

August 7, 2026

Wilson Families,

We can hardly believe that next week is already our Back to School Bash and New Family Orientation, and that the first days of school are a little more than a week away! 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 2026–2027 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.

See you soon!

Erin and Brian

## Building Information

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### **Forest Hills Calendar for the 2026-2027 School Year**

Please review the 2026–2027 school calendar included in this parent update so you can plan ahead for the upcoming school year.

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

- Aug.18: Students First Day Last Names M-Z ONLY
- Aug. 19: Students First Day Last Names A-L ONLY
- Aug. 20: First Day of School for ALL Students

### **[Forest Hills 2026-2027 Academic Calendar](#)**

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### **Back to School Bash (Open House)**

We will host our Back to School Bash on Thursday, August 13 from 4:00 to 6:00 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. Things are typically less crowded towards the end of the open house.

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### **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 13 from 5:30pm to 6:00 pm in the Wilson iLab (during the Back to School Bash). 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 new parents spend time learning more about Wilson and operational logistics.

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### **Medication Drop-Off for the 26-27 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**. Julie Wilson, our Health Aide, will be available to receive medications on the following days and times:

- Thursday, August 13 (Back to School Bash)
  - 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- Monday, August 17
  - 9:00 am to 11:00 am
- Tuesday, August 18
  - 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

## **Beginning of the Year Information and Reminders**

- *Final Forms*: We still have several families who have not completed the re-registration process through FinalForms. An annual review of this information is required for all students, and only takes a few minutes. Please visit: [FINAL FORMS](#) to review your child's information.
- *PaySchools Central*: PaySchools is used to pay all school fees, Kindergarten tuition, and add money to students' lunch accounts. Fees can also be paid via check and dropped off in the main office. When using PaySchools you will need your child's Student ID number (you can find this in Final Forms). [PAYSCHOOLS CENTRAL](#)
- *ProgressBook*: Grades and Report Card Information. Students in the upper grades will have grades posted to ProgressBook regularly. All students will have interim and Report Cards available through ProgressBook as well (we still plan to send hard copies of report cards home). [PROGRESSBOOK](#)
- *Stopfinder*: Soon you will receive an email with information regarding bus numbers and stop times. The Stopfinder app can be used throughout the year to track bus routes, ETA's, and any other important information. If you have any transportation questions, please contact the Transportation Department directly at (513) 231-3335. [STOPFINDER](#)
- *Absence Reporting*: If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please call the Wilson attendance line at (513) 852-9565 or email [Julie Wilson](#) in the Wilson Health Office. Please make sure you state your name, your child's name and teacher, and

the reason for the absence. Please remember to provide doctors' notes whenever possible.

- *Volunteer Background Checks:* The district anyone working directly with students, including chaperoning field trips, to have a valid background check. Background checks are completed online through the [Raptor System](#). Checks are good for five years. If you're unsure of your status, please contact [Tyler Hughes](#) in the main office before starting the online application.
- *Sub Solutions:* The district is always in need of talented people for substitute teachers, paraprofessionals, and teachers' aides. If you're interested in a position, please apply at [SUB SOLUTIONS](#). Open positions within the district are posted here: [FHSD JOB PORTAL](#).

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### **Bus Helpers for Kindergarten and First Grade**

We would love to have volunteers who are able to help kindergarten and first grade students get on and off the bus the first few days of school. AM only and PM only shifts are available! Classroom teachers will give you directions as to what you should do to help. Please see the sign up link below.

[Sign Up Link](#)

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### **Parent Drop off and Pickup Procedures**

We will use the same process as we have the past few years for arrival and dismissal. [DROP OFF & PICK UP TRAFFIC FLOW](#).

- Morning Drop Off
  - Enter the parking lot closest to Wolfangel and keep to the right.
  - Begin to form two rows only after passing the parking lot entrance on the left (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 love having our families in the building to enjoy lunch with their Wildcats. 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 Thursday, October 1.** Below is the lunch schedule so you can plan accordingly. We appreciate your understanding and support! Click here to see the daily lunch schedule: [RECESS/LUNCH SCHEDULES](#).

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### **Unified Arts Schedules**

We will follow the same Unified Arts Schedule as we have in previous years. Students in grades K-4 will have a rotating schedule for Fridays that we will post weekly at the end of this newsletter.

In the past teachers the Unified Arts teachers at Sherwood helped to support our larger school by teaching one class for each of our 1st and 2nd graders. This year, teachers from Maddux will travel to Wilson to support our Wildcats. Students in first and second grade will have one of their Unified Arts classes taught by a Maddux teacher.

[26-27 UNIFIED ARTS SCHEDULE](#).

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### **Counselor's Corner**

My name is Christina Durso, and I am so excited to join the Wilson community as your new school counselor this year! I am passionate about helping every child feel safe, supported, and confident as they learn and grow. Throughout the year, I will work with students on important skills such as friendship, emotional regulation, problem-solving, and making positive choices, while also partnering

with families and staff to support student success. I look forward to getting to know each of you and making this a wonderful school year together!

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### **Wilson Cafeteria Volunteers**

It is really helpful to have volunteers in the cafeteria, as it's a big job for Mr. C to keep everything moving and clean. Below is the volunteer signup link for August and September. Any help you can provide is greatly appreciated, especially for the younger grades!

August Lunch Volunteer Sign Ups [LINK](#)

September Lunch Volunteer Sign Ups [LINK](#)

As with any volunteering opportunity within the school, it is our expectation that you remain in the area for which you are volunteering. For example, if you are volunteering in the cafeteria, please do not walk down to your child's classroom or peek into their UA class to see what they're doing. We appreciate your help with this.

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### **School Supply Lists for the 2026-2027 School Year**

We have included school supply lists for 2026–2027 below. Supplies can be dropped during the Back to School Bash next Thursday the 13th. Families who ordered the supply kits in the spring will have those supplies delivered to your child's classroom in time for the Bash.

[School Supply List](#)

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## **Grade Level Information Nights 26-27**

We are excited to bring back our Grade Level Information Nights this fall! These evenings will provide families with an opportunity to meet teachers and learn more about the curriculum and specific expectations for the school year.

Families will gain an overview of what students will be learning, important grade-level information, and ways we can work together to support student success throughout the year. We look forward to partnering with families from the very beginning of the year and creating meaningful connections within our school community.

### **Grade Level Information Nights**

- **Thursday, September 10**
  - First Grade 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm
  - Third Grade 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm
  
- **Tuesday, September 15**
  - Second Grade 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm
  - Fourth Grade 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm
  
- **Thursday, September 17**
  - Fifth Grade 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm
  - Sixth Grade 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm

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## **Summer and Beginning of the Year Resources**

Forest Hills Learning Hub: This website provides families with opportunities at home. [www.bit.ly/FHSDLearningHub](http://www.bit.ly/FHSDLearningHub)

Parent Guides: Grade level parent guides are housed on the district website. The guides provide an overview of each grade's learning objectives.

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## **PTO Information**

### **2026-2027 Room Representative Volunteers Needed**

A great way to get involved at Wilson is by volunteering as your child's classroom representative. In this role, you'll collaborate with your child's homeroom teacher to help plan class parties and organize volunteer opportunities. You'll also coordinate ways to show appreciation for your teacher throughout the year, including for their birthday, holidays, and at the end of the school year.

Please consider signing up using the link below. Each teacher will have a maximum of two room representatives. If you are signing up before teacher assignments are finalized, it's perfectly fine to leave that section of the questionnaire blank.

[LINK](#)

Contact Jill Munninghoff with any questions

[Jillian.Groszek@gmail.com](mailto:Jillian.Groszek@gmail.com)

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### **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.

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### **Wilson Cub Scout Pack 867**

Interested in joining Cub Scouts? The first Pack meeting of the school year is Tuesday, August 25th, at 6:30pm at Living Faith United Methodist Church- 2010 Wolfangel Rd. Join us to learn more, register your scout, and build and launch paper rockets! We welcome K-5th grade boys and girls!

Contact [wilsonpack867@gmail.com](mailto:wilsonpack867@gmail.com) or [kglaser09@gmail.com](mailto:kglaser09@gmail.com) for more information.

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### **District Information**

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#### **K-4 Unified Arts Rotation**

August 21 - Wednesday

August 28 - Thursday

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Aug. 13**

- Teacher Work Day 8:00 am to 3:30 pm
- Back to School Bash 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

- New Family Orientation 5:30 pm in the Wilson iLab

**Aug. 14**

- Teacher Professional Development Day

**Aug. 17**

- Teacher Professional Development Day

**Aug.18**

- Student First Day K-6 - Last Names M-Z ONLY

**Aug. 19**

- Student First Day K-6 - Last Names A-L ONLY

**Aug. 20**

- First Day of School for ALL Students