

January 17, 2025

Wildcat Families,

We hope everyone was able to have some fun in the snow last week, but it has been really good to get back into the routine of school this week! Our hope is that everyone is feeling refreshed and ready to tackle the second semester of school!

A big thank you to everyone who attended our PTO meeting Monday night . Our PTO is such an important part of our school community and is always finding meaningful ways to support both our students, staff and families. Your involvement truly makes a difference, and with a host of activities on the horizon we could certainly use your help!

This week our K-3 students enjoyed a visit from local author and illustrator Blythe Russo. Miss Russo shared a little about herself and helped students understand what goes into writing and illustrating a book. It was inspiring to see the students' excitement as they learned about the process!

Don't forget that Parent Academy is happening Thursday, January 23 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Nagel. A range of topics/sessions are available for parents, so please take a look at the information below (in the district information portion of this update) to learn more. We look forward to connecting with families and sharing valuable insights to support our students' success.

Have a great weekend!

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Building Information

6th Grade Recognition Night: Save the Date

We look forward to celebrating our 6th grade students on Wednesday, May 28 at 6:00 pm! Our 6th Grade Recognition Night will be held in the Turpin auditorium, and we will start promptly at 6:00 pm. Doors will open at 5:30 pm. More information to come!

Wilson Running Club Coordinator

We are still looking for someone to lead the running club this year for our Wilson Wildcats. The previous coordinator, Zach Miller, has offered to meet with anyone interested in this position to share the training schedule and other important information.

Running Club will be held every Wednesday, March 12th thru May 7th, with a week break for Spring Break (8 weekly sessions). Runners practice once a week on Wednesdays from 3:45 to 5:00 pm. Runners will be able to showcase their hard work at the Forest Hills 5k on

Please reach out to Erin Storer (erinstorer@foresthills.edu) if you are interested.

Cincinnati Cyclones Game

We're excited to invite all **Wilson families** to a fun and memorable afternoon at a **Cincinnati Cyclones game!** The **5th and 6th grade choirs** will be performing the **National Anthem**, making it a special moment for everyone.

Plus, **kids eat free** during the game, making it a perfect outing for the whole family.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to support our choirs and enjoy the game together. [Click here to purchase tickets!](#) We can't wait to see you there!

Counselor's Corner: Jean Bode

4th - 6th Grade SPARKS Day!!!! March 14, 2025

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.](#)

Xello College and Career Readiness for Grades 2-6 starting in the iLab with Mrs. Teismann in January. [Read more here.](#)

6th Grade lesson on youth suicide awareness and violence prevention aligned with House Bill 123 in January with Mrs. Bode. [Read more here.](#)

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

PTO NEWS

Wilson Bowling Club starts in February! Registration and payment is due by February 7 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](#)

Before / After-School Enrichment Programs for January

- [Spanish Club](#): Another chance to learn about the language and culture!
- [Pottery Wheel](#): Join for an opportunity to make your own pottery!
- [Stitch & Sew](#): Learn the basics of sewing!
- [Pickleball / Tennis](#): A new opportunity to learn the basics of both racquet sports!
- [Star Glazers Pottery](#): Make your own ceramic piece!
- [Jewelry Making](#): Create your own jewelry or as gifts for others!
- [Sewing](#): Learn basic hand stitches!

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

Art Show Preparations

Help Mrs. Fender prep for the art show! Volunteers needed 1/27 and 2/6. Thank you! [Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

Mrs. Fender needs a group of volunteers to help mount the artwork that will be displayed at the Wilson Art Show. She also needs a few

volunteers to help set up on the day of the art show in the afternoon. Please review the time slots below and click on the button to sign up if you are able to help. Thank you!

[Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

Wilson Brick Sales

Do you want to be a lasting part of the Wilson Elementary community? Now you can! 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-pto.org/open_forms

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

Wilson Carnival

The Wilson Carnival will be Saturday, March 1, 2025. Raffle tickets and wristbands are on sale now! Purchase here: [Link to Purchase](#)

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

Cafeteria Volunteers

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

[January Lunch Helpers](#)

[February Lunch Helpers](#)

[March Lunch Helpers](#)

[April Lunch Helpers](#)

[May Lunch Helpers](#)

Restaurant Nights

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

Sunday, Jan. 19 : NVT Pizza & Brew (all day!)

Thursday, Jan 23: Raising Cane's (3pm-10pm)

Wednesday, Jan 29: Mercer Social House (all day!)

District Information

Last Chance - Register for Jan. 23 Parent Academy Today!

Check out the [great list of topics](#) for our latest Parent Academy Night, including FAFSA/financial aid, navigating the turbulent tweens/teens, supporting kids in a digital world and more! [Click here to register](#), and [click here for an article](#) with more details.

Community Presentation of Screenagers: Under the Influence on Jan. 28

The Anderson Mental Health Collaborative is hosting a viewing of Screenagers: Under the Influence. The film discusses vaping, drug

and alcohol use among teens, and it depicts strategies parents can use to encourage healthy decision-making and support teen mental health. [RSVP for this free event here.](#)

Save the Dates for Upcoming Drama Productions

Both high schools will present wonderful productions on Jan. 31, Feb. 1 and 2! Click the links below to learn more and buy tickets!

- [Anderson Theatre presents The Tempest by William Shakespeare](#)
- [Turpin Theatre presents The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, based on the classic C.S. Lewis tale.](#)

Forest Hills Foundation for Education

We're looking for volunteers to help make the 16th annual Forest Hills 5K an amazing community event. No matter if you have a little or a lot of time, we'd love your help! Roles include logistical support, community outreach, and After Party facilitation. Send us a message at info@fhfe.org if you're interested in joining a fun group of people organizing an epic event. No running required!

Make the Cut Hair Donation Event

Share the Love! Urban Salon is hosting a "Make the Cut" hair donation event on Feb. 12 from 4-8 p.m. If you can donate at least 8 inches of hair to help make wigs for kids in need, please make an appointment! [Check out this flyer for more details!](#)

Community Flyers

[Click here to visit the flyers page](#) to learn more about opportunities like:

- [MCORE Foundation Cardiac Screening Event at Anderson HS | Jan. 23](#)
- [Breakthrough T1D Community Summit | Feb. 2](#)

- [Saturday Art at UC DAAP | Feb. 15-April 12 | Open K-12](#)
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Upcoming Events

K-4 Unified Arts Friday Rotation

Friday, January 24 will be a “Monday.”

Friday, January 31 will be a “Wednesday.”

Jan. 20

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School for Students or Staff)

Jan. 21

- Kindergarten Registration Opens

Jan. 22

Jan. 23

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

Jan. 24