

February 2, 2024

Wildcat Families,

It's not quite warm enough to hit the course just yet, but our 4th through 6th grade Wildcats are ready for spring! This week they had the opportunity to work on their golf games with Ben Chandler and Jackson Miller during PE class. Ben and Jackson are Golf Pros at Reeve's Golf Course and have been teaching our students how to golf. Even students who have played or currently play golf have learned some new strategies and tips! Thank you Mrs. Player for organizing this experience for our students!

We have shared links to two surveys the last few weeks in our parent update, one about the Wilson Way and one from the district partner, Mindpeace. If you have a few minutes, please take some time to complete these surveys. Your responses help support our programming and guide our future work. [WILSON WAY SURVEY](#) [MINDPEACE SURVEY](#). Today is the deadline to submit your responses.

Students will be bringing home report cards and iReady reports today. Feel free to ask any follow up questions during conferences, which are on February 22 and March 7. The sign-up link (located below) is now live!

We hope you have a great weekend. If you get a chance, please remind your Wildcat the importance of taking care of others, which includes not only their peers, but their teachers as well. We have seen an increase in student behaviors during the month of January and it is important our students understand the important role they play in being respectful to those around them each and every day.

Take care,  
Erin and Brian

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## Building Information

### **Wilson Carnival is Coming!**

Hey Wildcats! We want to see you at the CARNIVAL on March 9th from 11am - 2pm!

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.

*\*\*HURRY, Pre-sale discounted wristbands close at midnight on March 1st. After that, wristbands are available for \$15 at the door.*

Raffle Baskets: We're gathering donations from community businesses, generous donors and generous donations to the class-level baskets. Raffle tickets are \$1/chance or \$5/chance for the MEGA raffle items!

Thank you for all of your donations for our raffle! If you are a small business owner and would like to donate, please email [wilsoncarnival@gmail.com](mailto:wilsoncarnival@gmail.com). We APPRECIATE your support and donations!



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### **Art Show Change**

Due to a conflict with the district's Parent Academy at Nagel, the Wilson Art Show and Chorus concert has been rescheduled to Thursday, February 29.

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### **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](https://myconferencetime.com/wilson)) and follow the online instructions.

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### **Counselor's Corner:**

All 6 FHSD elementary schools will join in [National Random Acts of](#)

[Kindness Week](#) by participating in FHSD's Kindness Week Feb. 12-15

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 9 more presenters by February 22, 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](mailto:jeanbode@foresthills.edu)

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### **Shoebox Collection**

The Innovation Lab needs shoeboxes. If you have any to donate, please send them to school with your student.

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### **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](#)

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### **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](http://www.wilson-pto.org/pto_store)

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## **BOWLING CLUB SIGN UPS ARE STILL OPEN BUT, CLOSE FEB 2ND**

Sign up today for an eight-week session on Thursdays from 4:15 to 5:30.

- Wilson K-6th students can participate - Bumper bowling K -3rd grades & bumper/regular bowling 4th through 6th grade.
- This is a Wilson Elementary PTO sponsored event. There will not be transportation from school to the bowling alley. You must provide your own transportation.
- Be advised: at least one parent per team must supervise.
- COST: \$70 each bowler, includes 2 games each week.
- April 11th is the bowling party with pizza and soda.
- Each bowler will receive a trophy.
- Any questions contact Alyssa Witte 513-441-7036, [amwitte2012@gmail.com](mailto:amwitte2012@gmail.com)
- Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/48Tncqn>
- Pay for Bowling here: [https://www.wilson-ptd.org/open\\_forms](https://www.wilson-ptd.org/open_forms)

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## **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](mailto:saraostermeier@hotmail.com)

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### **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 January and February.

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

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### **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, February 6: Kitchen 1883 [all day!]

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

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## **Enrichment Programs**

Check out the links below for additional information and steps to register!

Pottery/Painting with Star Glazers after school for four weeks starting Feb. 6. Click [HERE](#).

## **District Information**

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### **Reports Coming Home Today and Conference Sign Up Link**

Today we are sending home the most recent iReady diagnostic results. These results are similar to a temperature check at a doctor's office. Sometimes the results are accurate to what we see everyday, sometimes there are factors that make the results slightly different than we expected. As our students take the assessment, we take into consideration these factors and combine them with the daily observations and assessments that we give. As an entire building, our students scored in the high-growth/high-performance categories in both reading and math. We have many celebrations, both individually and as a whole. We also found some areas that we want to continue to work to improve.



The Teaching and Learning Team also sent information out earlier this week with helpful tips to consider when reviewing the reports. See communication here- [LINK](#)

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### **3rd Grade Parents - Fall OST Results -**

In October 2023, your child was administered Ohio's Grade 3 English Language Arts state assessment. Proficiency on this assessment is expected by the end of 3rd grade. Another state ELA test will be given in the spring of 2024.

This rigorous online assessment is used to measure your child's performance in both reading and writing skills. It is one measure used to determine if your child meets the state requirements for the Third Grade Reading Guarantee.

A score of 700 or better is considered a passing score for this state test. **However, a student only needs to obtain an overall score of 690 or a Reading subscore of 48 to meet the Third Grade Reading Guarantee requirements.** Each student in third grade will have two more opportunities to meet the Third Grade Reading Guarantee this year in order to be promoted to the 4th grade. Your child will have another opportunity to take the state test in the spring, as well as another chance to score a 515 or higher on the spring i-Ready reading assessment. We will also continue to work together to provide strong reading instruction and intervention to ensure growth for all of our students.

If you have additional questions, please contact your child's reading teacher or please reach out to me.

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### **Spring Conferences 2024 - Link is Going Live TODAY, Feb. 2nd at 9am**

The Forest Hills School District and Wilson Elementary are committed to engaging parents in their child's learning. Spring conferences will be in-person unless a virtual conference is requested. There are two evening dates available: February 22nd, 4:00-7:30 pm and March 7th, 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Please sign up using our online link now!

[www.myconferencetime.com/wilson](http://www.myconferencetime.com/wilson)

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### **Camp Kern Reminder for 5th Grade Parents**

As a reminder, the Camp Kern Parent Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 8th at 7pm at Nagel Middle School in the cafetorium. Join us to learn all about Camp Kern for your 5th graders.

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### **FHSD District-Wide Spirit Day - Feb. 13**

Join us as we wear shirts with kind messages to celebrate World Kindness Day on Tuesday, February 13! Let's lift each other's spirits and set a positive example to those around us by practicing kindness, decency and understanding.

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## **Future Spartan Families WANTED!**

Spartanrama is just around the corner! What's Spartanrama? Spartanrama is the annual fundraiser for the Turpin High School Athletic Department hosted by the Turpin Athletic Boosters. The Turpin Athletic Boosters enhance the athletic experience of all student-athletes. The event is March 16 from 7-11pm at the Ivy Hills Country Club. In addition to an extensive silent and live auction, there will be food, drinks, games and music. Grab your friends for a casual night out to support the Spartans!

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## **Reminder: Wellness and Behavior Parent/Guardian Surveys**

FHSD is committed to supporting the mental health and well-being of all students, and we would appreciate feedback from parents and guardians to help inform those efforts. Please take a few moments to complete the anonymous surveys linked below. The deadline to submit survey responses is February 2.

- **MindPeace Survey on School-Based Mental Health Treatments**
  - FHSD partners with [MindPeace](#) to help improve access to school-based mental health treatment. School-based therapy is the same treatment that can also be provided in outpatient offices, but school-based therapy can decrease barriers for families and can result in better outcomes for students because of the team approach to care. Your confidential input will be invaluable, so thank you for taking this short survey.
  - Parent/Guardian Survey Link:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XX7H8QK>
- **District Survey on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)**

- FHSD is incredibly proud of our efforts to implement PBIS across the school district. All nine schools received individual recognition this school year for PBIS excellence, and FHSD is one of only 17 districts to be recognized in the state of Ohio. The following survey is a way for us to gather input on our school-wide behavior planning. Your feedback will help us to improve this system in the future. To find out more about PBIS, please visit the [Ohio Department of Education and Workforce's website](#) or [www.pbis.org](http://www.pbis.org). The following link is specific to our school building!
  - Wilson Elementary PBIS Survey Link: [Survey LINK](#)
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### **Informational Tax Bill Update from FHSD**

In response to some questions the district has received regarding last year's school levy, property reappraisals and what impact those might have on 2024 tax bills, we have compiled a variety of resources in [this article on the FHSD website](#).

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### **Forest Hills Foundation for Education**

**Calling all Parents & Students | [PTA/PTO Community Grant Application Available Now](#)**

***Due Friday, February 9***

The Forest Hills Foundation raises funds to support the **needs of Forest Hills students today**. We are proud to provide grants to the district

and teachers, but know it is also important to hear from our key stakeholders: **students & parents**. As a parent, you can apply for a PTA/PTO Community Grant today with all applications due on Friday, February 9.

We encourage you to work with your PTA/PTO as you see specific student needs that are currently not being met. In the past two years over \$40,000 has been awarded to support The Turpin Outdoor Learning Space, Nagel Recess Equipment, Mercer Instructional Garden & ESC Playground Equipment, along with a pilot program of the Boys & Girls Club After-School Program.

Thanks to our loyal donors, we are proud to offer the [PTA/PTO Community Grants](#) and look forward to receiving many more applications.

For questions about the grants, please contact Jen Zimmerman, Chair of the Foundation Grant Committee at [jennifer.c.zimmerman@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.c.zimmerman@gmail.com).

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## **Community Events**

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

- [Xavier Leadership Center Summer Reading Skills Programs for Grades K-10](#)
- [All In Golf Student Discount](#)
- [UC DAAP Saturday Art Program \(Grades K-12\)](#)
- [i9 Sports Youth Programs Spring Registration](#)
- [Anderson Township Little League Registration](#)
- [Anderson Fastpitch Softball Registration](#)

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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](#)

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## **Upcoming Events**

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

Friday, February 9th will be a “Tuesday.”  
Friday, February 23rd will be a “Monday.”

### **Feb. 5**

- Nagel Administrators visit 6th graders during 6th grade lunch
- Kindergarten 100th Day Celebration

### **Feb. 6**

**Feb. 7**

- Fire Drill 2:30 pm

**Feb. 8****Feb. 9**

- 6th Grade Social 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Wilson (Wilson 6th grade students)