

February 16, 2024

Wildcat Families,

We had so much fun with our 6th graders last Friday evening during the Sixth Grade Social. They did an incredible job following The Wilson Way as they enjoyed connecting with one another through music, dancing, games, a photo booth and more! The cotton candy machine was certainly the most popular item of the night. A huge thank you to our PTO and parent volunteers for all of their planning in making this event a night students will remember for a long time.

This week we celebrated kindness week with a variety of activities and enjoyed time with our Wilson Way Teams on Thursday. Thursday's lesson with our teams focused on bringing kindness to people in our lives. Students wrote kind messages to important people in their lives and then accepted a "Kindness Challenge" to identify something kind they could do for someone else.

We have so many wonderful things going on each and every day at Wilson! We love our Wilson community and our teachers and staff went into the education profession because we want to make a difference in your child's life and help them to become confident, independent learners. Education is about building relationships among teachers, parents, and students. There is no question that our families deserve a say in shaping their children's education. No one will ever be a better advocate for your child than you. You place a lot of trust in our daily work, and we do not take that responsibility lightly. Our teachers and staff are constantly reading, attending professional development, engaging in conversations and learning to ensure we are doing everything we can to make your child's educational experience the best it can be.

We value you. We appreciate you. You matter.

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Building Information

Counselor's Corner

The elementary school counselors have collaborated to provide our schools with ideas throughout the week to put kindness into action. There is an offering of activities for teachers and students to participate in with the following themes for each day...[read more here.](#)

4th - 6th Grade SPARKS Day! March 22, 2024

We are so excited for our upcoming Sparks Day! **We are looking for 6 more presenters by February 22, and we would love some presenters in the following fields: medical, 1st responders, performing arts/musician and branding/marketing/sales.** [Link for more information and to express interest.](#) We are excited to welcome [Dr. Jen Mott](#) as our keynote speaker this year. Our annual SPARKS Day is Friday, March 22, 2024 for our 4th-6th grade students. Presenters will share their "Spark" with three different groups, each session is 35 minutes. Information to be shared with each group includes the presenter's interests/hobbies while growing up and what the "path" looked like. The remainder of the time is then spent sharing your "Spark". Hands-on activities are welcome! There will be a light

breakfast available at 9:00 am. This is such a fun day for our kids as well as our presenters.

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

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

Smiles,

Jean Bode jeanbode@foresthills.edu

Art Show Final Preparations and Clean-up

Mrs. Fender needs a group of volunteers to help with the final setup and cleanup for the art show on Thursday, February 29th. Please sign up using the link below if you are able to help. [Volunteer Sign Up](#)

March Madness Conference Meal!

Please help feed our wonderful staff on March 7th for parent-teacher conference night. Options available for working parents. Sign up here today! -- <https://bit.ly/3SDDWvI>

Save the Date for Wilson's PTO Mother/Son Minute to Win it Party!

Sunday, March 24th 3:00 - 5:30 @ Wilson's Gym/Cafeteria
Tickets cost \$20 per Mother/Role Model/Son/Student. Your ticket includes drinks and snacks, dancing, games, bingo, dancing, and a fun night! The prices increase after 3/10 to \$25.

Tickets on sale now: https://www.wilson-pto.org/open_forms
Questions: contact kristy.metzner@gmail.com

Parents of Incoming 7th Graders for the 2024-2025 School Year:

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has enacted section 3313.67 and 3313.671 of the Ohio Revised Code. These sections pertain to the immunization requirements for all elementary, middle school and high school students.

Incoming 7th grade students are required to have documentation on file in the school health office showing proof of receiving:

1 Tdap vaccine AND 1 Meningitis (MCV4) vaccine

Many students have already received these vaccines. Please contact your child's pediatrician or check on their My Chart to see if you can print a copy of their vaccination record.

Please provide a current copy of your student's immunization record to the health office at your student's school showing evidence of receiving this vaccine. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Rachel Moller, Wilson Health Aide (rachelmoller@foresthills.edu)

FREC

The PTO's Fundraising Expenditure Committee (FREC) wants to hear from you. The committee will meet in March to make recommendations on how to spend funds not appropriated in the current year's budget. Purchase items for consideration are intended to be building purchases that will yield school wide benefits. Previous examples include the outdoor classroom and turf for the playgrounds. You may also use this time to make suggestions for fundraisers for next school year. Please take a moment to complete the below form. [FREC form](#) Deadline for submissions is March 8th.

Wilson Bricks

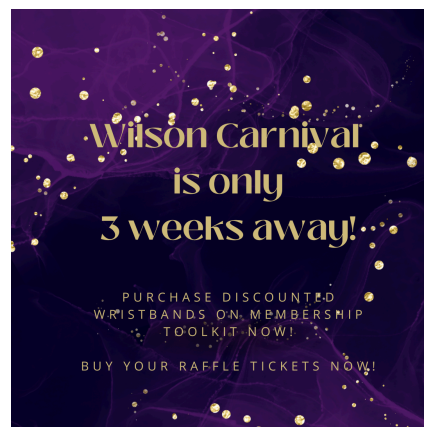
Go to the [Wilson PTO Store and Information Forms](#). Once you go here, hover over "Fundraising", which is located at the top of the page. A menu box will drop down and you can click on "Buy a Wilson Brick."

Wilson Running Club "WE RUN" 2024

- Who: FREE to Wilson Students in 2nd - 6th grade
- When: Every Thursday from March 14 - May 9, 2024*
 - 8 Sessions *No "WE Run" over spring break, Thurs. April 4th
 - Time: 3:45pm - 5:00pm
- Where: Students check-in and check-out from the Wilson Elementary Gym.

- Bring: Water bottle, snack, and suitable running attire/shoes
 - Goal: Learn about the benefits of running, both solo and in groups. Improve overall fitness through running games, interval running, timed runs, and course running. Most students wish to prepare for Forest Hills 5K on Saturday, May 11th, 2024.
 - Questions? Contact Coach Zach Miller at CincyZachMiller@gmail.com or 513-266-2568 cell
 - Student Registration: [Click HERE for Google Form Link](#)
 - Parent Volunteer Sign Up: [Click HERE for Volunteer Sign Up Genius](#)
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Wilson Carnival



Hey Wildcats! Only 2 MORE WEEKS to buy your discounted wristbands for our Wilson Carnival on Saturday, March 9th! Wristband sales close at 10 pm on March 1st, after that they are available for purchase at the door for \$15!

Wristbands: on sale HERE --> [Membership Toolkit](#) at the discounted price of \$12/wristband. This includes game play to win tickets for prizes! Kids age 2 & under will receive a free wristband at the entrance.

A shuttle will run from Clough United Methodist to Wilson from 10:45-2:00! Catch the shuttle and don't worry about the parking!

This year we will have 60+ AWESOME raffle baskets! Grab those raffle tickets for \$1/chance or \$5/chance when you buy your wristbands on the [Membership Toolkit!](#) Raffle tickets will also be for sale at the Carnival!



We need YOU at Carnival! The Carnival would not happen without volunteers to help with games, selling tickets, food sales, pringle/pop/candy donations and MORE! Please consider [signing up](#) to help! We GREATLY APPRECIATE your help with Carnival! [Click here](#) for the Sign Up Genius!

Fine Arts Night Information

We hope you can join us for our Fine Arts Night on Thursday, February 29th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Our 6th grade students will be hosting a bake sale during this time as well (more information below).

The Book Fair will be open from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. Our fourth graders will be showing off their recorder skills with a recorder concert from 6:30 to 6:45 pm in the gym (students should arrive at 6:15 pm and report to the music room).

Wilson 6th Grade Bake Sale

On February 29th from 6:30-8:30 the Wilson 6th graders will be raising money by doing a bake sale. This will be during our wonderful fine arts night. 6th graders will be accepting donations, but can only accept cash. We will be raising money for the Matt Haverkamp Foundation and also the Rescue Me Advocacy. Please come support the 6th Grade Bake Sale!

Scholastic Book Fair Feb 26 - Mar 1

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. AND—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school.

Here's what you need to know about the big event, which will take place in the Wilson Innovation Lab/Media Center.

Book Fair hours:

- Mon, Tues, Wed: 9:15am-3:30pm
- Thurs 9:15am-3:30pm and 6:00 to 8:30 pm during Fine Arts Night
- Fri 8:45 am-12:00pm

Set up your child's e-wallet today:

[E-wallet](#)

Scholastic Book Fair Volunteers

Please consider volunteering if you can!

[Book Fair Volunteers](#)

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Our final evenings of conferences are just around the corner. Teachers will be available on the evenings of February 22 and March 7. To sign up, please visit: (myconferencetime.com/wilson) and follow the online instructions.

Yearbooks on Sale!

Get your commemorative 2023-2024 yearbook and enjoy memories from this school year. Deadline to order is April 21st! Please review the information in the flyer below for more information.

[Yearbook Flyer](#)

Wilson Adult Social Event

Tickets are now on sale for a Wilson Adult Social at ALL IN GOLF! Friday, February 23rd 7:00-10:00 @ 8182 Beechmont Ave.

Come take a few swings, mingle with other Wilson parents, and check out this awesome new space in Anderson!

Adult Beverages and NVT Pizza by the slice will be available for purchase. Space is limited and tickets must be purchased prior to the event. Please visit the PTO Store to purchase tickets -

www.wilson-pto.org/pto_store

iLab Book Helper Volunteers

Your help is greatly appreciated since we check-in, check-out and reshelve books along with doing STEM activities in the Innovation Lab. Please sign up for your preferred day and time:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49A5AB2EAB9-46412089-innovation>

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. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions to Sara at 513-313-3928 or saraostermeier@hotmail.com

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 month of February.

If you can help in February, [please sign up here](#).

Restaurant Nights

Take a night off cooking or grab a quick family meal at one of our upcoming Restaurant Fundraisers. You'll support a local restaurant AND Wilson with a percentage of your purchase being donated to the PTO! Don't forget to mention WILSON!

Tuesday, February 20: NVT Pizza & Brew [4-8pm]

Tuesday, March 5: Frisch's [4-9pm]

Enrichment Programs

Does your kid love soccer? Join the 8-week **Strike Force Soccer** program on Wednesdays after-school. Click [HERE](#) for more information and how to register.

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District Information

Camp Kern Information for 5th Grade Families

Camp Kern Permission Slips & Payments - This is a friendly reminder that Camp Kern permission slips are due **Thursday, February 22**. It is imperative that these forms are returned to your child's teacher by this date so that directors can work to finalize transportation and cabin assignments.

Payment and medical forms will be due on April 18, 2024. Payment can be made online by credit card with a processing fee, via cash sent to your child's school, or by check made payable to the Forest Hills School District with your child's name, school, and Camp Kern in the memo. [Wilson Link for Payment](#)

Once again, the deadline for permission slips for camp is **Thursday, February 22**. Have a wonderful week and we look forward to an amazing camp experience this year!

Here is a link to the Camp Kern Parent Packet: [2024 Parent Packet](#)
You'll find the permission slip in this packet if you need one.

If you have any questions, please contact our building Camp Kern Director, Celeste Hopkins (celestehopkins@foresthills.edu)

DON'T MISS OUT! Register NOW for FHSD Parent Academy on Feb. 28

The next Parent Academy session will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 28 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Nagel Middle School! Thanks to generous support from the [Forest Hills Foundation for Education](#), we are able to offer light food and childcare for families interested in attending. You can find a [list of sessions/topics and a link to register for the event here](#). The final Parent Academy of the school year will be held on March 18! The featured speakers for our February event are:

- Sarah Ward, M.S., CCC/SLP from Cognitive Connections, LLP provides practical strategies that work to improve executive function skills.
 - Step Up Anderson Township - Screenagers under the Influence: Vaping Drugs, & Alcohol in the Digital Age.
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SAVE THE DATE: Hilinski's Hope Community Event on Mental Health | March 4

We hope you will consider joining us for an informative and engaging conversation about mental health, student wellness and suicide prevention on Monday, March 4. Thanks to support from the Forest Hills Foundation for Education, Anderson High School is hosting the Hilinski's Hope Foundation to lead a community presentation from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Titus Auditorium. You can learn more about the event and find a link to RSVP [in our news article here](#).

Calling all Future Spartan Families! - SPARTANRAMA TICKETS SALES ARE NOW OPEN!

Spartanrama is an annual fundraiser, hosted by Turpin Athletic Boosters. This year's event will be on the evening of Saturday, March 16 at the Ivy Hills Country Club.

Tickets can be purchased now by [clicking the link here](#)! Each ticket purchase includes dinner, two drink tickets, Name that Tune - Hosted by Glen Hock, a silent auction and a live auction featuring a Puppy, Vacation Properties, and VIP tickets to Foreigner/Styx!

The goal of the event is to raise money to enhance the athletic experience of all student-athletes, as well as develop and build a sense of community among current and future Turpin parents by providing a fun, casual evening, and opportunity to connect! Can't wait to see you there!

Calendar Update Reminder: Student Days Off Change for March

All families should have received an email from Superintendent Hook with an update on the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar. Due to the presidential primary election on March 19, which we anticipate may bring in a large number of outside visitors to schools that serve as polling locations, the district has adjusted the calendar to reflect that students will not have school on Monday and Tuesday, March 18 and 19 (staff will report for professional development). K-12 students will now report for school on Friday, March 15 (which was previously a non-school day). Preschool students will now report for school on Thursday, March 21, which was previously a non-school day in FHSD

Preschool only. [Please see this news article for additional details](#). You can download a PDF of the updated academic calendar [here](#).

Community Events

You can also visit our [flyers webpage here](#) that has updates on other fun events and activities, including the following items:

- [Summer Camps at University of Notre Dame DNA Learning Center \(In-Person & Virtual\) for 7th-10th Grade](#)
 - [Girls Who Code Summer Programs](#)
 - [Xavier Leadership Center Summer Reading Skills Programs for Grades K-10](#)
 - [Mental Health Webinar Series directed to parents from the Hamilton County ESC](#). The next event is Feb. 27 and discusses establishing healthy boundaries.
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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, February 23rd will be a “Monday”.
Friday, March 1st will be a “Wednesday”.

Feb.19

- No School - Presidents' Day

Feb. 20

- Wilson News Crew After School 3:45 to 5:00pm

Feb. 21

Feb. 22

- Parent-Teacher Conferences

Feb. 23