

January 23, 2026

Wilson Families,

Thank you to all of the families who joined us for our PTO meeting on Tuesday. Your presence, ideas, and ongoing support play an important role in helping make our school such a positive and connected community. We are grateful for the partnership between home and school, and appreciate everyone who continues to support PTO efforts throughout the year.

i-Ready winter reports were sent home on Wednesday. While i-Ready provides helpful information about your child's performance in reading and math, it is important to remember that it is just one measure of student learning. Our teachers use a variety of tools and classroom observations to assess student progress, and they see firsthand the growth students make each day through classwork, discussions, and skill development. We encourage families to review the report together, celebrate progress, and view it as one piece of the larger picture of your child's learning. As always, please reach out to your child's teacher with any questions or to discuss next steps for continued growth.

As we begin planning ahead, families of our current 6th grade students are invited to attend an informational meeting at Nagel Middle School. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 28, from 7:00–8:00 pm in the Nagel Cafetorium. We encourage all 6th grade families to attend if possible.

Next Wednesday will also be Club Photo Day for the Yearbook. Students involved in various clubs (orchestra, band, chorus, Willie Wildcat, Running, etc) will take group photos in the gym beginning

at 9:30am. Unfortunately, there are no makeup photos if students are absent.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we work together to support student growth and success.

Take care,

Erin and Brian

## **Building Information**

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### **Art Show Volunteers**

The art show is coming up on Thursday, February 26th! Mrs. Fender is looking for volunteers to help mount art work on Thursday, February 12th, and to help set up on the actual day of the show. Please use the link below to sign up if you are able to help: [Art Show Sign-Up](#)

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### **Volunteers/Chaperones**

If you are interested in volunteering in classrooms, the copy room, or on field trips, you must complete a background check through the district's Raptor System. Background checks are good for 5 years. If you are unsure if your background check is up to date, please contact [Lynn](#) in the main office.

- [Complete online process via Raptor System](#) (includes background check).
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## **Exciting Author Visit Coming to Wilson!**

We are thrilled to announce that author and illustrator Wes Molebash will be visiting Wilson on Thursday, April 2 to speak with all of our students! Wes Molebash is a talented cartoonist and creator of graphic novels and comics for young readers. He is best known for his *Travis Davenport* series, which is a fun, imaginative graphic novel that blends humor, adventure, and engaging illustrations that students love. He's also created popular webcomics and cartoons, and his work appears in books and projects enjoyed by readers of all ages. [Wes Molebash - Legendary Cartoonist+1](#)

In preparation for his visit, classroom teachers will have copies of his books to share with students so they can get excited about his stories ahead of time. Families also have the opportunity to order books for Wes Molebash to sign during his visit!

### Book Ordering Details

- You may order books now through March 15. Here is the [LINK](#) for you to place your order.
- Use the code WILSON to get 20% off.
- Signed copies make wonderful keepsakes and great gifts!

We are so excited for this special day and are incredibly grateful to our fabulous PTO for funding this event for our students. A huge thank you as well to Colleen Birdsong, our fantastic Reading Specialist, for leading the charge in planning this unforgettable experience!

Stay tuned for more details!

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**Our SPARKS DAY is coming on March 20th!**

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 20, 2026 for our 4th-6th grade students. You will share your "Spark" to three different groups, each session is 35 minutes. We would like for you to share with our kids about your interests/hobbies while growing up, what your path looked like and then the rest of the time you can share your "Spark". Hands-on activities are welcome! There will be a light breakfast available. This is such a fun day for our kids as well as our presenters. **If you are interested in participating or want more information, please fill this form out.** [25-26 Sparks Day Leaders Interest Form](#)

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### **Wilson Yearbook Orders**

Order your 2025-2026 Wilson Yearbooks by looking at [YEARBOOK FLYER](#) or by visiting: [SCHOOLHOUSEPHOTOS.COM/YEARBOOK](https://SCHOOLHOUSEPHOTOS.COM/YEARBOOK). The order deadline is April 15. Yearbooks will be delivered by the end of the school year.

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### **Wilson Running Club Coordinator**

We are looking for someone to lead the running club this year for our Wilson Wildcats. The previous coordinator, Joe Dold, has offered to meet with anyone interested in this position to share the training schedule and other important information. (Joe Dold's phone number is 513-582-9767 and his email address is [josephdold@hotmail.com](mailto:josephdold@hotmail.com)).

Running Club will be held every Wednesday, March 11th thru May 6th, 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 Saturday, May 9.

Please reach out to Erin Sines ([erinsines@foresthills.edu](mailto:erinsines@foresthills.edu)) if you are interested.

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## **Counselor's Corner**

### **1st Grade Self-Control Lessons are complete!**

I shared four lessons about [Self Control](#) with our 1st graders using STOP< THINK< ACT. They also learned about some breathing techniques to use during the "THINK" step which includes: Smelling flowers and blowing out birthday candles, Hot Chocolate Breathing and one more from our Mindful Music Moments partner, [Begin Again](#).

**"Say Something" 6th grade lessons.** This past week I taught lessons to all 6th-grade classes on youth suicide awareness and violence prevention aligned with [House Bill 123](#). If you would like more information, please see the letter below that was emailed to our 6th-grade parents.

### **Wilson 6th Grade FHSD Say Something Parent Letter**

**Just ask!** Please reach out to me if I can do anything for your family. Smiles 😊 Jean Bode [jeanbode@foresthills.edu](mailto:jeanbode@foresthills.edu)

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## **PTO Information**

### **Boys' V.I.P. Event**

Join us at TQL Stadium for Boys' V.I.P. Day! This event takes place Sunday, March 8 at 7:00 pm. Tickets **MUST** be purchased by 2/22/26. Click on the [LINK](#) to purchase your tickets today!

Stay tuned for information on game day perks and stadium gift cards. If you have questions, reach out to Amy at [amyfmcconaughy@gmail.com](mailto:amyfmcconaughy@gmail.com)

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### **Wilson Carnival Information**

Buy your wristbands and raffle tickets for the Wilson Carnival on Saturday, March 28th from 11am - 2pm. PRE-SALE wristband and raffle ticket close at 11:00 pm on Sunday, March 22nd. Wristbands will be available for \$15 on the day of the carnival. Adults do not need wristbands!

<https://www.wilson-pto.org/carnival>

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### **Wilson 6th Grade Social at Elite Athletics**

WHEN: February 13th from 1-3pm (students are off school that day)

WHERE: 1155 Old State Rte 74, Batavia, OH 45103

COST: There is **no fee** for 6th Graders who RSVP. This event is hosted by the PTO.

FOOD & DRINK: Students will receive 2 slices of pizza, chips and a bottle of water. Additional concessions are available for purchase via cash or card.

Students must RSVP to attend the event! [RSVP HERE](#).

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**Wilson Bowling Club 2025-2026: Time is Running Out to Sign Up!**

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL! GET READY TO BOWL!

8 Week Session: Thursdays, 4:15 - 5:30 pm

February 5th - March 26th

Where: Cherry Grove Lanes, 4005 Hopper Hill Road

Who: ALL Wilson Kids

Bumper Bowling: K - 3rd Grade

Regular Bowling: 4th - 6th grade

Cost: \$75.00

This is a Wilson Elementary PTO-sponsored event.

Transportation is not provided. A team parent must be on site during bowling.

Registration and Payment are only being accepted through the STORE tab in the PTO Membership Toolkit.

INFORMATION, REGISTRATION and PAYMENT can be found in the link below:

[Click Here for the Bowling Club Flyer To Register and Make Payment](#)

Registration and payment are due by January 29, 2026 or until spots are filled.

Once payment is received and teams are finalized, parents will be contacted by email to confirm enrollment and team placement. Questions? Contact Tracy Tekulve (tracytek3@gmail.com, 513-307-1939)

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### **Before / After-School Enrichment Programs**

Check out the before and after-school learning opportunities and make sure to communicate with your student's teacher if they are participating in a program!

[Sewing \( 4th - 6th \)](#) - TUESDAYS, Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 3:50 - 5:00  
Learn the basics of sewing and make your own pillow!

[Decoupage \( 3rd - 6th \)](#) - TUESDAYS, Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 3:50-5:00  
Create your own memory book as a keepsake!

[Star Glazers Pottery](#) - MONDAYS, March 2, 9, 16, 3:50 - 4:50  
Create your own clay pottery pieces!

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### **Support Wilson at a Restaurant Night!**

Support the Wilson PTO, local businesses, and make dinner easy by stopping by one of these restaurant nights! Don't forget to mention Wilson!

- Mon. Jan. 26: Cane's on Beechmont 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm  
(online code: RCFUND96)



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## **Lunch Menu for January**

- [JANUARY LUNCH MENU](#)
    - Link for [ALL BUILDING MENUS](#)
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## **Kdg & First Grade Cafeteria Helpers**

If you're interested in volunteering, please use this link to sign up for November and December.

- **January:** [LINK](#)
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## **District Information**

### **Second Grade CogAT Testing**

Ohio's revised standards for gifted education require all districts to provide cognitive testing once during the K-2 grade band and once during the 3-6 grade band. FHSD currently tests students in 2nd and 4th grades using CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test). 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.

### **Second graders throughout the district will take the assessment on February 2-5, 2026.**

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.

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### **Kindergarten Registration is Open NOW!**

We're already planning for the 2026-27 school year! If you or someone you know has a child nearing school age, please encourage them to check out our award-winning elementary schools! Kindergarten registration is OPEN right now. [Learn more about the process on our website here.](#) Our outstanding preschool program will begin accepting applications for the peer model lottery on Feb. 1, so keep an eye out for more information soon!

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### **Library Book Checkout Options for Families**

We want to remind you of an option regarding school library checkouts. By default, students are able to independently select books with the support of our trained library staff. However, families who prefer to review and approve each book before it is checked out may choose to complete an opt-out form for their child. No action is needed if you wish for your student to self-select books. You do not have to fill out this form if you have done so previously. More information and the form are [available at this link](#).

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### **Turpin Girls Basketball Kids Attend for Free Nights**

Kids with a Forest Hills Lady Hawks shirt or a Turpin B-ball Camp shirt can attend another awesome Turpin Girls Basketball game this year for free! Chick-Fil-A will be served!

- Thursday, Jan. 29 Turpin vs. Anderson (JV @ 5 p.m., Varsity @ 6:30 p.m.)
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### **Forest Hills Foundation for Education**

The Foundation is excited to award \$25,000 in Student-Led Grants this year! We encourage students with the support of adult advisors to brainstorm ideas about what would make their Forest Hills experience even better. From practical to creative, we are looking forward to seeing your proposals. [Apply](#) for a Student-Led Grant by February 12th! Here is a [worksheet](#) to draft your responses before inputting them in the application (make a copy of the document).

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### **Community Events**

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

- [UC DAAP Saturday Art for K-12 | Feb. 14-April 11 | Registration Opens Jan. 24](#)
- [Anderson Township Volleyball | Spring 2026 Registration | 3rd-8th Grade Boys](#)
- [Flag Football Fanatics | Spring 2026 Registration | Co-ed Ages 4-18](#)
- [i9 Spring Sports | Youth Sports for Boys and Girls Ages 3-14](#)
- [Anderson Fastpitch Softball Association Spring Registration](#)
- [Anderson Middies Lacrosse Spring Registration](#)

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **K-4 Unified Arts Rotation**

Friday, January 30 will be a “Wednesday.”

Friday, February 6 will be a “Thursday.”

### **Jan. 26**

- Nagel Admin Team visits 6th Grade During Lunch (12:35 pm to 1:20 pm)
- PTO Restaurant Night: Cane's 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm (online code: RCFUND96)

**Jan. 27**

**Jan. 28**

- Club Photos for Yearbook (9:30-11:00am)
- Nagel Meeting for Incoming 7th Graders at 7:00 pm in the Nagel Cafetorium. (7:00 pm to 8:00 pm)

**Jan. 29**

**Jan. 30**

- Wilson Way Teams 2:05 pm to 2:45 pm