

December 8, 2023

Wildcat Families,

Students had so much fun picking out gifts for friends, teachers, family and other special people in their lives at our Holiday Gift Shop this week! It was really sweet to see and hear how excited the kids were to explain which gifts they chose and why. We also enjoyed how many of them resisted shopping for themselves! Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for taking time out of their busy schedule to help students work within a budget and pick out gifts.

Our Wilson Way Teams have the opportunity to meet this afternoon and there couldn't be a better way to end the week. Twenty years ago in 1994, the students of Wilson wrote and published a book called "*A Wonderful Place They Used to Call Green*" (You can still find used copies on Amazon). Students will be discussing with their teams what makes Wilson a wonderful place. We will then use their ideas to create a new book called "*A Wonderful Place Called Wilson*". Each team will create a page in our book! We are very excited for this project!

To celebrate the holiday season, we will be having spirit days during the week of December 11-15. Our 6th graders came up with some great ideas! Let's get in the holiday spirit and have some fun dressing up for the holidays! Please see more information below.

The musical talents of our Wildcats are on full display! This week we were treated to a fabulous orchestra concert. Band students will have their holiday concert next week at Turpin High School. Our 5th and 6th grade chorus students will also take to the stage next week for their concert! It is always so impressive to see how much growth

students have had since the beginning of the year! Special thanks and recognition goes to Mrs. Poffenberger, Mr. Funke, Mr. Wesche, and Mr. Orr for dedicating so much time to our Wildcats!

We look forward to a fun, festive week next week before we take some time off!

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Building Information

Spirit Week: December 11-15

Monday: Holiday Hat and Sock Day

Tuesday: Let It Snow Day

Wednesday: Cozy Day

Thursday: Red and Green Day

Friday: Holiday Character Day

Counselor's Corner:

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

Candy Cane Ingredients

Students will be surprised with a candy cane in their classroom on Monday afternoon. The ingredients are linked below. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you prefer your child to not have a candy cane. If allergies are a concern, you are welcome to send an

alternative treat, but please let your child's teacher know.

[Ingredients](#)

Outdoor Recess Guidelines

We believe it is extremely important for kids to have an opportunity to get outside for recess as often as possible throughout the winter. As the weather gets colder, we will use the following guidelines to determine how much time we'll spend outside, if at all. Please make sure your Wildcats are dressed accordingly (remember to label coats, hats, and gloves).

- *Outside Recess* → If the temperature is above 20 degrees and the wind chill is above 15 degrees.
 - *A Brief Recess* → When the wind chill is between 5 – 15 degrees, children have a choice to go outside for no more than 10 minutes. One monitor will remain inside and one will go outside.
 - *Inside Recess* → When snow covers the blacktop, and/or when the temperature is less than 20 degrees, and the wind chill is less than 5 degrees, children will have indoor recess.
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Lost and Found Items

A HUGE thank you to our 6th graders and their 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](#)

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>.

Winter 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!

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

District Information

PLEASE READ: Inclement Weather Reminders for 2023-2024

With winter around the corner, please take a moment to revisit FHSD's inclement weather reminders, which were shared via email in November. It's important to have a plan in place in case bad weather or poor road conditions require the district to delay or cancel school. Our first and most important priority is the safety of students and staff members! [Click here to view a news article](#) with additional information and [click here to view the inclement weather schedule changes](#).

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

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](#)
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Upcoming Events

K-4 Unified Arts Friday Rotation

Friday, December 15th is a “Monday.”

Dec. 11

- Holiday Hat and Socks
- 6th Grade Field Trip to Ashford Assisted Living 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Dec. 12

- Let It Snow Day
- Turpin Chorus Concert (K-3) 2:00 pm to 2:20 pm
- Turpin Chorus Concert (4-6) 2:30 pm to 2:50 pm
- 5th Grade Band Concert (Turpin) 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm
- 6th Grade Band Concert (Turpin) 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Dec. 13

- Cozy Day
- 5th and 6th Grade Choir Concert 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Dec. 14

- Red and Green Day
- Spelling Bee 9:30 am to 11:30 am (4th, 5th and 6th grade)

Dec. 15

- Holiday Character Day
- Winter Parties