

February 23, 2024

Wildcat Families,

We hope you enjoyed a nice, long weekend last week! Our teachers and staff were busy on Friday participating in professional development to help us better serve our Wildcats!

A huge thank you to PTO for organizing the parent volunteers yesterday who monitored lunch and recess so our teachers could eat with one another. This is such a wonderful treat and we appreciate everyone who is able to volunteer and help with this!

Our teachers enjoyed connecting with our families during our first round of spring parent-teacher conferences. We will have our next round of conferences on March 7. Appointment times are still available if you're interested. Please see the link below to register.

Today our kindergarten students are going to the Cincinnati Museum Center, and they couldn't be more excited! We know they will have a wonderful time! We appreciate our kindergarten teachers planning such a fun experience for our kindergarteners.

Next week is a very busy week as we kick off our Scholastic Book Fair! Thank you to Mrs. Teismann and our incredible PTO for organizing this. We also have Council on Child Abuse (COCA) coming next week. We have sent two separate communications about these events so please make sure you take a few minutes to read the information sent.

We hope you can join us next Thursday for our Fine Arts Night from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Our Book Fair will be open starting at 6:00 and our fourth grade students will be demonstrating their recorder skills at 6:30 in the gym.

Have a great weekend!

Erin and Brian

Building Information

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.

Kindergarten through 6th Grade students will attend on their Innovation Specials Day. Students should speak with the adults at their home about expectations for purchasing. We do our best to guide students to prioritize books first. **If you would like to make any special requests for certain books [you may do so here](#) separately for each child.**

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](#)

Wilson Blue Cards

Calling all Blue Cards by the end of the year! We will start next year with a different color Blue Card, so the current Blue cards will be good until the end of this school year. We will still have Blue Cards next year, just a new color blue. We will continue to have the classroom and grade-level Blue Card Menus for the rest of this year and will have school-wide opportunities like Popcorn with Wilson People, Blue Card Bingo, Propagation Station, Book Mobile, etc.

Safety Concerns

Over the past week we have noticed that families are dropping students off to school after 9:15 without walking them into the building and signing them in. It is very important that students are walked into the building by an adult and signed into the office.

Students must also be signed out of the office by an adult if they are leaving early. We appreciate your help with this.

Counselor's Corner

Council on Child Abuse Presentations Feb. 26th, 27th and 29th. [Please see this letter](#) sent home previously for more details about these important presentations next week.

For this month's wellness theme, we are focusing on kindness and having a positive attitude. Kindness and having a positive attitude align nicely together because when we show kindness it creates positive feelings which helps us have a positive attitude. We feel good when we help others feel good. Sometimes, having a positive attitude can be difficult as it's natural for our brains to focus on the negatives. It is important to remember that we have the power to change and control our attitude. Modeling a positive attitude is an excellent way to foster a positive attitude for your child. [Read more...](#)

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/3SDDWvl>

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.

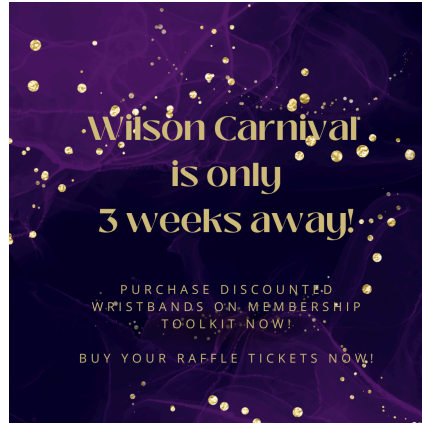
Wilson Bricks

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](#)

Wilson Carnival



We have extended the **pre-sale to Sunday, March 3rd at 10pm!** You can buy discounted wristbands before our Wilson Carnival on **Saturday, March 9th now on [Membership Toolkit](#)!** Wristbands will be available for purchase at the door for \$15 on the day of Carnival! Catch the shuttle from Clough United Methodist Church to make your commute easier!

We NEED YOU! Carnival would not be possible without our wonderful volunteers. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the Sign Up Genius and if you can, sign up to help! We GREATLY appreciate our volunteers and want to thank everyone who has already signed up or who has donated in any way to help make our 2024 Carnival a success!

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.

This year we will have 50+ 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! [CLICK HERE](#) to view 2024 Raffle Baskets! Check back often, more are being added each day!

Can't make Carnival? Send your pre-purchased raffle tickets back to school the week of March 4th and we will add your tickets to the basket of your choice by writing your name, phone number, and basket number on the back of your ticket.

Have more questions? [CLICK HERE](#) for ALL THINGS CARNIVAL!

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!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Our final evening of conferences is just around the corner. Teachers will be available on the evening of 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, March 5: Frisch's [4-9pm]

Sunday, March 10: NVT Pizza & Brew [11am-8pm]

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.

Coming this Spring: Karate, Cool Critters, and Chess Club. Be on the lookout for more information soon!

District Information

Mental Health and Suicide Prevention with Hilinski's Hope | March 4

All community members are invited to a presentation with the Hilinski's Hope Foundation 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 discussion 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](#).

FHSD Parent Academy Nights and Community Wellness Fair

Join us on February 28 for the next Parent Academy Night! Topics include executive functioning, vaping, drugs and alcohol in the

digital age, roundtables with Anderson, Turpin and Nagel administrators, summer reading tips and more! You can find a [list of sessions/topics and a link to register for the event here](#).


Join us on March 18 for a Community Wellness Fair and the final Parent Academy Night! FHSD is welcoming dozens of local businesses and organizations to give the community a chance to explore health and wellness resources. Guests can also stay to view an engaging presentation by Dr. Bill Daggett, a national leader in innovative education, about preparing youth for the future ahead and not the past we're leaving behind.

The district thanks the [Forest Hills Foundation for Education](#) for its ongoing support of the 2023-2024 Parent Academy series, and we also thank [Hamilton County Public Health](#) for making the March 18 event possible.

Spread the Word! Kindergarten Open Houses | March 7

If you or someone you know has a child nearing kindergarten age, all FHSD elementary schools are holding open houses on Thursday, March 7 from 6:45-7:45 p.m.! This is a great way to see what it's like inside the kindergarten classrooms, meet with staff and learn more about kindergarten at FHSD. Families can also use this as an opportunity to drop off necessary registration paperwork and ask questions about the process. To learn more about kindergarten at FHSD, please visit www.foresthills.edu/kindergarten

SAVE THE DATE: FH Bands Spaghetti Dinner | March 16

Please join the FH Band Boosters for their 61st Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser! The event takes place at Nagel Middle School and has everything: Student-performed MUSIC, great FOOD donated by LaRosas, and FUN (Lucky Notes & Silent Auction). Buy dinner tickets (dine in/take out) for the family: [Spaghetti Dinner Info & Tickets](#). Want to help out? [Volunteer!](#) 

Community Events

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

- [Classroom Antics - STEAM Summer Camps for Ages 7-14](#)
 - [Mental Health Webinar Series directed to parents from the Hamilton County ESC](#). The next event is Feb. 27 and discusses establishing healthy boundaries.
 - [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, March 1st will be a “Wednesday”.
Friday, March 8th will be a “Thursday.”

Feb.26 Book Fair

- COCA Presentations

Feb. 27 Book Fair

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

Feb. 28 Book Fair

- Parent Academy at Nagel Middle School 6:30 to 8:00pm

Feb. 29 Book Fair

- COCA Presentations
- Fine Arts Night 6:30 to 8:30 pm
- Book Fair Open 6:00 to 8:30 pm
- Fourth Grade Recorder Concert 6:30 to 6:45 pm

Mar. 1 Book Fair

