

January 19, 2024

Wildcat Families,

Even though this has been a short week it sure has been busy! Our Wildcats are back into the groove of school and working hard every day. As busy as this week has been, next week has several events in store!

Please consider visiting Newtown Village Tavern on Sunday, January 21 anytime between 11:00 am to 8:00 pm. A percentage of your purchase supports our PTO! The wonderful people at NVT have been incredible supporters of our Wilson community! Don't forget to mention Wilson!

A huge thank you to our PTO and parent volunteers who are taking time out of their busy schedules to volunteer for lunch and recess duties on Tuesday, January 23. With cafeteria and playground responsibilities, our teachers are usually unable to eat lunch together as a grade level team. It's a small thing, but it's really enjoyable to sit with colleagues and talk. Thanks to everyone who has signed up!

On Wednesday the Nagel administrative team will spend some time with our 6th graders during their lunch time. The idea behind the visits is to begin building connections between the people at Nagel and our future Nighthawks. The Nagel team will also begin to share bits of information and of course answer questions about what 7th grade will be like. These visits are planned to take place about once a month until the end of the year.

Below we have information for yearbook ordering. New this year, Schoolhouse photos (the same company that took fall pictures) is developing the yearbook. Get those orders in early!

As a school we are constantly evaluating our programming to ensure we're meeting our students' needs. Part of that evaluation includes surveying the families we serve. This winter we're requesting families to complete two different surveys. The first is our standard Wilson Way Survey and the second comes from Mindpeace, a mental health partner with the district. More information about the surveys can be found below, but here are quick links to the surveys themselves. [WILSON WAY SURVEY](#) [MINDPEACE SURVEY](#). We hope you'll help us out by taking a few minutes to complete each survey. Thank you!

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Building Information

Wilson Health Aide Position Filled!

We are really excited to announce that Rachel Moller has officially joined the staff as our new Health Aide! Rachel brings a wealth of experience to job and is well-equipped to take care of our Wildcats. So if you see a new face or hear a new voice in the office, please be sure to welcome her to Wilson!

Rachel joins us with a diverse background in Nursing and a passion for enabling kids to thrive in school. Rachel is a Registered Nurse in Ohio and has a Master's in Nursing. She previously worked in an elementary school in Minnesota and has been substituting as a health aide in the Forest Hills School District this year. Rachel's children have previously attended Wilson, and she currently has one child at Nagel and two children at Mercer. She is excited to be part of the Wilson team!

Counselor's Corner:

4th - 6th Grade SPARKS Day!!!! March 22, 2024

Do you or someone you know have a SPARK you would like to share with our Wilson Wildcats? 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 22, 2024 for our 4th-6th grade students. Presenters will share their "Spark" to 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. **We are looking for 20 presenters by February 22, 2024** [Link for more information and to express interest.](#)

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

Lunch and Recess Volunteers Needed for Tuesday, January 23!

Can you volunteer next week on Tuesday 1/23 for Lunch or Recess Duty? Good news - it will be in the 40s! 🎉

You can sign up for one or a few 25 minute shifts. Your help is greatly appreciated! Volunteers must be fingerprinted.

SIGN UP HERE: <http://bit.ly/3O3b9iv>

Shoebox Collection

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

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.

Wilson Adult Social Event

Save the date 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! Be on the lookout for more details soon. Tickets will need to be purchased prior to this event.

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
- Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/48Tncqn>
- Pay for Bowling here: https://www.wilson-ptd.org/open_forms

Outdoor Recess Guidelines

We believe it is extremely important for kids to have an opportunity to get outside for recess as often as possible throughout the winter. As the weather gets colder, we will use the following guidelines to determine how much time we'll spend outside, if at all. Please make sure your Wildcats are dressed accordingly (remember to label coats, hats, and gloves).

- **Outside Recess** → If the temperature is above 20 degrees and the wind chill is above 15 degrees.
- **A Brief Recess** → When the wind chill is between 5 – 15 degrees, children have a choice to go outside for no more than 10 minutes at the teacher's discretion.
- **Inside Recess** → When snow covers the blacktop, and/or when the temperature is less than 20 degrees, and the wind chill is less than 5 degrees, children will have indoor recess.

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 months of January and February.

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

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!

Sunday, January 21: NVT Pizza & Brew 11am-8pm

Monday, February 6: Kitchen 1883 [all day!]

Enrichment Programs

There are lots of enrichment opportunities this winter! Check out the links below for additional information and steps to register!

LevelUp Academy coding club starting Monday, January 22 after school from 3:45-4:45. Click [HERE](#). *STARTING SOON!*

A new session of **Spanish** class with World of Spanish LLC beginning January 24th. Click [HERE](#). *STARTING SOON!*

Enriching Kidz **Stitch and Sew** [3rd-6th] class held on Jan. 29 and Feb. 5 from 3:45-5:45. Click [HERE](#).

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

District Information

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. The following link is specific to our school building!
- Wilson Elementary PBIS Survey Link: [Survey LINK](#)

Calendar Update: Student Days Off Change for March

All families should have received an email from Superintendent Hook with an update on the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar. Due to the presidential primary election on March 19, which we anticipate may bring in a large number of outside visitors to schools that serve as polling locations, the district has adjusted the calendar to reflect that students will not have school on Monday and Tuesday, March 18 and 19 (staff will report for professional development). K-12 students will now report for school on Friday, March 15 (which was previously

a non-school day). Preschool students will now report for school on Thursday, March 21, which was previously a non-school day in FHSD Preschool only. [Please see this news article for additional details](#). You can download a PDF of the updated academic calendar [here](#).

Informational Tax Bill Update from FHSD

Treasurer Alana Cropper presented information on how school taxes are calculated and helpful resources for homeowners to find data specific to their property at January's Board of Education meeting. [You can click here to read a detailed news article](#), including links to watch the presentation and view the slides. It's important to remember that although existing properties do not produce any additional revenue on voted school levies, changing property values can have an impact on the amount of taxes charged to individual homeowners as the total amount is divided across all property in the school district.

LAST CHANCE: Register NOW for FHSD Parent Academy on Jan. 24

The next Parent Academy session will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 24 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:

- **Dr. Devorah Heitner - Growing Up In Public:** Dr. Heitner will offer practical, timely, non-judgmental advice about technology and parenting in the digital age.
 - **Kerry Brown - Parenting Through Transitions and Big Emotions:** This session from the Beech Acres Parent Center will provide helpful tips and tools to find joy in parenting and lighten the load of every day challenges both big and small. Join us to learn effective strategies to ease these life changes.
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Sixth Grade Families: Nagel Dance Club Interest Survey

This survey is to gauge interest and feasibility to start a dance team at Nagel Middle School for the WINTER season of the 24/25 school year. There is no guarantee this will be implemented. The ability to start the club will depend on a variety of factors including student interest, resources to support and more. This survey will help inform that decision.

If applicable, please complete and share with other students who are eligible (live in the district and will attend Nagel next year) and might be interested. **Please only complete ONCE per student.**

SURVEY --> <https://forms.gle/ECfK1k4T7bWRVuBX8>

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.

Community Events

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

- [UC DAAP Saturday Art Program \(Grades K-12\)](#)
 - [Anderson Middies Girls Lacrosse 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, January 26th will be a “Thursday.”

Friday, February 2nd will be a “Monday.”

Jan. 22

- Kindergarten Registration for 24-25 Opens

Jan. 23

- Fire Drill 2:30 pm

Jan. 24

- Nagel visits 6th Grade during lunch (12:05 to 12:25)
- Parent Academy at Nagel (6:30-8:00)

Jan. 25

Jan. 26