

February 9, 2024

Wildcat Families,

All the elementary schools across the district will celebrate Kindness Week next week as part of the National Random Acts of Kindness week. Kindness week is a celebration of all the ways we can be a positive influence in each others' lives. One small act of kindness can mean a great deal to someone. We encourage you to model random acts of kindness throughout the week for our Wildcats! In school we have quite a few fun activities planned as we head into the long President's Day weekend. On Tuesday we would love to see everyone wearing "kind words" to spread some kindness throughout Wilson. See the section about Kindness Week in Mrs. Bode's Counselor's Corner for more information.

If you have a few minutes, please complete our Wilson Way Survey. Your responses help us guide our future work. Today is the deadline to submit your responses. We would love your input if you haven't already taken time to do this. [WILSON WAY SURVEY](#)

As a reminder, there is no school for students on February 16 (teacher professional development) and February 19 (President's Day). We hope to see all of you Monday evening at 7:00pm in the Learning Commons for February's General PTO meeting.

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Building Information

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.](#)

Making Wilson Beautiful:

We have flower pots to add some flowers around Wilson. On February 15 during recess, all our students will have the opportunity to put their fingerprints on the flower pots. We will be using latex paint for this activity, please contact me and your child's teacher if you do not want your child to participate.

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, 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

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

Join your fellow Wildcats on March 9th from 11am - 2pm for the Wilson Carnival!

Wristbands are 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.

***Wristband prices INCREASE at the door. Purchase online by midnight on March 1st to get the discounted price.*

Raffle Baskets: Do you know someone who would want a chance to win a TV or a Nintendo Switch? Raffle tickets are \$1/chance or \$5/chance for the MEGA raffle items.

Be on the lookout for the VOLUNTEER sign up genius coming soon. We will need MANY volunteers to help with games, prizes, etc.



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
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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) 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 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 20: NVT Pizza & Brew 4-8pm

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

Camp Kern Information for 5th Grade Parents -

In case you missed the Camp Kern parent meeting on Thursday evening, below are a few links you may find helpful. If you have any questions please reach out to our Camp Kern Director Celeste Hopkins (celestehopkins@foresthills.edu)

[2024 Presentation](#)

[2024 Parent Packet](#)

[2024 Parent Chaperone Information](#)

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.

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 featured speakers for this 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.

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!

Forest Hills Foundation for Education

[PTA/PTO Grants DUE TODAY](#) | February 9

Parents and/or students can apply for a grant from the Foundation – over the past 2 years, more than \$40,000 has been awarded.

[Show Your Love Campaign](#) | February 7-14

It's that time of year when we celebrate love and why not shop and dine local, all while supporting the students of Forest Hills.

Now – February 14

LaRosa's Pizza (Anderson & Mt. Lookout) and Biggby Coffee are donating 15% back to the Forest Hills students through the Foundation.

*Just mention the Foundation when you place your order in-person or via delivery.

Saturday, February 10

Looking for something to give your special someone (or yourself) – shop & dine local.

- Chic & Honey Boutique: gift card specials and free earrings/studs with every purchase
- Mercantile on Main: sips, shop and even a kid's Valentine's table
- Big Ash Brewery: grab drinks/food with friends or your special someone

Sunday, February 11

Watching the Super Bowl and/or hosting a party? Order LaRosa's Pizza (Anderson or Mt. Washington locations) and mention the Forest Hills Foundation. 15% back to support Forest Hills students.

Make Valentine's Day ["extra sweet" with a gift](#) between now and February 14. Our partner, the McLane Foundation will match every gift up to \$10,000. Let's "Show Our Love" and support the kids in our community

Community Events

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

- [Girls Who Code Summer Programs - Early Registration by Feb. 14](#)
- [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](#)
- [Mental Health Webinar Series directed to parents from the Hamilton County ESC](#). The next event is Feb. 27 and discusses establishing healthy boundaries.

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.12

- Kindness Week - Manners Monday
- Wilson PTO Meeting 7:00 pm in the Wilson iLab

Feb. 13

- Kindness Week - Thank you Tuesday
- Wear kind words/message

Feb. 14 Valentine's Day

- Kindness Week - Warm Hearts Wednesday
- Valentine Exchange in Classrooms

Feb. 15

- Kindness Week - Take Care Thursday
- Skating Party 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Feb. 16

- No School for Students (Teacher PD)