

July 31, 2026

Wilson Families,

Welcome to the 26-27 school year! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer break so far, and have an opportunity for fun in these last few weeks before school starts! We are thrilled to welcome our new students and families to Wilson. To our returning students, welcome back! Each new school year brings opportunities for new friendships, experiences, and discoveries, and we look forward to a year filled with these wonderful moments.

Our dedicated staff has been working hard over the summer to prepare for the upcoming year. We are excited to introduce some new faces to our team! Please see below for more information about our newest staff members. They are fantastic additions to our school community.

We have a lot of important information in our parent update each week. All communication will go out every Friday. We send the message at 9:30am, however, your ParentSquare setting may hold all district emails until 6:00pm (this is the default setting). We know how busy families are, but we would certainly appreciate you taking the time to read through all we have to share with you.

We hope you can pop in and see us on Monday, August 3 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm to meet our new office staff!

See you soon!

Erin and Brian

Building Information

A Personal Update

As we begin a new school year, I'd like to share one personal update. You may notice a different name in school communications this year. I have chosen to return to my maiden name and will now be known as Ms. Harrold.

Many of you have known me as Mrs. Storer and, more recently, Ms. Sines, so I know this will be another adjustment. While this change is personal, I wanted you to hear it directly from me.

One quote that has carried me through this season is: *"It's better to admit you've walked through the wrong door than to spend the rest of your life in the wrong room."* To me, those words are about having the courage to choose growth, even when it's difficult. I hope our students grow up knowing that making mistakes doesn't define us. Rather, it's how we learn, grow, and move forward that shapes who we become.

I am incredibly grateful to be part of a school community that values kindness, respect, and compassion. Thank you for extending those same qualities to my family and me. While my last name is changing, my commitment to Wilson, our students, and your families remains exactly the same.

Please note that my school email address has also been updated to erinharrold@foresthills.edu.

I am looking forward to another incredible school year together.

With gratitude,

Ms. Harrold

Cool Treats & Warm Welcomes!

We have a new Wilson Office Team, and we can't wait for you to meet them! Please stop by the Wilson Outdoor Learning Space on **Monday, August 3, from 3:00–5:00 p.m.** to say hello. You'll have the opportunity to meet our new Administrative Assistant, Tyler Hughes, School Counselor, Christina Durso, and Health Aide, Julie Wilson. We hope you'll join us for this fun, informal opportunity to connect before the school year begins. We'll also have popsicles for all Wilson students! We look forward to seeing you if you're able to make it!

New Staff Members for the 26-27 School Year

Tyler Hughes: Administrative Assistant

We are excited to share that Tyler Hughes is Wilson's new Administrative Assistant! Over the past 4½ years, Tyler has served as our Intervention Aide, building meaningful relationships with our students, staff, and families while providing outstanding support throughout our school community. She is excited to connect with even more Wilson families and students in her new role. Tyler and her family live in Anderson. Her oldest son, Carson, graduated from Anderson High School in 2025, and her younger son, Maddox, will be a junior there this fall. Tyler and her husband, Garrett, have been married for 20 years. Outside of school, you'll most likely find them

cheering from the sidelines at baseball, basketball, and just about every other sporting event!

Christina Durso: School Counselor

Christina is our new Wilson School Counselor. She brings 8 years of experience as a school counselor at Ryland Heights Elementary in Kentucky, and before that, she spent 3 years teaching first grade. Those experiences have shaped her passion for supporting students both academically and emotionally, and she is so excited to continue that work here at Wilson. She has been married to her husband, Nick for 10 years, and they have two young children, Bryce (5) and Ava (3), who keep them busy and laughing! Outside of school, she loves running and traveling with her family. Since moving to this area in 2015, she has always said that Wilson would be her dream job. Her husband and his three brothers all attended Wilson, and from the moment she became part of the Anderson community, she has heard nothing but amazing things.

Julie Wilson: Health Aide

Julie grew up in New Richmond and attended The University of Toledo. Throughout her career, she has had the opportunity to work at Cincinnati Children's and at Good Samaritan Hospital in the Emergency Department. Most recently, she has spent the last few years working as a health aide at another elementary school, where she discovered how much she loves supporting students and being part of a school community. Outside of work, she is a mom to five girls who keep life busy and fun! In Julie's free time, she loves reading and listening to audiobooks, and she can never get enough time at the beach. During the summer, you'll usually find her family at the pool or spending the day at Kings Island.

Mackenzie Quirk: Speech-Language Pathologist

Mackenzie Quirk is excited to join our team! This will be her third year as an SLP. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from the University of Kentucky (Go Wildcats!) and her Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Cincinnati. When Mackenzie is not at school, she enjoys spending time with her family, friends, and cat, Banks. She also loves trying new restaurants, hot yoga, and reading.

Jacklynn Frizzell: Intervention Aide

We are excited to welcome Jacklynn Frizzle as our new intervention aide! Jacklynn Frizzell is from Anderson Township and a Forest Hills graduate. She is currently raising her two Wildcats alongside her husband who works at the airport and is also a Staff Sergeant in the Ohio National Guard. She has a dog named May who is often mistaken for a Dingo. She graduated from Kent State University, which is where she met her husband. Jacklynn enjoys being outside and is a nature enthusiast. She enjoys cooking, reading, cycling and catching up with her friends.

Jacklynn has over ten years experience in an Early Childhood education and childcare setting, most recently as a pre-k paraprofessional at Sherwood. She acquired her Bachelor of Science degree at Kent State University. She has provided childcare for several faculty members' families within the district. Her passion for education extends globally, having served as an online English tutor for children in China, where she enjoyed helping students build their language skills and confidence through personalized instruction. She can't wait to get started!

Alishea Royse: Extended Support Classroom (ESC) Paraprofessional

Alishea is excited to begin her journey at Wilson, and we are thrilled to have her with us. Alishea has been married for 29 years and is the

proud mom of four children and grandmother to three grandchildren. Her family keeps her busy, and she loves spending her free time in the stands cheering on her two youngest children as they compete in high school sports. Her daughter is entering her sophomore year and participates in wrestling and softball, while her son is preparing for his senior year, where he plays both baseball and football. She also has a daughter who is a college graduate who works for an international finance and tax office, and her oldest daughter recently began a career in cancer registry while raising her three children.

Outside of work, Alishea enjoys a busy and full life, spending much of her time at ball fields and in gymnasiums supporting her family. She brings 10 years of experience as a para in the West Clermont School District. She also had the unique opportunity to work as a para in Japan for two and a half years while her husband was stationed at Yokota Air Base near Tokyo.

Tay Jackson: Long Term Sub for Heather Haynes (ESC)

Tay Jackson will be Heather's long term sub while Heather is on maternity leave. We are excited for Tay to take on this leadership role within our Extended Support Classrooms. Tay has worked in special education for 3 years now at Wilson as a paraprofessional in our Extended Support Classrooms. Her brother had severe autism motivating her to pursue a career in influencing and teaching kids like him. Tay is currently earning her bachelor's degree in Special Education at NKU. Outside of work she is a mom to a beautiful 2 year old. She enjoys the gym, coloring, and brain teasers. Tay is also training as a bodybuilder/focusing on fitness in general.

Andrea Schultz: Long Term Paraprofessional sub for Tay Jackson (ESC)

We are excited to welcome Andrea Schultz to Wilson! Andrea will be serving as the long-term paraprofessional substitute for Tay Jackson while Tay serves as the long-term substitute for Heather Haynes during her maternity leave through mid-November. Andrea brings more than 30 years of experience in education. She earned her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from the University of Cincinnati and her master's degree in Elementary Education with a literacy focus from Northern Kentucky University. She spent 32 years teaching middle school language arts in New Richmond, where she also served as a reading specialist, department chair, mentor, coach, and leader on numerous school committees. Since retiring in 2025, Andrea has continued working with students as a substitute, including supporting students in ESC classrooms at Summit Elementary. Outside of school, Andrea enjoys reading, traveling, participating in group fitness classes, and creating macramé projects. She is also a dedicated Bengals fan and loves cheering on the team as a season ticket holder.

Mari Leslie: Kindergarten Long Term Sub for Katie Reed

We are thrilled to share that Mari Leslie will be serving as Katie Reed's long-term substitute while she is on maternity leave through October 22. This is truly a homecoming for Mari! She grew up in Cincinnati and was once a Wilson Elementary student herself, making it especially meaningful for her to return to the school where her educational journey began. Mari brings 10 years of teaching experience spanning kindergarten, first grade, gifted education, and Montessori classrooms. Although she has enjoyed working with students of all ages, kindergarten has always held a special place in her heart. Her teaching career has taken her to classrooms in South Carolina, Mississippi, and even Japan, where she met her husband while she was teaching kindergarten on a military base. Mari and her husband welcomed their first daughter in October 2025. Because her husband

serves in the Navy, they currently call Norfolk, Virginia, home. While he is away on deployment, Mari is spending time in Cincinnati with family and is excited for the opportunity to give back to the school that first inspired her love of learning. She is looking forward to meeting our Wilson families, building relationships with our students, and helping make this a fantastic school year!

Vince Rahnfeld: Long Term Sub for Steven Funke (Band Director)

We are excited to welcome Vince Rahnfeld to our band classroom through the end of September! A graduate of the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, Vince has been an active Cincinnati-area musician for many years, performing on guitar and trumpet as a soloist and with a variety of musical groups. He has also taught music in the Milford, New Richmond, and Sycamore school districts and previously served as Assistant Conductor for the Anderson Community Band and Blue Ash Symphony Orchestra.

Vince recently retired as a school counselor at Madeira High School and as an Adjunct Professor in the Counseling Department at Xavier University. After serving as a substitute school counselor at Turpin earlier this year, he is excited to return to the band classroom and share his love of music with our students.

A long-time Anderson Township resident and Anderson High School graduate, Vince has a special connection to our community. His grandchildren attend Turpin, Nagel, and Ayer, with his two oldest having attended Wilson. His wife also previously worked at Turpin as an aide and Attendance Secretary. Outside of music and school, Vince enjoys spending time with his family and reading both fiction and nonfiction.

Alison Meek: Third Grade Long Term Sub for Misty Anness

Alison will be serving as a long term sub in third grade through the end of We are excited to welcome back a familiar face to our third-grade classroom! An Anderson Township resident for 27 years, Alison has been part of the Wilson community for 25 of those years, first as a parent and then as a substitute teacher for the past 20 years.

With an early interest in education, she ultimately pursued a career in public relations before becoming a stay-at-home mom. When her daughters attended Wilson, she returned to work as a substitute teacher, following her love of teaching and her connection to the school community. Although she officially retired in May, she wasn't quite ready to give up teaching or Wilson, so she is excited to continue helping out this year on a smaller scale.

Outside of school, family keeps her busy. One daughter recently moved back to Anderson, while her other daughter recently relocated to Indianapolis. She is also a puppy and kitten foster and has a passion for helping animals in need. With a little more free time, she hopes to improve her golf and pickleball skills. She and her recently retired husband are also looking forward to traveling the world and splitting their time between Cincinnati and Phoenix.

Forest Hills Calendar for the 2026-2027 School Year

Please review the 2026–2027 school calendar included in this parent update so you can plan ahead for the upcoming school year.

Phase-in Days will take place in the following order:

- Aug.18: Students First Day Last Names M-Z ONLY
- Aug. 19: Students First Day Last Names A-L ONLY
- Aug. 20: First Day of School for ALL Students

Forest Hills 2026-2027 Academic Calendar

School Supply Lists for the 2026-2027 School Year

We have included school supply lists for 2026–2027 below. We hope this helps families begin preparing for a successful start to the school year, and we look forward to welcoming students back in the fall!

[School Supply List](#)

Back to School Bash (Open House)

We will host our Back to School Bash on Thursday, August 13 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. This is a great opportunity for families to visit classrooms, socialize with friends and drop off any school supplies. This is an open house format, so please visit whenever your schedule permits. Things are typically less crowded towards the end of the open house.

New Family Orientation

If your family is new to Wilson (this doesn't include our Kindergarten families), we will host a brief new family orientation on August 13 from 5:30pm to 6:00 pm in the Wilson iLab. Both parents and students are encouraged to attend. During this orientation, our new students will have a short activity and an

opportunity to tour the building with our Sixth Grade Ambassadors while the new parents spend time learning more about Wilson and operational logistics.

Kindergarten Screenings and Kindergarten Information Night

Each year we request our Kindergarten students to participate in an informal assessment before school begins. **Students enrolled in the Extended Standards Classroom (ESC) do not need to attend**

screenings. Kindergarten Screenings are scheduled to take place on August 4, 2026 from 8:30am until 12:30pm by appointment only.

Please visit <https://www.myconferencetime.com/wilson/> and follow the instructions on the page to schedule an appointment. We know some of you will be squeezing in a last minute vacation, so if you are unable to attend it's no problem at all, we'll just use the parent input form (linked below) to guide our placement decisions. We will then administer the assessments to your child during the first week of school. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Administrative Assistant Tyler Hughes in the main office. She can be reached at (513) 231-3240 or via email at tylerhughes@foresthills.edu.

When you arrive for your screening appointment please use the driveway closest to Wolfangel to access the parking lot. We will have a table set up just inside the main entrance (enter the building by the flagpole) for you and your child to check in. At that time one of our teachers will escort your child to one of the Kindergarten classrooms to begin the assessments. While the children are completing the assessments we will ask you to complete the Parent Input Form (linked below) if you haven't done so already. The whole process typically takes between 15-20 minutes.

It is a good idea to begin talking with your child about the assessments so they have an understanding of what will happen. **It's important the children understand that you will not be able to accompany them during the assessment.**

Kindergarten Parent Input Form

In an effort to ensure our teachers are as prepared as possible to receive your Wildcat in Kindergarten, we invite you to complete a form to share important academic, social, and behavioral information. Hard copies of this form will be available during screenings. However, if you prefer to complete the form ahead of time, here is a link to the electronic version: [PARENT INPUT FORM](#)

Kindergarten Class Placements

After the Kindergarten Screenings we will develop class lists for each of our classes. Our goal is to have placements completed and shared for Kindergarten Information Night on August 4.

Kindergarten Information Night - August 4

Please join us on August 4 at 5:30pm in the Wilson gym for a presentation from our Kindergarten teachers. **This event is intended for parents only.** The Kindergarten teachers will share detailed information regarding daily logistics and answer any questions you may have.

Grade Level Information Nights 26-27

As we begin planning for the 2026–2027 school year, we are excited to bring back our Grade Level Information Nights this fall! These evenings will provide families with an opportunity to meet teachers and learn more about the curriculum and specific expectations for the school year.

Families will gain an overview of what students will be learning, important grade-level information, and ways we can work together to support student success throughout the year. We look forward to partnering with families from the very beginning and creating meaningful connections within our school community.

Grade Level Information Nights

- **Thursday, September 10**
 - First Grade 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm
 - Third Grade 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm

 - **Tuesday, September 15**
 - Second Grade 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm
 - Fourth Grade 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm

 - **Thursday, September 17**
 - Fifth Grade 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm
 - Sixth Grade 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm
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Summer and Beginning of the Year Resources

Forest Hills Learning Hub: This website provides families with opportunities at home. www.bit.ly/FHSDLearningHub

Parent Guides: Grade level parent guides are housed on the district website. The guides provide an overview of each grade's learning objectives.

PTO Information

2026-2027 Room Representative Volunteers Needed

A great way to get involved at Wilson is by volunteering as your child's classroom representative. In this role, you'll collaborate with your child's homeroom teacher to help plan class parties and organize volunteer opportunities. You'll also coordinate ways to show appreciation for your teacher throughout the year, including for their birthday, holidays, and at the end of the school year.

Please consider signing up using the link below. Each teacher will have a maximum of two room representatives. If you are signing up before teacher assignments are finalized, it's perfectly fine to leave that section of the questionnaire blank. [LINK](#)

Contact Jill Munninghoff with any questions
Jillian.Groszek@gmail.com

District Information

Summer Learning Resources

The Forest Hills Summer Learning Hub contains a wide-variety of resources across all subject areas and grade levels. [Bookmark this link for easy access all summer long!](#)

2026-2027 Calendars

You can find next year's [academic calendar on the FHSD website](#) to find days off school, conferences and other major events to help plan ahead! The school activity calendars will be updated in the coming weeks with other school-specific items that have already been scheduled.

Parent Connex App Resource for Families

Our friends at Beech Acres Parenting Center have created an interactive, engaging parent coaching app and it is available to all parents, guardians, teachers and staff in FHSD! In order to participate in this free resource you need to use the following link to download the app to your smart phone. The app will only work when downloaded through this FHSD-specific link, so do not search for the app separately.

- **LINK TO DOWNLOAD:**

<https://beechacres.fynancial.com/referinvite?referralCode=225d46>

Please be aware that this is an independent, third-party operated service. Beech Acres Parenting Center is a valuable partner of FHSD and is a regular participant at our Parent Academy Nights. They

have offered invaluable lessons, guidance, support and expertise to our parents on a wide-variety of topics.

Forest Hills Foundation for Education

As another successful school year comes to an end, we wish all Forest Hills students, staff, and families a fantastic summer break! Parents of rising seniors, [registration](#) for the College Essay Workshop closes on June 1st. [Register your student](#) and give them a head start on their college essays. The workshop, led by Abigail Whited of Riverbend Education Solutions, will be next week on Thursday, June 4th, in Nagel's Learning Commons. Choose from one of two sessions: 9-noon or 12:30-3:30pm.

Community Events

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

- [Purchase 26-27 FH Band Booster Memberships Today!](#)
- [Anderson Youth Football Camp | Grades K-8 | Sessions in May and July](#)
- [Turpin Robotics Camp | Grades 4-6 | July 7-10 or July 13-16](#)
- [Anderson Robotics Camp | Elementary Grades | June 8-10](#)
- [Soccer Unlimited Summer Camp | Ages 5-17 | June 22-26](#)
- [Anderson Gymnastics Camp | Girls Entering Grades 1-5 | June 1-3](#)
- [Anderson Theater and Film Summer Camp | Grades 3-8 | June 8-12](#)

Upcoming Events

Aug. 4

- Kindergarten Screenings
- Kindergarten Information Night 5:30 pm in the Gym

Aug. 13

- Teacher Work Day 8:00 am to 3:30 pm
- Back to School Bash 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- New Family Orientation 5:30 pm in the Wilson iLab

Aug. 14

- Teacher PD Day

Aug. 17

- Teacher PD Day

Aug.18

- Student First Day K-6 - Last Names M-Z ONLY

Aug. 19

- Student First Day K-6 - Last Names A-L ONLY

Aug. 20

- First Day of School for ALL Students

