

January 5, 2024

Wildcat Families,

We hope you had a wonderful break and are ready to tackle the second half of the school year! As much as we enjoy the time with our families, the excitement we feel seeing our Wildcats return never gets old! Kids, much like us adults, are creatures of habit. So when we haven't been in the school routine for a couple of weeks it's easy to forget those routines. Have you ever had to sit for a few moments to remember your login at work after a long break? To help settle back into things, our teachers spent time reviewing the Wilson Way expectations for each of the school environments. A little reminder and a little practice goes a long way!

All of our students will come home with their Report Card this afternoon. Please be sure to check your child's backpack when they get home. As always, if you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher(s).

Our first PTO meeting of the new year is scheduled for Monday at 7:00pm in the Wilson iLab. We hope you're able to join us!

Have a great weekend!

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Building Information

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

Lockdown Drill Next Friday

As part of our regular A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training, next Friday (January 12) we will conduct a lockdown drill. During a lockdown drill, students remain in their classrooms, regular classroom activity stops, and all classroom doors are secured. During the drill no one will be permitted to enter the building. The drill will begin at 9:45am and take approximately 15 minutes.

Anderson Fastpitch Softball Association

Calling all softball players! Registration for the Spring 2024 season is now open! Click [here](#) to register! See [FLYER](#) for more information. T-Ball is available for 6U! Questions? Email andersonfastpitchsoftball@gmail.com.

Anderson Middies Girls Lacrosse

Register now for Middies Girls Lacrosse!

The Middies program is a volunteer-led program that aims to teach lacrosse fundamentals, developing players through game skills and promoting good sportsmanship and teamwork. The goal is to foster a love of the game and prepare those girls who may be interested in playing lacrosse at the high school level and beyond.

Register here: <https://www.andersonlax.com/> (Note: players must also join US Lacrosse; info on website)

Who: Girls grades 3-8

Season: January-May 2024

Questions? Email [Margaret Graupe](#)

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.
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Lab 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

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

Enrichment Programs

There are lots of enrichment opportunities starting in January! Check out the links below for additional information and steps to register!

Chess Club starting Thursday, January 11 after school from 3:45-4:45. Click [HERE](#).

Pottery Wheel 101 [2nd-6th] classes on Jan. 9 and Jan. 16 from 3:45-5:45. Click [HERE](#). *Waitlist Only*

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

QSA Training [1st-6th] for speed and agility beginning January 24th. Click [HERE](#).

Drawing/Watercolor class with Trisha Raymond starting January 11. Click [HERE](#).

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

LevelUp Academy [formally Code Ninjas] starting Monday, January 22 after school from 3:45-4:45. Click [HERE](#)

District Information

First Semester Report Cards Go Home Today

Students will be coming home today with printed report cards. The report card has detailed progress in the academic areas and habits of a learner, as well as information on the standards below each academic area. Report cards are printed every nine weeks.

Online Parent Access

You can also access your report cards online through ProgressBook. If you need your ProgressBook parent key, please contact parenthelp@foresthills.edu. Please see the directions to access report cards online: [Directions](#)

For more in-depth conversations and comments about current progress, please make sure to sign up for a conference with your child's teacher. As a reminder, we will have our next round of face-to-face evening conferences again on Feb. 22 and March 7.

Information for Families of Second Graders

You will find additional information coming home with your child in their report card today for second graders only. This is coming directly from the Ohio Attorney General's Office. This is simply for informational purposes if you wish to participate and is not required.

District-Wide Spirit Day: National Hat Day - Jan. 16

Students and staff are invited to wear their favorite hat on Tuesday, January 16! Join us for our first spirit day of the new year and warm up with a fun hat!

Meagan Toothman Youth Clinic - Jan. 15

Come join the Turpin Cheerleaders for a fun day in honor of our beloved coach, Meagan Toothman. Spend the day learning a fun routine that will be performed at the boys basketball halftime vs. ECC rival, Walnut Hills on Friday, January 19th! Proceeds from the camp will be going towards the Meagan Toothman Foundation and supporting various causes around Forest Hills. Open to all students (FHSD and beyond) in grades K-8. Info and registration:

<https://www.turpinathleticcamps.com/cheer.cfm>

Save the Date: Important Upcoming Events

- [Kindergarten Registration Opens](#) - Jan. 22, 2024 (24-25 school year)
 - [FHSD Parent Academy](#) - Jan. 24, 2024
 - [Science Fair & Innovation Expo](#) - Jan. 27, 2024
 - [Preschool Peer Model Applications Open](#) - Feb. 1, 2024 (24-25 school year)
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Community Events

You can also visit our [flyers webpage here](#) that has updates on other fun events and activities, including [registration information for Anderson Township Little League](#). You can also find information about [Anderson Fastpitch Softball signups](#). Click [here](#) to register now! T-Ball is available for 6U! Questions? Email andersonfastpitchsoftball@gmail.com

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 12th will be a “Wednesday.”

Friday, January 19th will be a “Monday.”

Friday, January 26th will be a “Thursday.”

Jan. 8

- PTO Meeting at 7:00 pm in Wilson iLab

Jan. 9

Jan. 10

Jan. 11

Jan. 12

- Lockdown Drill