

January 26, 2024

Wildcat Families,

Although we missed our Wildcats last Friday we really enjoyed hearing and seeing their Snow Day fun. Their hard work and effort to take care of all the superstitions paid off. We saw students flushing ice cubes down the toilet, yelling “Snow Day” into freezers and wearing their pajamas inside out and backwards on social media! We know from the adult perspective that a canceled school day can be really disruptive to work schedules and other commitments, but we hope each of you were able to enjoy some time playing in the snow.

Last week we shared links to two surveys, one about the Wilson Way and one from the district partner, Mindpeace. If you have a few minutes, please take some time to complete these surveys. Your responses help support our programming and guide our future work. [WILSON WAY SURVEY](#)    [MINDPEACE SURVEY](#).

Take care,  
Erin and Brian

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## Building Information

### Art Show Preparation Party

Mrs. Fender is in need of a group of volunteers to help mount the artwork that will be displayed during the Wilson Art Show next Tuesday afternoon. Please use the link to sign up if you are able to help: [Art Show Prep Party Sign Up](#)

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### **Wilson Health Aide**

Last week we shared the wonderful news that Rachel Moller has accepted the position as Wilson's health aide. If you need to contact Rachel, her email address is [rachelmoller@foresthills.edu](mailto:rachelmoller@foresthills.edu).

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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. The link ([myconferencetime.com/wilson](https://myconferencetime.com/wilson)) to sign up will go live to parents on February 2 at 9:30am.

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### **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.](#)

**January Theme: Showing Respect-**A good citizen has respect for themselves as well as for others. Students are learning to understand that you cannot respect others until you learn to respect yourself. [Read more here.](#)

### **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](mailto:jeanbode@foresthills.edu)

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### **Shoebox Collection**

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

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### **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](#)

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### **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.

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### **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](mailto:amwitte2012@gmail.com)

- Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/48Tncqn>
  - Pay for Bowling here: [https://www.wilson-pto.org/open\\_forms](https://www.wilson-pto.org/open_forms)
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### **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](mailto:saraostermeier@hotmail.com)

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### **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](#).

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## **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 6: Kitchen 1883 [all day!]

Tuesday, February 20: NVT Pizza & Brew 4-8pm

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## **Enrichment Programs**

Check out the links below for additional information and steps to register!

- 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**

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## **Reminder: 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](http://www.pbis.org). The following link is specific to our school building!
  - Wilson Elementary PBIS Survey Link: [Survey LINK](#)

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### **Hilinski's Hope Community Event on Mental Health**

We hope you will consider joining us for an informative and engaging conversation about mental health, student wellness and suicide prevention on Monday, March 4. Thanks to support from the Forest Hills Foundation for Education, Anderson High School is hosting the Hilinski's Hope Foundation to lead a community presentation from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Titus Auditorium. You can learn more about the event and find a link to RSVP [in our news article here](#).

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### **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.

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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>

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## **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](mailto:jennifer.c.zimmerman@gmail.com).

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### **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, February 2nd will be a “Monday.”

Friday, February 9th will be a “Tuesday.”

**Jan. 29**

**Jan. 30**

**Jan. 31**

**Feb. 1**

**Feb. 2**