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February 7, 2025

Wildcat Families,

Thank you to everyone who attended last night's Art Show! Your presence and support mean the world to our young artists. They have worked so hard to create and share their masterpieces under the guidance of Mrs. Fender. Seeing the joy and pride on their faces as they showcase their creativity makes the night so special. We appreciate your encouragement and enthusiasm, and we hope you enjoyed the incredible talent on display. A special thank you to Mrs. Fender and her team of volunteers who worked so hard to put everything together!

Next week we will celebrate Kindness Week! There is a TON of research that shows kindness has a positive impact on your physical, emotional and mental health, and well-being. It can help you have healthy friendships, increase your sense of happiness, reduce stress, and increase self-esteem. When we practice spreading kindness- it helps us and those around us feel good, which in turn creates a more positive school environment! Be sure to check out the information below for daily kindness activities!

Speaking of kindness, next week is also School Counselor week, where we celebrate Mrs. Bode! Her kindness, dedication, and support make a lasting impact on our Wildcats. With a listening ear and a caring heart, Mrs. Bode helps all of our Wildcats face challenges, build their confidence, and create a safe and welcoming environment for all. We are so grateful for her compassion and commitment to making a difference every day!

Next week will be a busy week, but we hope you'll be able to join us Monday evening for our monthly PTO meeting. It's a virtual meeting, so hopefully you'll be able to hop on at some point. There are many spring events on the horizon for which we could always use additional help! As a reminder, we will not have school next Friday, February 14 as the staff will be engaged in professional development.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Building Information

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Registration for conferences is now open. Conferences are scheduled for the evenings of February 13 and March 6. To sign up for a conference with your child's teacher, please visit www.myconferencetime.com/wilson and click on the appropriate grade level.

Kindness Week

Monday: Monday Memories
Tuesday: Tell Them Tuesday
Wednesday: Wear Kind Words
Thursday: Thank you Thursday

[Kindness Week Slideshow](#)

Wilson Lunch Menus for February Please see the link to view the lunch menus for each month. [Wilson Elementary Lunch Menus 24-25](#). We have included the February lunch menu below.
[February Menu](#)

Cafeteria Volunteers

Consider volunteering in the cafeteria to help out Mr. C and our Wildcats!

[February Lunch Helpers](#)

[March Lunch Helpers](#)

[April Lunch Helpers](#)

[May Lunch Helpers](#)

Counselor's Corner: Jean Bode

SPOTS ARE FILLING UP! 4th - 6th Grade SPARKS Day!!!! March 14, 2025 If you are interested, please fill out the form below.

Do you have a SPARK you would like to share with our Wilson Wildcats or know someone? A SPARK can be "an interest, skill, hobby and/or career to ignite dreams of future plans for kids." Our annual SPARKS Day is Friday, March 14, 2025 for our 4th-6th

grade students. Interested in signing up or need more information? [Check this out.](#)

Just ask! Please reach out to me if I can do anything for your family. Smiles 😊 Jean Bode jeanbode@foresthills.edu

PTO NEWS

Wilson Carnival

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!

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!



Wilson Bowling Club starts in February! Registration and payment is due **TODAY or until spots are filled**. The [bowling flyer](#) has more information. [CLICK HERE to register](#) and [Click HERE to pay for Bowling Club 2024-2025](#)

Restaurant Nights

Join us for dinner and support of the Wilson PTO. Don't forget to mention WILSON!

- NVT Pizza & Brew : Tuesday, Feb. 11 (4-8pm)
 - Raising Cane's : Thursday, Feb. 20 (3-10pm)
 - Wandering Monsters : Thursday, Feb. 27 (4pm-Close)
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Before / After-School Enrichment Programs

Click on each flyer for more information on dates, cost, and registration.

Star Glazers Pottery: Make your own ceramic piece!

Jewelry Making: Create your own jewelry or as gifts for others!

Sewing: Learn basic hand stitches!

Pickleball/Tennis: Last chance to learn these sports this year!

Chess Club: Final session of the year to learn this game!

Better Babysitters: Learn or practice all you need to know to babysit!

Volunteer with us in the [Innovation Lab](#).

Wilson Brick Sales

Purchase a personalized, engraved brick to be installed in front of the school building. You can commemorate your family, honor your children, give a shout-out to an amazing teacher, or simply thank Wilson for being fantastic!

Cost: \$75.00 (includes 3 lines with 14 characters each)

Purchase Here: https://www.wilson-ptd.org/open_forms

If you have any questions, please email me at:
mollybrooks10@hotmail.com

District Information

Information for Families of Second Graders -

You will find additional information coming home with your child today if they are in 2nd grade. This is coming directly from the Ohio Attorney General's Office. This is simply for informational purposes if you wish to participate and is not required.

All second graders in the Forest Hills School District will be taking the CogAT assessment. **Second grade will take the assessment February 24-28, 2025.** Make ups will take place March 3-6, 2025.

The CogAT Test measures the level and pattern of cognitive development of a student compared to age mates and grade mates. These general reasoning abilities, which start developing at birth and continue through early adulthood, are influenced by experiences gained both in and out of school.

The test is divided into 3 subtests, verbal, non-verbal, and quantitative, which take approximately 45 minutes each. Students will do these subtests over the course of three settings in the classroom. This testing is used to identify students who are cognitively gifted. We use this information as a measure for providing gifted services and support for student learning.

Since this assessment is about how students think, there is nothing you need to do to prepare your child. It is all about how students process information, recognize patterns, and make connections with pictures, numbers, and symbols. The best way to help your child is to make sure they have a good night's sleep and breakfast.

Please visit Forest Hills website at, <https://www.foresthills.edu/departments/student-services/gifted-education/> for details regarding gifted services at all grade bands: K-3, 4-6, 7-8, and 9-12.

Immunization Requirements Reminder for 6th to 7th Grade Transition

Attention parents of rising 7th Graders for the 2025 -2026 school year: Students are required to have documentation on file in the school health office showing evidence of receiving:

- One (1) dose of meningitis (mcv4) vaccine
- One (1) dose of Tdap

Both of these vaccines must be administered on or after the 10th birthday. Please provide a current copy of your child's immunization record to the school health office showing evidence of receiving both vaccines. For the safety of all students, the school principal may remove a student from school or establish a deadline for meeting state requirements if the student does not have the necessary immunizations or exemption. If you have any questions, please contact the health office.

Kindergarten Registration and Preschool Lottery!

Don't miss out! If you or someone you know has a child nearing school age, please encourage them to check out our award-winning elementary schools and preschool program! [Learn more in this article.](#) Kindergarten registration is open now and the preschool lottery closes on Feb. 23!

Nominate an Outstanding Educator for Recognition!

With upcoming community awards ceremonies in mind, please take a moment to nominate an FHSD educator who you believe deserves special recognition this year! [Form link.](#)

Save the Date: Final Parent Academy on Tuesday, Feb. 25

To see the featured speaker and learn more about Parent Academy, [click here.](#)

Forest Hills Foundation for Education

The Forest Hills Foundation for Education raises funds to support and enrich the educational experiences of FHSD students and prepare them to compete successfully now and in the future. To that end, the Foundation provides grants to students and parents through PTO Community Grants that promote wellness, provide innovative opportunities for learning and create community connections for all students.

The PTO Community Grant Application will be shared shortly via Foundation communication and social media. Grant proposals must have the approval of your school principal and PTO.

Upcoming Events

K-4 Unified Arts Friday Rotation

Friday, February 21 will be a “Monday.”

Friday, February 28 will be a "Tuesday."

Feb. 10 through Feb 14 is Kindness Week

Feb. 10 Monday Memories

- Virtual PTO meeting 7:00 pm
- Club Photos with Schoolhouse Photos

Feb. 11 Tell Them Tuesday

Feb. 12 Wear Kind Words

- Nagel Counselors Visit 6th Grade

Feb. 13 Thank you Thursday

- Valentine's Day Exchange
- Elementary Conferences 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Feb. 14

- No School for Students/Teacher PD