

August 25, 2023

Wildcat Families,

We really enjoyed having ALL students in the building this week! We know it has been a long week for everyone as we get back onto the "school schedule", so we hope everyone is able to rest up this weekend! We'd like to give a huge thank you to our PTO and parent volunteers for helping our Wildcats and staff this week! We appreciate all of the help in assisting our Kindergarten and First Grade students getting off the bus each morning, helping out in the cafeteria, and assisting all students find the correct bus to ride home on at the end of the day. It's a big job and we couldn't do it without support from PTO and our amazing parents!

Our staff was very surprised by a PTO Treat Trolley on Wednesday afternoon! PTO volunteers went to each classroom and let teachers "shop" for an afternoon snack and/or drink. Thank you so much to everyone involved.

This week our teachers have been working hard with your Wildcats to learn and establish the routines that will carry on throughout the year. Students visit each environment on campus to learn and practice the Wilson Way. No matter where we are, it's important to know how to take care of ourselves, take care of others, and take care of Wilson!

Next week we are looking forward to cooler temperatures and seeing our First and Third Grade families at our Teacher Information Nights on Thursday, August 31st.

We hope you have a great weekend!

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Building Information

Counselor's Corner

The start of the school year can bring many emotions and all of them are OK! And I am not just talking about our kids, grown-ups have many emotions, and they are all OK too!

Here are some quick tips to help your child in their transition to school with their emotions (and yours 😊)

- Sharing the emotion with the word “AND” is a healthy way to share, “I am sad that summer time is over “AND” I am excited that I get to see my friends.” Both emotions can exist at the same time.
- Listen and avoid interviewing: Ask kids to share two-ish things about their day, and follow their lead, with something like “Tell me more about that”.
- If your child is nervous or upset, encourage them to talk to you about their feelings. Don't burden your child with your own fears and anxieties. Focus on the fun that they will have and something they are looking forward to about the school year.

We are so excited to have our Wildcats back and welcoming our new Wildcats too!

Please reach out if there is anything I can do for your child or your family.

Smiles

Jean Bode jeanbode@foresthills.edu

Lunch Update

We are excited that our families are able to have lunch with our Wildcats, and we love having our families in the building.

This year we are overlapping lunches so students are able to avoid having a grade level eat at 1:40 like last year. The downside to this plan is that the cafeteria is very full and we're limited in the amount of space for parents to actually sit with their Wildcat(s).

You are more than welcome to come join your Wildcat for lunch (beginning in October), but please know that there likely won't be a place for you to sit at the table. We just do not have the space. If the weather is nice you could always take your Wildcat outside to the picnic tables (additional students would not be able to join you). Of course, you are welcome to drop off a special lunch for your Wildcat in the main office.

[Wilson Lunch and Recess Schedule 23-24](#)

Crosswalk Guard Needed

We are hoping to find TWO crosswalk guards for the 23-24 school year. We need help each morning from 8:50 to 9:15 am and each afternoon from 3:35 to 4:00 pm. This is a paid position (\$2,143.00 per year). If interested, please let Lynn know!

Order your FREE EVENT SHIRT

Each year PTO provides a Wilson T-shirt for all of our Wildcats! **Please order your Wildcats' shirts by 8/29.** Order forms are available in the PTO Membership Toolkit "store". Please go to:

https://www.wilson-pto.org/open_forms to order. The shirts will be delivered to homeroom teachers prior to the Walkathon on 9/29.

Join PTO!

If you haven't already, we'd love to have you [join the PTO!](#) The PTO communicates with parents about all the extra things happening at Wilson outside of the classroom. If you are new to Wilson, [click here for directions to create an account!](#) *If you have joined the PTO and have not received a car magnet, there will be some available at Parent Information Nights in the main lobby (1 per family and available while supplies last)!*

Spirit Shop is now open!

Details are below:

- [Order Youth and Adult items here](#)
- Sale is open for two weeks (8/21-9/4)
- % of sales goes back to the PTO
- Orders will be delivered to school by mid-late September
- There will be another sale with different items in time for winter/holiday purchases

Media Center 2023 Volunteer Training

In order to help with checking-in, checking-out, and reshelving books in the media center (if you have not volunteered in this capacity in previous years), please sign up for one of the following training sessions. On the day and time of your training session, please meet in the media center.

Media Center Training Sign Up

Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0844AEAB2EABFD0-media2>

If you are unable to attend a training session but would still like to help in this way, please contact Sara Garrison at saraostermeier@hotmail.com.

Bus and Lunch Helpers

We always appreciate our families volunteering whenever your work schedule allows. The opportunity to help Kindergarten and First Graders these first few days is available! If interested, please sign up here: [Bus Helpers Sign Up](#) [Lunch Helpers Sign Up](#).

Restaurant Night

Tired of cooking dinner? Mark these upcoming restaurant nights on your calendar and support the PTO at the same time! Be sure to

mention WILSON when ordering and a percentage of the proceeds will be donated back to the PTO.

- **LaRosas's Family Pizzeria:** August 29th (Anderson and Mt. Washington locations)
 - **Butterbee's American Grille:** September 11th from 4:00 to 9:00pm
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Wilson Fall Musical - Music Man, Jr. (4th-6th graders)

FALL PLAY AUDITIONS are THIS Tuesday, 8/29 after school for grades 4-6

SIGN UP HERE for a tryout: <https://www.performingartsinc.net/wilson>

Rehearsals are every Tuesday from 4-5:30pm in the Wilson Gym. ***This is a no cut activity, meaning everyone who wants to join will have a part.***

Financial assistance is available for those who need it. Contact jeanbode@foresthills.edu for more information.

District Calendar 2023-2024

Access to the District Academic calendars can be found on the Calendar page of the FHSD website by clicking [HERE](#).

Enrichment Activities

Does your student like to play chess or have a desire to learn? Join **Chess Club!** This 9-week after school program will run September 14 -

November 9. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this program and how to register.

Students can improve their speed and agility with the **QSA Performance Training** enrichment program. This program will run for 8 weeks after school, September 13 - November 1. See the flyer [HERE](#) for more information about the program and how to register.

Want to prepare your student for time spent alone at home? Have your student complete the **Enriching Kidz Home Alone** course! This 2 class course will be held Tuesday, September 19 and Tuesday, September 26th. Check out the flyer [HERE](#) for more on what students will learn and how to register for the course.

Wilson Rocks the Stands

Wilson and Mercer are rocking the stands together at the Turpin vs. Winton Woods football game on Friday, September 8th. Have your Wildcats enjoy a night of games, concessions, tunnel formation for the Spartans to run through, and last but not least the football game itself. "Future Class of ..." shirts are now available for purchase through this [LINK](#). Important note! USports requires a two week lead time so get your orders in early. Deadline for the order is August 25th. More information to follow on how to purchase tickets, where to meet, pregame activities, volunteer opportunities, etc. For questions reach out to Jill Roddy - jillroddymuse@gmail.com

Teacher Information Nights

Below are dates and times for our Teacher Information Nights. This is a great opportunity for you to find out information relevant to your child's specific grade level. If you are unable to attend, no worries at all! You can reach out to your child's teacher and they can provide you with any needed information. The Teacher Information Nights are for parents/guardians only.

Thursday, August 31, 2023	Grade Level
6:00 to 6:45 pm	First Grade
7:00 to 7:45 pm	Third Grade

Wednesday, September 6, 2023	Grade Level
6:00 to 6:45 pm	Second Grade
7:00 to 7:45 pm	Sixth Grade

Tuesday, September 12, 2023	Grade Level
6:00 to 6:45 pm	Fourth Grade
7:00 to 7:45 pm	Fifth Grade

2023-2024 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). Please consider signing up for a spot. We are still in need of room reps for Mrs. Hezlep, Mrs. Lagemann, and Mrs. Gately. Please contact Jill Munninghoff at Jillian.Groszek@gmail.com to fill open positions.

Ski Club 2024

Although it's hot outside Wilson is gearing up again for another year of ski club. Ski club 2024 will start Wednesday, January 3rd and run until January 24th. Be on the lookout for information on how to sign-up, purchase club season passes through Perfect North Slopes, get a spot on the ski club bus, and last but not least order merchandise. A new year means a new logo, so be on the lookout for that. Come visit the ski club table during the back to school bash on August 15th. Questions email Jill Roddy - jillroddymuse@gmail.com.

Wilson Cub Scout Pack 867

The first Pack meeting will be August 29th, at 6:30pm at Clough United Methodist Church. All are welcome! Contact us if you have any questions: Email- wilsonpack867@gmail.com

Follow Wilson Cub Scout Pack 867 on Facebook,
<https://www.facebook.com/WilsonPack867>

Or

Check out Dan Beard Council, BSA or Cub Scouts | Boy Scouts of America ([scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org)) to learn more about the Cub Scouts!

Forest Hills Lady Hawks Basketball

Calling all 3rd-6th grade girls in Anderson Twp! If your daughter is interested in developing their skills and playing competitive basketball this winter, we are the program for you! Player evaluations will be *Saturday, September 9th*. See [FLYER](#) for details and visit www.foresthillsladyhawks.com to register!

District Information

i-Ready

Once again all elementary schools and Nagel Middle School will be using a program called *i-Ready* this school year. This program is designed to help our teachers better support academic growth for all students, and it will inform more individualized education throughout grades K-8.

Over the next few weeks students will be taking a diagnostic test. Results from these diagnostic tests will be sent home towards the end of the first quarter (end of October).

If you have questions feel free to reach out to your student's teacher or building administrative team with any questions you might have.

Join Us for the Help Build Hope 2023 House Build!

This year's event will support the building of two Habitat for Humanity Homes in Cincinnati! The Help Build Hope 2023 House Build event will be held at Nagel Middle School on September 30 from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Friday, September 29 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. will be the precutting of lumber for the wall frames. The building of the walls will be on Saturday, September 30 from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided Friday night for the precut and a light breakfast and lunch will be provided on Saturday during the build. All lumber and tools are provided. The wall frames will be used locally for two Habitat homes being built on Betts Avenue in Cincinnati.

We hope you will consider joining us in this effort to give back to the community.

Registration Link - <http://www.helpbuildhope.com/nagelcb>

Food Allergy Information

Please review the [Guidelines for Medical and Food Related Conditions](#) (2023-2024) and related [FAQ for Food Allergies and Guidelines](#). These guidelines safeguard students from life-threatening (peanut or other) food-related allergies as well as extreme medically-related conditions. We want families to be informed of the processes we have in place to ensure a safe environment for all students.

Forest Hills Foundation for Education

Nominate an Outstanding Alum or Staff Member!

Do you know an Anderson or Turpin alum who deserves to be recognized for their achievements? Is there a special Forest Hills teacher or staff member you believe should be honored for their dedication to students and education?

Submit your nominations for Distinguished Alumni or Staff by Monday, August 28!

- [Nominate a Distinguished Alumni](#)
- [Nominate a Distinguished FHSD Staff Member](#)

All recipients will be honored on October 13 during the Forest Hills Foundation's Distinguished Alumni Luncheon at Ivy Hills and at the Anderson vs Turpin football game that evening at Turpin High School. Check out all of the [previous award recipients](#) – who will join this prestigious group in 2023?

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

Friday Rotation

Friday, September 1st will be a “Tuesday.”

Aug. 28

Aug. 29

Aug. 30

Aug. 31

- First Grade Parent Information Night 6:00 to 6:45 pm in the gym
- Third Grade Parent Information Night 7:00 to 7:45 pm in the gym

Sept. 1