

March 8, 2024

Wildcat Families,

We have had a wonderfully busy week this week! On Tuesday Our 6th grade orchestra students treated us to an amazing performance! Mrs. Poffenberger and her students put in a lot of time to be ready, and it certainly showed. Bravo!

We are so lucky to have such wonderful performing arts opportunities for students within our district, and we're already looking forward to serving the next round of aspiring musicians. Yesterday Fourth Grade students learned about the available orchestra and band options in Fifth Grade. Beginning in Fifth Grade, students can choose to participate in Band, Orchestra, and/or Choir as one of their unified arts classes.

We enjoyed seeing so many families last night during conferences, and especially enjoyed seeing the families of the incoming Kindergarten students. Each new face that entered the building took us right back to when we ourselves were walking our oldest children into their Kindergarten Open House. We can still feel that same excitement and nervousness!

Of course, the biggest news around Wilson is tomorrow's carnival! We hope to see everyone between 11 and 2 for some fun. Please see the detailed information below about raffle baskets, parking, and prizes!

We do have a couple of quick notes about important things happening next week. Fourth Graders will visit the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum on Monday for the best math lesson ever!

At 7:00pm Monday night we will host the PTO General Meeting. This meeting will be virtual, please see details below. Second graders will take the CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test) during the school days on Monday and Tuesday (more information on the CogAT can be found in the “District Information” portion of this newsletter).

Have a wonderful weekend,  
Erin and Brian

## Building Information

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### **Wilson Carnival**

The Wilson Carnival is tomorrow! If you were unable to purchase a pre-sale discounted wristband, wristbands will be available at the door for \$15. Wristbands provide kids access to every game! Parking on campus will be tight, so we encourage you to park at Clough United Methodist Church and take the shuttle. The Carnival will be open from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Click here for [ALL THINGS CARNIVAL](#).

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### **Wilson PTO Meeting**

Our Wilson PTO Meeting is Monday, March 11 at 7:00 pm. This meeting is a VIRTUAL meeting. We will use the link below for our meeting.

[Wilson PTO Zoom Link for Meeting](#)

## **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 [Fernside Center for Grieving Children](#)

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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## **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. [FREC form](#) **Deadline for submissions is TODAY!**

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## Wilson Spirit Wear!

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

- Sale Dates: February 27th - March 11th
- [Click here to see all merchandise](#). 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)



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**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.

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**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: [https://www.wilson-pto.org/open\\_forms](https://www.wilson-pto.org/open_forms)

Questions: contact [kristy.metzner@gmail.com](mailto:kristy.metzner@gmail.com)

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**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:

**1 Tdap vaccine AND 1 Meningitis (MCV4) vaccine**

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)

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### **Wilson Bricks**

Go to the [Wilson PTO Store and Information Forms](#). 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."

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### **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](mailto:CincyZachMiller@gmail.com) or 513-266-2568 cell
  - Student Registration: [Click HERE for Google Form Link](#)
  - Parent Volunteer Sign Up: [Click HERE for Volunteer Sign Up Genius](#)
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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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### **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. Below are all of the lunch helper sign ups for the remainder of the year:

- March: [March Lunch Volunteers](#)
  - April: [April Lunch Volunteers](#)
  - May: [May Lunch Volunteers](#)
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### **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!

- Sunday, March 10: NVT Pizza & Brew [11am-8pm]
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### **Enrichment Programs**

Does your kid love soccer? Join the 8-week Strike Force Soccer program on Wednesdays starting March 20. 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.

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## **District Information**

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### **Second Grade CogAT Testing**

Ohio's revised standards for gifted education require that all districts offer cognitive testing once during the K-2 grade band. The CogAT Test measures the level and pattern of cognitive development of a student compared to same-age peers and grade-level peers. 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.

All second graders in the Forest Hills School District will be taking the CogAT assessment. The second grade will be taking the assessment on March 11-13.

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.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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### **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:

<https://forms.gle/u6DgkyBKBnHhEYFVA>

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### **REMINDER: New Road Work on Clough Pike Begins Monday, March 11**

The stretch of Clough Pike between Five Mile Road and Wolfangel Road will be closed in both directions beginning March 11 and running through mid-May (current anticipated end-date). If you or your student travels near this project to get to and from school, please be aware of potential impacts to traffic along the detour route and in surrounding areas. Check out [this story from WCPO](#) where Superintendent Larry Hook and Transportation Supervisor Richard Porter explain some of our preparations.

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**Register Now for FHSD's Community Wellness Fair and Final Parent Academy | March 18**

Our Community Wellness Fair will run from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and feature more than 40 local businesses and organizations in areas like fitness, medicine, mental health, nutrition and much more! Stop by for a chance to win raffles and prize giveaways! Guests are also invited to attend a presentation on the future of education with Dr. Bill Daggett, a national leader in innovative education. This portion begins at 6:30 p.m., to allow individuals to attend both events. The Community Wellness Fair and Parent Academy will take place at Nagel Middle School. [Click here to find more information and a link to register!](#) Many thanks to [Hamilton County Public Health](#) and the [Forest Hills Foundation for Education](#) for making this evening possible.

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### **REMINDER: No School for Students on March 18 and 19**

The academic calendar was adjusted in January to include a non-school day for students on the presidential primary election day, when an influx of visitors is possible for schools that serve as polling locations. [Click here for additional details.](#)

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### **Check Out These Recent Stories from the District Website**

- [Anderson HS Alum Helps Rescue Fellow Lifeguard and Classmate](#)
- [Hilinski's Hope Foundation Shares Encouraging Message with Students, Community](#)
- [Anderson, Turpin Government Students Gain First-Hand Experience with First District Court of Appeals Visit](#)

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## **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: [Spaghetti Dinner Info & Tickets](#). Want to help out? [Volunteer!](#) 

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## **Future Spartan Families - Only Four Days Left to Buy Your Spartanrama Tickets**

We are down to the last few days to purchase tickets to this year's Spartanrama event. The event is Saturday, March 16 at Ivy Hills Country Club from 7-11pm. Tickets can be purchased [here](#) through March 11 and **will not be sold at the door**.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to get involved, meet other families and support the Turpin Boosters. The **Turpin Athletic Boosters** enhance the athletic experience of **all student-athletes**. This organization works together with the Athletic Department and coaches to build on the outstanding athletic tradition at Turpin High School. Click [HERE](#) to see some of the amazing things our Booster group has done for our teams.

Tickets include dinner, two drinks, music, silent auction, and a live auction featuring some amazing items including a puppy, vacation destinations and concert experience just to name a few! Event

attire is casual and in honor of St. Patrick's Day we encourage you to wear your green.

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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:

- [Classroom Antics - STEAM Summer Camps for Ages 7-14](#)
  - Anderson Athletic Boosters Summer Camps 2024 | Various Grades K-8 ([Flyer](#) - [Registration Link](#))
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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, March 15th will be a "Tuesday."

### March 11

- 4th Grade Field Trip to the Cincinnati Reds Hall of fame

### March 12

- Wilson News Crew 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm

### March 13

### March 14

- Fire/Tornado Drill 10:30 am
- Turpin Music Program 11:00 am

### March 15

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