

December 1, 2023

Wildcat Families,

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving break! It is hard to believe it is December 1st and we only have a couple more weeks until winter break. The next couple of weeks will be full of holiday cheer at Wilson!

This week our 6th grade students had the opportunity to go to iSpace, which was an awesome experience for our students. It truly is one of our favorite field trips as the students complete an interactive space base mission. The iSpace employees shared that our 6th graders were one not only one of the most successful groups, but also one of the most well-behaved groups of students they have had. Way to go 6th grade!

While the 6th graders were busy exploring new horizons, our 2nd graders were outside getting in touch with Mother Earth and the natural world around us at Greenacres. It was a chilly start to their day, but learning, engagement and discovery was enough to keep everyone warm!

Next week we start Monday off with a district-wide Bengals Day (or any other sports team)! The Bengals are going to need all the help they get as they take on the Jaguars Monday night! Monday is also the first day of PTO's Holiday Shop. Please see the information below for more details and class shopping times. A huge thank you to Mrs. McConaughy and Mrs. Wehmann for organizing this fun event for our Wildcats! Of course we couldn't have our Holiday Shop running without our wonderful volunteers!

Next Friday we'll wrap up the week by spending time with our Wilson Way Teams. We love when our Wildcats are able to spend time with students across all grade levels and engage in some important learning!

Have a great weekend!

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Building Information

Counselor's Corner

Shop and Share Thanks:

Many thanks for supporting others in our community during the holiday season. Our Wildcats did a great job of providing services for their donations. Our school's Coin War/Class of the Quarters, helped the schools across the district raise more than \$18,500 - that's a lot of pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters! During 9United's Community Shopping Night at Target, we invite you to join us in putting all those coins to use, as we shop to support 9United's local partners, Jack's Closet and IPM. Please join in the [9United Shop and Share night](#) at Target on Dec. 6th.

Child Focus is offering a Sensory Santa event

Sensory Santa is a heartwarming event where individuals with sensory needs get to meet Santa in a one-on-one setting and receive a small gift. Families then get to make a craft and spend time in the

winter wonderland castle. This event will take place at the Mt. Orab office location in Brown County. Registration is required.

 Sensory Santa Event

Wilson PTO Good Neighbor Committee

Please reach out to me if you know a family who may need a boost with meals, groceries and gift cards through our Good Neighbor Committee. If you are in being contacted when there is a need, please register here: [Wilson Good Neighbor Committee](#)

Last Call for New Books!

Do you have new or like new books for our Wildcat Book Mobile? . We love acknowledging our kids for following The Wilson Way with Blue Cards. We will offer a Blue Card Book Mobile for kids to get a new/like new book with 10 Blue Cards on December 13th. If you have any new/like new books you would like to donate please send them to my attention. They can read any K-6 appropriate level book.

As always, please reach out if there is anything I can do for your child or your family.

Smiles,

Jean Bode jeanbode@foresthills.edu

Lost and Found Items

A HUGE thank you to our 6th graders and 6th grade teachers for helping organize our Lost and Found. Items will be available until the end of the school day on December 15th. All items not picked up will

be donated. Please see the link below for items that are in our Lost and Found. Items are in the main hallway. [LOST AND FOUND](#)

Holiday Shop and Volunteer Information

Students will have the opportunity to shop for Holiday gifts for the special people in their lives. You can encourage your child(ren) to use their own money (or feel free to request some extra chores for quarters)! This is a great opportunity to practice the joy of giving!

Look for your student(s) to bring home [this event flyer with the class shopping schedule](#) and a budgeting envelope. *Please help them make a list of who they want to shop for so they can be ready to shop when their time comes!* Volunteers will be able to help locate items and remain within the budget.

Students can bring in their envelope with CASH ONLY (no check or debit/credit cards) and get a chance to shop during their allotted class time Dec 4-7.

Prices range from \$.25 to \$9 with a large selection of items between \$1- \$5, so it's safe to use that range to help your student's budget based on the number of people they are shopping for.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help, we will see you next week! [Holiday Shop Volunteers](#)

PTO Holiday Shop Schedule

PTO will be hosting the Holiday Shop Dec. 4-7. Classes will visit the shop at their designated time.

December 4		December 5	
	Class		Class
9:30 AM		9:30 AM	
10:00 AM		10:00 AM	Huxtable (1st)
10:30 AM		10:30 AM	Yeatts (1st)
11:00 AM		11:00 AM	Henning (K)
11:30 AM		11:30 AM	Niemiller (2nd)
12:00 PM		12:00 PM	
12:30 PM		12:30 PM	
1:00 PM	Adkins (6th)	1:00 PM	Stuart (6th)
1:30 PM	Ciampone (5th)	1:30 PM	Renard (5th)
2:00 PM	Zimmerman (4th)	2:00 PM	Lagemann (4th)
2:30 PM	Fulmer (4th)	2:30 PM	Proffitt (4th)

December 6		December 7	
	Class		Class
9:30 AM	Chaney (1st)	9:30 AM	Sharrer (K)
10:00 AM	Habermehl (1st)	10:00 AM	Sunderhaus (K)
10:30 AM	Hicks (K)	10:30 AM	Rose (K)
11:00 AM	Atkinson (2nd)	11:00 AM	Taylor (2nd)
11:30 AM	Anness (2nd)	11:30 AM	Bellar (2nd)
12:00 PM		12:00 PM	
12:30 PM		12:30 PM	
1:00 PM	Davis (6th)	1:00 PM	Walker (6th)
1:30 PM	Gately (5th)	1:30 PM	Hopkins (5th)
2:00 PM	Roades (3rd)	2:00 PM	Hyden (3rd)
2:30 PM	Lynch (3rd)	2:30 PM	Hezlep (3rd)

PTO Spring Musical

The PTO Spring Musical for Grades 1-3 will be 101 Dalmatians Kids! Auditions will be held the week prior to Winter Break on December 12. Rehearsals will be Tuesdays 3:45-5:00 beginning in January. Additional, optional rehearsals may be scheduled on 2-3 Thursdays for extra practice. Show dates are March 13, 15, and 16. Here is a link with more information about cost and to sign up for auditions!
<https://www.performingartsinc.net/wilson>.

Fall 2023 Innovation Lab Volunteers

If you have volunteered in the learning commons in previous years or completed the training this year, please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up for a time to help check-in, check-out, and reshelve books. Thank you so much for your time! Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions to Sara at [513-313-3928](tel:513-313-3928) or saraostermeier@hotmail.com. If you have not volunteered in the learning commons in previous years or completed training, please contact Sara to set up a brief training at the beginning of your volunteer session.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0844AEAB2EABFD0-fall#/>

Lunch Helpers

We always appreciate our families volunteering whenever your work schedule allows. The opportunity to help Kindergarten and First Graders in the cafeteria is always appreciated! [Volunteer Link](#)

Below is the link to volunteer during the months of November and December. [Volunteer Link for December](#)

Enrichment Programs

There are lots of enrichment opportunities starting in January! Check out the links below for additional information and steps to register!

Chess Club starting Thursday, January 11 after school from 3:45-4:45. Click [HERE](#).

Pottery Wheel 101 [2nd-6th] classes on Jan. 9 and Jan. 16 from 3:35-5:45. Click [HERE](#).

Enriching Kidz **Stitch and Sew** [3rd-6th] class held on Jan. 29 and Feb. 5 from 3:45-5:45. Click [HERE](#).

QSA Training [1st-6th] for speed and agility beginning January 24th. Click [HERE](#).

Drawing/Watercolor class with Trisha Raymond starting January 11. Click [HERE](#).

A new session of **Spanish** class with World of Spanish LLC beginning January 24th. Click [HERE](#).

Restaurant Nights

Take a night off cooking or grab a quick meal as a family between busy school nights at one of our upcoming Restaurant Fundraisers. You will support a local restaurant AND Wilson because a percentage of your purchase is donated to the PTO! Don't forget to mention WILSON!

Wednesday, December 6: Arthur's [all day!]

Tuesday, December 12: NVT Pizza & Brew 4pm-10pm

District Information

District-Wide Spirit Day - Team Up for Wellness on Dec. 4

All students and staff members are encouraged to wear jerseys, shirts or colors representing their favorite sports teams! Join us as we come together as a school district to have fun and celebrate our passions!

Mark Your Calendar: 9United's Community Shopping is Dec. 6!

Join us to shop! 9United invites you to Community Shopping Night at Target on Beechmont Ave, where the money raised during school coin collections will be put to good use supporting 9United's local partners, Jack's Closet and IPM! The event runs from 4-7 p.m. on Dec. 6.

It's more than a shopping night - it's a celebration of all nine Forest Hills schools and our community being #UnitedInGenerosity to make

an impact where we live, learn, work & play! Learn more about 9United and how you can get involved at www.9united.org.

JUDGES NEEDED!

Do you have an affinity for science and engineering? Are you looking for a way to give back to our community? Please consider serving as a judge at the Forest Hills School District Science Fair! You need not be an expert in any field, rather, just have a willingness to help our great kids! To register as a judge, [please sign up HERE](#). The event takes place on Saturday, January 27, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Nagel Middle School.

Thank you for your consideration! Our goal is to get each student at least 3 visits from judges, so your participation is critical to helping our students. Questions? Please email Shane Hartley, Secondary Director of Teaching & Learning: shanehartley@foresthills.edu

Xavier Men's Basketball Teacher Appreciation Night 2024

- XU is inviting educators across the area to join them on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 for Teacher Appreciation Night! There are discounted tickets available for teachers (\$20 per ticket) and there is an opportunity to take photos on the court after XU beats St. John's University!
- [Click here for a link to purchase tickets.](#)
- Anyone interested in taking photos on the court should reach out to XU via phone or email to get included on the list.

- Contact Info:
 - Patrick Lodes
 - Phone: (513) 745-4982
 - Email: lodesp@xavier.edu
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Community Events

You can also visit our [flyers webpage here](#) that has updates on other fun events and activities, including registration information for [FREE after school programs through the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati!](#) You can also find a [flyer for the upcoming AHS Orchestras performance of Nutcracker](#) and information about a [Mental Health Webinar Series offered by Hamilton County ESC](#). The next event discusses “de-escalating cycles of conflict” on November

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](#)

Upcoming Events

K-4 Unified Arts Friday Rotation

Friday, December 8th is a "Thursday."

Friday, December 15th is a "Monday."

Dec. 4

- Bengals or Sports Team Day
- Holiday Shop

Dec. 5

- Holiday Shop

Dec. 6

- Holiday Shop

Dec. 7

- Holiday Shop

Dec. 8

- Wilson Way Teams 1:45pm to 2:20pm