - Oct. 21, 3:45 - 4:45pm A fun, fast-paced futsal program that builds ball control, creativity, and confidence through small-sided games. Open to all grades.

<u>Enriching Kidz: Home Alone</u> - MONDAYS, Sept. 22 & 29, 3:45 - 5:45 For Students in grades 4 - 6.

<u>Happy Racquets</u> - THURSDAYS, Sept. 11 - Oct. 23, 3:45 - 5:00 Learn the games of pickleball and tennis while having fun with friends!

# **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!

- Tuesday, Sept. 9: NVT Pizza & Brew 4-8pm
- Wednesday, Sept. 17: Chipotle [ Anderson Town Center ]
  5-9pm
- Monday, Sept. 22: Raising Cane's 3-10pm

### 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! <u>CLICK HERE</u> 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.

### Fall Musical

The Wilson PTO, in collaboration with Performing Arts Inc., is excited to host auditions for students in 4th through 6th grades for *Shrek Jr*. Click here for more information as well as to sign up for an audition: PTO THEATRE.

# 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**

# **Library Book Checkout Options for Families**

As we begin a new school year, we want to make you aware of an option regarding school library checkouts. By default, students are able to independently select books with the support of our trained library staff. However, families who prefer to review and approve each book before it is checked out may choose to complete an opt-out form for their child. No action is needed if you wish for your student to self-select books. More information and the form are available at this link.

# **Bus Route Information via Stopfinder**

As a follow up to the district-wide email notification earlier this week, families should be able to access their student's bus route information in the Stopfinder app. Registration emails from Stopfinder were delivered earlier this week to a parent of all students who are scheduled to receive transportation services this school year. The information shared in our email has been posted to our <u>bus routes</u> webpage for easy access.

#### School-Based Mental Health Partners

Starting this school year, FHSD is partnering with Necco (elementary) and Cincinnati Children's (secondary) to serve as our official school-based therapy partners. If you are interested in learning more about optional services for your student, please visit our website for a brief overview of the partnership and to find links for service referrals for each school.

# Final Reminder - Take the Beech Acres Engagement Survey!

Anderson Park District, Anderson Township and FHSD are collaborating on a Community Engagement Study to explore future possibilities for approximately 23 acres of land adjacent to Beech Acres Park. All community members are invited to participate in an online engagement survey, which you can find at this link. The survey closes Aug. 24 at 11:59 p.m.

### **Community Events**

<u>Click here to visit the flyers page</u> 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! <u>Link to register for evaluations on Sept. 6.</u> Check out an <u>informational flyer here</u>.

# **Upcoming Events**

#### K-4 Unified Arts Rotation

Friday, August 29 will be a "Tuesday."

# Aug. 22

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

# Aug. 25

• First Day of School for ALL Students

Aug. 26

Aug. 27

Aug. 28

Aug. 29

# Sept. 1

• Labor Day: No School for staff and students