

December 19, 2025

Wilson Families,

Wow! What an incredible week leading up to winter break! Our students and staff felt all the holiday cheer through crafts, special activities, assemblies and more! We also loved seeing how many students and staff participated in our festive Spirit Week! Our teachers and staff packed a lot of fun into just one week! The energy in the building has been amazing, and we are grateful for the memorable moments shared together.

As we head into winter break, we hope your family enjoys time to relax, celebrate, and make meaningful memories. We will not send out a parent newsletter over break, and we look forward to reconnecting with everyone in 2026!

Just a friendly reminder that teachers, staff, and administration will not be checking email during break. It's important for all of us to take time to rest and spend time with our families as well. Teachers will return on Monday, January 5 for a Teacher Work Day, and students will return on Tuesday, January 6.

When we return in January, we will spend time revisiting expectations to help remind students of the importance of following The Wilson Way across all school environments.

Wishing you a wonderful break and cheers to 2026!

Have a WONDERFUL winter break!

Erin and Brian

## Building Information

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### **Lost and Found: Last Day!**

Today is the last day to claim any Lost and Found items. At 4:00 today, we will donate all items.

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### **Smart Watches and Phones**

As we head into winter break we know some students may receive new personal devices such as cell phones or smart watches as holiday gifts. Below is the language from our PK–6 Student-Parent Handbook regarding these types of devices. We will review this same information with students (especially in the older grades) when they return to school in January.

### ***FHSD Personal Communication Device Usage Guidelines (PK-6 Student-Parent Handbook)***

Personal Communication Device use includes, but is not limited to, using a personal device (e.g., phone, smartwatch, or tablet) and/or accessories (e.g., headphones, earbuds, or AirPods) for activities such as making or receiving audio or video calls, sending text messages, blogging, microblogging, and emailing. It also encompasses using video or camera functions, playing games, and accessing the internet, including social media platforms and applications. *Elementary Schools and Nagel Middle School:* Personal communication devices and/or accessories for personal communication devices must be stored with the students' other belongings during the school day and may not be accessed without administrative approval.

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### **Friendly Tech Reminder for Smart Watches, Specifically**

Smart watches are a popular gift this holiday season. While we understand the value these tools provide families in being able to monitor a student's location or communicate before or after school, it is crucial that we maintain a productive instructional environment in our classrooms. Unfortunately, smart watches have become a bit of a distraction across our elementary buildings for some students.

**Please remember that during the school day, students are not permitted to use their watch for calling, messaging, texting, web browsing or taking photos.** It's also important to understand that in the event of an emergency or safety-related situation, we want students to listen to instructions from their teacher, principal and staff members who are working to keep everyone safe.

Students are welcome to wear a smartwatch during the day, but it must have the Wi-Fi and cellular turned off. Students should not be texting parents, family members, or friends during the school day. Parents and family members should call the office directly if there is a message that needs to be relayed to their student during class time. It is recommended that parents/guardians make sure the watch is set to silent or school mode so it does not disrupt classroom instruction.

If a student uses a smart watch for anything besides checking the time and/or the teacher feels it is a distraction, the teacher will talk with your child about using their smart watch appropriately. If problems continue, the teacher will ask that your child store their smart watch in their backpack during the school day. We appreciate your understanding.



## Exciting Author Visit Coming to Wilson!

We are thrilled to announce that author and illustrator Wes Molebash will be visiting Wilson on Thursday, April 2 to speak with all of our students! Wes Molebash is a talented cartoonist and creator of graphic novels and comics for young readers. He is best known for his *Travis Daventhorpe* series, which is a fun, imaginative graphic novel that blends humor, adventure, and engaging illustrations that students love. He's also created popular webcomics and cartoons, and his work appears in books and projects enjoyed by readers of all ages. [Wes Molebash - Legendary Cartoonist+1](#)

In preparation for his visit, classroom teachers will have copies of his books to share with students so they can get excited about his stories ahead of time. Families also have the opportunity to order books for Wes Molebash to sign during his visit!



### Book Ordering Details

- You may order books now through March 15. Here is the [LINK](#) for you to place your order.
- The code for the discount is WILSON and families get 20% off their order.
- Signed copies make wonderful keepsakes and great gifts!

We are so excited for this special day and are incredibly grateful to our fabulous PTO for funding this event for our students. A huge thank

you as well to Colleen Birdsong, our fantastic Reading Specialist, for leading the charge in planning this unforgettable experience!

Stay tuned for more details!

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### **Wilson Yearbook Orders**

Order your 2025-2026 Wilson Yearbooks by looking at [YEARBOOK FLYER](#) or by visiting: [SCHOOLHOUSEPHOTOS.COM/YEARBOOK](#).

The order deadline is April 15. Yearbooks will be delivered by the end of the school year.

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### **Wilson Running Club Coordinator**

We are looking for someone to lead the running club this year for our Wilson Wildcats. The previous coordinator, Joe Dold, has offered to meet with anyone interested in this position to share the training schedule and other important information. (Joe Dold's phone number is 513-582-9767 and his email address is [josephdold@hotmail.com](mailto:josephdold@hotmail.com)).

Running Club will be held every Wednesday, March 11th thru May 6th, with a week break for Spring Break (8 weekly sessions). Runners practice once a week on Wednesdays from 3:45 to 5:00 pm. Runners will be able to showcase their hard work at the Forest Hills 5k on Saturday, May 9.

Please reach out to Erin Storer ([erinstorer@foresthills.edu](mailto:erinstorer@foresthills.edu)) if you are interested.

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## Counselor's Corner

### **Mindful Music Champions**

I'm excited to share a wonderful opportunity some of our 6th-grade students have been part of this year!

A group of our 6th graders has been working with **Bryce Kessler, Program Director at [The Well](#)**, the organization that provides our daily Mindful Music Moments. Our students have been consulting, sharing ideas, and helping to shape future playlists for MMM. Their voices and input are making a real difference in how our school starts each day!

### **Special Concert Highlight:**

This important work will be showcased on **February 1st at Music Hall** as part of a special concert by the **Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra**. Our students' project will be highlighted alongside other schools participating in this initiative.

We are incredibly proud of our 6th graders for their leadership and creativity, and we are so grateful to The Well for providing this meaningful experience for our students.

**Just ask!** Please reach out to me if I can do anything for your family. Smiles 😊 Jean Bode [jeanbode@foresthills.edu](mailto:jeanbode@foresthills.edu)

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## **PTO Information**

### **Cyclones Information**

☒ 🎥 Need plans for the day off on MLK Day? Get your tickets now for the Wilson Family Cyclones Game. Monday, January 19th - Puck drops at 1:30 - Kids eat free (hot dog and drink).

Get tickets here: [Cyclone Tickets](#)

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### **DISNEY'S THE JUNGLE BOOK KIDS SIGN UP!**

Our Spring show is for students in 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade. Auditions will take place Jan 7th after school at Wilson Elementary in the Orchestra Room.

For the audition you will sing 30 seconds of a song of your choice without background music and recite a monologue from JUNGLE BOOK KIDS, which can be found on the PAI website; an Audition Form must be handed in when you enter the audition area, and payment is due online 24 hours prior to the audition. No children may stay after school unsupervised, a parent must be with them for the audition

Click here to Sign Up for an Audition

[Sign-Up For An Audition](#)

Forms, monologues, rehearsal and show dates can be found here on the PAI website.

<https://www.performingartsinc.net/wilson>

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## Wilson 6th Grade Social at Elite Athletics

WHEN: February 13th from 1-3pm (students are off school that day)

WHERE: 1155 Old State Rte 74, Batavia, OH 45103

COST: There is **no fee** for 6th Graders who RSVP. This event is hosted by the PTO.

FOOD & DRINK: Students will receive 2 slices of pizza, chips and a bottle of water. Additional concessions are available for purchase via cash or card.

Students must RSVP to attend the event! [RSVP HERE](#).

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## Wilson Bowling Club 2025-2026

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL! GET READY TO BOWL!

8 Week Session: Thursdays, 4:15 - 5:30 pm  
February 5th - March 26th

Where: Cherry Grove Lanes, 4005 Hopper Hill Road

Who: ALL Wilson Kids

Bumper Bowling: K - 3rd Grade

Regular Bowling: 4<sup>th</sup> - 6th grade

Cost: \$75.00

This is a Wilson Elementary PTO-sponsored event.

**Registration and Payment are only being accepted through the STORE tab in the PTO Membership Toolkit.**

**INFORMATION, REGISTRATION and PAYMENT can be found in the link below:**

[Click Here for the Bowling Club Flyer To Register and Make Payment](#)

**Registration and payment are due by January 29, 2026 or until spots are filled.**

Once payment is received and teams are finalized, parents will be contacted by email to confirm enrollment and team placement. Questions? Contact Tracy Tekulve ([tracytek3@gmail.com](mailto:tracytek3@gmail.com), 513-307-1939)

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

Check out the before and after-school learning opportunities and make sure to communicate with your student's teacher if they are participating in a program!

[Sewing \( 1st - 3rd \)](#) - TUESDAYS, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 3:50 - 5:00

Learn the basics of sewing and make your own pillow!

[Pickleball / Tennis 3](#) - THURSDAYS, Jan. 8 - Feb. 19, 3:50 - 5:00

Another chance to learn these racquet sports!

[PIVO Academy 3](#) - TUESDAYS, Jan. 13 - Feb. 24, 3:50-4:50

An opportunity to continue or learn new futsal skills!

[Spanish Session 2](#) - WEDNESDAYS, Jan. 21 - April 29, 8:10 - 9:05am

Join to continue learning or begin learning the language and culture!

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[Sewing \( 4th - 6th \)](#) - TUESDAYS, Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 3:50 - 5:00

Learn the basics of sewing and make your own pillow!

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### **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!

Friday, Dec. 19 : Beechmont Wings & Rings 5pm-Close

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### **Lunch Menu for December**

- [JANUARY LUNCH MENU](#)
  - Link for [ALL BUILDING MENUS](#)

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### **Kdg & First Grade Cafeteria Helpers**

If you're interested in volunteering, please use this link to sign up for November and December.

- **January: [LINK](#)**

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## **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.

- [Complete online process via Raptor System](#) (includes background check).

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## **District Information**

### **Winter Break Reminders from FHSD**

Please take a moment to review our Winter Break Reminders news article for details about the winter schedule, inclement weather planning, upcoming events and celebrations of a great first half of the school year! [You can find the article on our website here.](#)

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### **Nominate Outstanding Educators and Staff for Recognition!**

Each year, FHSD submits nominees for community award programs. Please take a moment to nominate an outstanding FHSD staff member who you believe deserves special recognition this year! [Online form link.](#)

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## **Community Events**

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

- [Nominate the next Gold Star Teacher of the Year!](#) Deadline Dec. 19, 2025.
- [AHS MLK Winter Wonderland Dance Clinic | Jan. 19 \(Clinic\) & Jan. 20 \(Performance\)](#)
- [AHS Youth Golf Winter Camp \(Grades K-8\) | Dec. 30-31 & Jan. 2](#)
- Registration for the Spring 2026 Anderson Fastpitch Softball season is now open! T-Ball is available for 6U! [Click HERE](#) to register! Questions? Email: [andersonfastpitchsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:andersonfastpitchsoftball@gmail.com). Registration Dec. 1, 2025 to Feb. 28, 2026. [Flyer Link](#)

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## **Upcoming Events**

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

Friday, January 9 will be a “Monday.”

Friday, January 16 will be a “Tuesday.”

## **December 19-January 5 (Winter Break)**

### **Jan. 5**

- No School for Students: Teacher Work Day

### **Jan. 6**

- Students Return to School

**Jan. 7**

**Jan. 8**

**Jan. 9**