March 1, 2024

Wildcat Families,

We had a great turnout at our Fine Arts Night last evening! A huge thank you to Mrs. Fender, Mr. Orr and Mrs. Teismann for all of their hard work and dedication in making this night a huge success for our Wilson families. Our fourth grade students wowed the crowd as they showed off their musical talents on their recorders. They have come a long way in just a short amount of time! Our favorite part of the night, however, is seeing the pride in our students as they showed off their beautiful artwork to friends and family!

Our 6th graders did an incredible job selling a variety of baked goods to raise money for the Matt Haverkamp Foundation and Rescue Me Advocacy. It warms our hearts to see kids take initiative and see a project through in an effort to help others. Thank you to our 6th grade teachers and volunteers for making this a great opportunity for our students.

This week we learned from Anderson Township about a new construction project on Clough. The project is scheduled to begin March 11, and more information can be found below in the "District Information" portion of this newsletter.

Have a wonderful weekend, Erin and Brian

Building Information

Wilson Spirit Wear!

It's the GRAND OPENING sale for PTO's new spiritwear partner company!

- Sale Dates: February 27th March 11th
- <u>Click here to see all merchandise</u>. Get 25% off all merchandise using code: SPIRIT311 at checkout
- Free shipping on orders over \$60 we suggest ordering with others to avoid shipping fees!
- Youth, Mens, Womens and more!
- \$10 off an order through July 31st with code: 72516-1 (Note: this will only work once per email address)



Wilson Blue Cards

Calling all Blue Cards by the end of the year! We will start next year with a different color Blue Card, so the current Blue cards will be good until the end of this school year. We will still have Blue Cards next year, just a new color blue. We will continue to have the classroom and grade-level Blue Card Menus for the rest of this year and will have school-wide opportunities like Popcorn with Wilson People, Blue Card Bingo, Propagation Station, Book Mobile, etc.

Counselor's Corner

For this month's wellness theme we are focusing on kindness and having a positive attitude. Kindness and having a positive attitude align nicely together because when we show kindness it creates positive feelings, which helps us have a positive attitude. We feel good when we help others feel good. Sometimes, having a positive attitude can be difficult as it's natural for our brains to focus on the negatives. It is important to remember that we have the power to change and control our attitude. Modeling a positive attitude is an excellent way to foster a positive attitude for your child. Read more...

Even though loss is a part of life, it still can create many different emotions. If you are curious about a resource please check out these from <u>Fernside Center for Grieving Children</u>

As always, please reach out if there is anything I can do for your child or your family.

Smiles, Jean Bode <u>jeanbode@foresthills.edu</u>

March Madness Conference Meal!

Please help feed our wonderful staff on March 7th for parent-teacher conference night. Options available for working parents. Sign up here today! -- <u>https://bit.ly/3SDDWvl</u>

Save the Date for Wilson's PTO Mother/Son Minute to Win it Party!

Sunday, March 24th 3:00 - 5:30 @ Wilson's Gym/Cafeteria Tickets cost \$20 per Mother/Role Model/Son/Student. Your ticket includes drinks and snacks, dancing, games, bingo, dancing, and a fun night! The prices increase after 3/10 to \$25.

Tickets on sale now: <u>https://www.wilson-pto.org/open_forms</u> Questions: contact kristy.metzner@gmail.com

Parents of Incoming 7th Graders for the 2024-2025 School Year:

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has enacted section 3313.67 and 3313.671 of the Ohio Revised Code. These sections pertain to the immunization requirements for all elementary, middle school and high school students.

Incoming 7th grade students are required to have documentation on file in the school health office showing proof of receiving:

<u>1 Tdap vaccine</u> AND <u>1 Meningitis (MCV4) vaccine</u>

Many students have already received these vaccines. Please contact your child's pediatrician or check on their My Chart to see if you can print a copy of their vaccination record. Please provide a current copy of your student's immunization record

to the Wilson health office.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Rachel Moller, Wilson Health Aide (rachelmoller@foresthills.edu)

FREC

The PTO's Fundraising Expenditure Committee (FREC) wants to hear from you. The committee will meet in March to make recommendations on how to spend funds not appropriated in the current year's budget. Purchase items for consideration are intended to be building purchases that will yield school wide benefits. Previous examples include the outdoor classroom and turf for the playgrounds. You may also use this time to make suggestions for fundraisers for next school year. Please take a moment to complete the below form. <u>FREC form</u> Deadline for submissions is March 8th.

Wilson Bricks

Go to the <u>Wilson PTO Store and Information Forms</u>. Once you go here, hover over "Fundraising", which is located at the top of the page. A menu box will drop down and you can click on "Buy a Wilson Brick."

Wilson Running Club "WE RUN" 2024

- Who: FREE to Wilson Students in 2nd 6th grade
- When: Every Thursday from March 14 May 9, 2024*
 - 8 Sessions *No "WE Run" over spring break, Thurs. April 4th

- Time: 3:45pm 5:00pm
- Where: Students check-in and check-out from the Wilson Elementary Gym.
- Bring: Water bottle, snack, and suitable running attire/shoes
- Goal: Learn about the benefits of running, both solo and in groups. Improve overall fitness through running games, interval running, timed runs, and course running. Most students wish to prepare for Forest Hills 5K on Saturday, May 11th, 2024.
- Questions? Contact Coach Zach Miller at CincyZachMiller@gmail.com or 513-266-2568 cell
- Student Registration: <u>Click HERE for Google Form Link</u>
- Parent Volunteer Sign Up: <u>Click HERE for Volunteer Sign Up</u> <u>Genius</u>

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Our final evening of conferences is just around the corner. Teachers will be available on the evening of March 7. To sign up, please visit: (<u>myconferencetime.com/wilson</u>) and follow the online instructions.

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

iLab Book Helper Volunteers

Your help is <u>greatly appreciated</u> 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: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49A5AB2EAB9-46412089-in</u> novation

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. Below are all of the lunch helper sign ups for the remainder of the year:

- March: March Lunch Volunteers
- April: <u>April Lunch Volunteers</u>

• May: <u>May Lunch Volunteers</u>

Restaurant Nights:

Take a night off cooking or grab a quick family meal at one of our upcoming Restaurant Fundraisers. You'll support a local restaurant AND Wilson with a percentage of your purchase being donated to the PTO! Don't forget to mention WILSON!

- Tuesday, March 5: Frisch's on Beechmont [4-9pm]
- Sunday, March 10: NVT Pizza & Brew [11am-8pm]

Enrichment Programs

Does your kid love soccer? Join the 8-week **Strike Force Soccer** program on Wednesdays after-school. Click HERE for more information and how to register.

Does your student enjoy chess? Join the final session of **Chess Club** on Thursdays starting March 28. Click HERE to register.

District Information

6th Grade Poster Contest

StepUpAnderson is hosting a poster contest for 6th graders across the district. <u>Here</u> are the details for the contest. Flyers were sent home this week. Submissions are due March 26.

FINAL REMINDER: Hilinski's Hope Community Presentation | March 4

Join us at 6:30 p.m. in AHS Titus Auditorium for a community presentation by the Hilinski's Hope Foundation. Mark and Kym Hilinski offer a hopeful and empowering perspective as they discuss critical issues facing students today. After their son Tyler died by suicide, Mark and Kym have traveled the country delivering Tyler Talks to raise awareness of mental health struggles and offer perspective on how to create environments that are geared toward open and honest communication. Learn more in this article!

Nominate an Outstanding Educator!

Each year, FHSD submits nominees for the Hamilton County Education Foundation Celebrate Excellence awards and the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Year award. Please take a moment to nominate an FHSD educator who you believe deserves special recognition this year! Form: <u>https://forms.gle/u6DgkyBKBnHhEYFVA</u>

Resources Available to Support Students/Families Experiencing Homelessness FHSD has access to dedicated funding and helpful resources to support students and families experiencing homelessness. We want to be sure all families are aware of these options and know about the different circumstances that qualify for support! Please take a moment to read <u>this article on the FHSD website</u>, which links to a recently revamped resource page.

New Construction Project to Shut Down Portion of Clough Pike

Beginning March 11, the Hamilton County Engineer's Office will begin a second landslide repair project on Clough Pike that is expected to continue through mid-May. This involves a FULL ROAD CLOSURE of Clough in between Five Mile Road and Wolfangel Road. FHSD is closely monitoring the work and it may be necessary to adjust some bus routes specifically impacted by the road closure. If you or your student travels near this project to get to school, please be aware of potential impacts to traffic along the detour route and in surrounding areas. <u>Click here for additional details from Anderson</u> <u>Township.</u>

Spread the Word! Kindergarten Open Houses | March 7

If you or someone you know has a child nearing kindergarten age, all FHSD elementary schools are holding open houses on Thursday, March 7 from 6:45-7:45 p.m.! This is a great way to see what it's like inside the kindergarten classrooms, meet with staff and learn more about kindergarten at FHSD. Families can also use this as an opportunity to drop off necessary registration paperwork and ask questions about the process. To learn more about kindergarten at FHSD, please visit <u>www.foresthills.edu/kindergarten</u>

Future Spartan Families - SPARTANRAMA Is Right Around the Corner!

It's Spartanrama time and this year is going to be better than ever! Spartanrama is Turpin Boosters' largest fundraiser of the year. This organization works together with the Athletic Department and coaches to build on the outstanding athletic tradition of Turpin High School supporting 900+ student-athletes, 750+ events, 100+ coaches, 61 teams and 27 programs!

The event will be held Saturday, March 16 at Ivy Hills Country Club from 7-11 p.m. <u>Tickets can be purchased here</u> through March 11, and will not be sold at the door. Tickets include dinner, 2 drinks, music, silent auction and a live auction featuring some amazing items including a Havapoo puppy, vacation destinations in Hilton Head and Lake Norris and a VIP Styx/Foreigner concert experience just to name a few!

The goal of the event is to raise money to enhance the athletic experience of all student-athletes, as well as develop and build a sense of community among current and future Turpin parents by providing a fun, casual evening, and opportunity to connect! We can't wait to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE: FH Bands Spaghetti Dinner | March 16

Please join the FH Band Boosters for their 61st Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser! The event takes place at Nagel Middle School and has everything: Student-performed MUSIC, great FOOD donated by LaRosas, and FUN (Lucky Notes & Silent Auction). Buy dinner tickets (dine in/take out) for the family: <u>Spaghetti Dinner Info &</u> <u>Tickets</u>. Want to help out? <u>Volunteer!</u>

Community Events

You can also visit our <u>flyers webpage here</u> that has updates on other fun events and activities, including the following items:

- <u>Classroom Antics STEAM Summer Camps for Ages 7-14</u>
- Anderson Cheer Stunt Clinic (Third Grade or Older) on March 5
- FHSD Wellness Fair and Parent Academy Night on March 18

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:
 - <u>MindPeace</u>
 - FHSD Family Resource List 22-23

Upcoming Events

K-4 Unified Arts Friday Rotation

Friday, March 8th will be a "Thursday." Friday, March 15th will be a "Tuesday."

March 4

• 6th Grade Lunch Visit with Nagel Administrators

March 5

• 6th Grade Orchestra Concert at Turpin High School 6:30 pm

March 6

March 7

- Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 to 8:00pm
- Kindergarten Open House 6:45 to 7:45pm

March 8

March 9

• Wilson Carnival 11:00 am to 2:00 pm