Wilson Families,

As we head into the final month of school things are already busy, and there is still a lot more to come! Our students had a wonderful time on Wednesday thanks to Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park and our Wilson PTO watching the play Alice in the Hundred Acre Wood. Students laughed along as Alice, the best detective in Wonderland, searched for clues to find Christopher Robin. A huge thank you to our fabulous PTO, especially Mrs. Wehmann and Mrs. McConaughy for organizing such a memorable event!

Yesterday we met with our Wilson Way Teams for the final time this school year. Each of the teacher leaders always feel the full circle moment as we say goodbye to our 6th graders. After seven years in the same groups, we have watched them grow from the bright-eyed Kindergarten student to the coolest kids in school (who seemingly have the whole world figured out). Be sure to ask your Wildcats about the lesson on integrity and ways they show integrity!

Today our 6th graders are on their way to Anderson High School for the 6th Grade Olympics. This long standing tradition in Forest Hills brings each of the six elementary schools together for a morning of fun. Organized by the elementary P.E. teachers, students will test their individual abilities in running and jumping events before the final relay races and tug of war competition. We'll be cheering them on! In addition to Mrs. Player, we also want to thank Mr. Keift and Mrs. Morckel for volunteering to coordinate the day. It's a lot of planning and work!

Next week, our 5th graders are off to Camp Kern, another wonderful Forest Hills tradition! We know they'll have an amazing time exploring and learning about nature, history, and geography. Even more than

the learning, Camp Kern is a place where kids can safely test themselves mentally. Whether it's climbing Pete's tower or hiking through a ravine filled with fossils, the kids come away with an important reminder that they are stronger and more courageous than they thought.

On Tuesday every elementary school in the district will partner with the local American Legion Post 318 to recognize Poppy Day. We are honored to welcome our veterans during lunchtime and look forward to showing them our gratitude and respect! Students are welcome to wear red, white, and blue to show support on Thursday.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement—you help make all of these opportunities possible for our students!

Building Information

Theresa Tyler: Wilson Head Cook

We are thrilled that Theresa is officially our new Head Cook! Theresa has a daughter who is currently in 6th grade at Summit and will be going to Nagel next year. Theresa rides horses, so a lot of their time is spent at the stable. She is certainly passionate about animals as Theresa also works at The League for Animal Welfare in Batavia. She works 5 days there, feeding, medicating etc ALL of the cats and dogs. Theresa and her daughter also foster cats. They have 2 dogs and 8 cats of their own. When she is not at work, she enjoys spending time with family and being outside. Like many of our Wildcats, Theresa loves to read!

2025-2026 Room Representative Volunteers Needed

A great way to get involved at Wilson is to volunteer as your child's classroom representative. In this role, you will be tasked with collaborating with your child's homeroom teacher to plan class parties and volunteer chances. You will coordinate opportunities to thank your teacher for their hard work throughout the year (birthday, holiday, and end of year). If interested, please fill out the form in the link below. The max of two room reps will be assigned per teacher.

Room Rep Volunteer Sign-Up

For any questions please reach out to Jill Munninghoff at Jillian.Groszek@gmail.com

Wilson Poppy Day

In partnership with the Anderson Township VFW, Veterans will be at lunch on May 8 collecting donations for Memorial Day. Each student will also get a poppy made by hospitalized or injured vets. Students are welcome to wear red, white and blue as well.

The Wilson Way Family Survey Results

Thank you to all the families who completed our Wilson Way (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports/PBIS) survey. We are proud of our Wilson Way and the impact it has had on our school. Please see the results here. (Congrats to our 4th grade for earning Gold Cards for most responses.)

Lunch on the Lawn Dates and Reminders

As we head into the final few weeks of school we're getting excited for one of our favorite Wilson traditions - Lunch on the Lawn! There are three lunch dates to choose from. Students will eat at their regular lunch time on the front lawn. If you plan to attend, your Wildcats will come meet you outside, so there's no need to come inside the building. If weather forces us to cancel, we'll send an email as early as possible. More information is below.

• Dates:

- o Friday, May 16
- o Friday, May 23
- Wednesday, May 28
- No food delivery sent to the office (DoorDash, UberEats).
- No pets are permitted on campus.
- Students will meet you on the front lawn at their regular lunch time (bring a blanket).
- If the weather dictates we cancel, we will send an email by 10:00am.

Lunch and Recess Schedule 24-25

Camp Invention

We're thrilled to announce that for the very first time, Camp Invention is coming to Wilson Elementary! During this exciting weeklong camp, kids will explore the science of optical illusions, design a custom dashboard with a transmitter and receiver, and so much more! Camp Invention will be held June 16-20 and will be directed by Wendy Teismann. Secure your child's spot today and save \$40 with code NEWCAMP40 if you Register by April 30.

<u>CampInventionWilsonElem</u>

School Fees

Please take a moment to check and pay any outstanding school fees. If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to contact Lynn Augenstein, Administrative Assistant. Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide the best learning experience for your child!

Back to School Supply Kits

Back-to-school sneaks up on us, and suddenly we're running from store to store trying to find supplies. But what if you could check it off your list today? Order Here:

https://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/gs/84336

Wilson Field Day

Field Day is happening Thursday, May 22nd! We have lots of new games planned for this year and are crossing our fingers that we really don't get any rain or threat of it! Please look at the link below to see if you can help out with setup the day before or volunteering on field day itself.

As always, thanks for your help! Hope Grau & Derbhile Levin

Field Day Volunteer Sign-Up

6th Grade Upcoming Events

There are many 6th Grade Events in April and May and we understand it is hard to attend all events. Below are upcoming 6th grade events. We will share more information as events come about.

- Friday, May 2: 6th Grade Olympics at Anderson High School
 9:30 am to 1:00 pm (rain date Friday, May 9)
- Wednesday, May 28: 6th Grade Recognition Night at Turpin High School from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
- Friday, May 30: 6th Grade Clap Out at 3:30 pm (Wilson)
 - Students will walk the Wilson halls for the last time and will be exiting through the third grade doors. Parents typically stand on the hill out front and greet their child.
 We need the sidewalks clear due to buses.

Wilson Lunch Menus for May Please see the link to view the lunch menus for each month.

Lunch Menus 24-25

Cafeteria Volunteers

Consider volunteering in the cafeteria to help out Mr. C and our Wildcats! We are always thankful for help in the cafeteria. When volunteering, the expectation is that you remain in the cafeteria.

Please refrain from visiting classrooms or walking around the building.

May Lunch Helpers

Counselor's Corner

I am proud to be a Forest Hills 5K Ambassador again this year. This is my favorite community event, all 9 schools at one event! Please join our Wilson Wildcats team to run, walk, stroll, and skip on Saturday May 10th, added bonus is the after-party with lots of community members sharing goodies and resources. If you can't make it, consider donating to our Wilson Wildcats Team. Click here to join our team or make a donation.

April Wellness Theme: Being a Problem Solver

Helping children become confident and independent problem-solvers is one of the most important life skills we can teach. At school, we are working with students to understand that **not all problems are created equal**—and learning to match the size of the problem with the size of their reaction is a big part of this skill. This month, we've been focusing on the idea of **Big, Medium, and Small Problems**, and we wanted to share how you can support this learning at home too! Read here for ideas.

Some summertime resources:

1. Tutor List - LINK

This list includes tutors available for hire over the summer. Please note: the tutors listed are not endorsed by the Forest Hills School District. Hiring a tutor is a private arrangement between families and the individual tutors.

2. Summer School Information – <u>CLICK HERE</u> to Register

Discount codes are available for students who qualify for FREE/REDUCED lunch. If you are interested in these scholarships, please reach out to me.

3. MindPeace Summer Camp Guide- LINK

A great resource for families looking for summer camp opportunities focused on mental wellness and fun!

Just ask! Please reach out to me if I can do anything for your family. Smiles Use Jean Bode jeanbode@foresthills.edu

PTO NEWS

Restaurant Nights

- Wednesday, May 7 at Gold Star/Tom & Chee
- Sunday, May 18 at NVT (11:00 am to 8:00 pm)
- Thursday, May 22 at Raising Cane's (3pm to 10pm)

Wilson Brick Sales

Purchase a personalized, engraved brick to be installed in front of the school building. You can commemorate your family, honor your children, give a shout-out to an amazing teacher, or simply thank Wilson for being fantastic!

Cost: \$75.00 (includes 3 lines with 14 characters each)

Purchase Here: https://www.wilson-pto.org/open forms
If you have any questions, please email me at:
mollybrooks10@hotmail.com

District Information

Mental Health Spirit Day on May 9!

Join us as we wear green on Friday, May 9 to recognize Mental Health Awareness Month and celebrate the upcoming FH5K!

Forest Hills Foundation for Education

The Forest Hills 5K is in a week!! We are so excited to see you on Saturday, May 10th at Nagel. We are having a friendly competition among all 9 schools -- the school with the highest percentage of student 5K registrations wins Raising Cane's meal coupons for the entire school! Register today!! Parents of the class of 2025, Honor Your Graduate and they will be added to the Foundation's Honor Roll. We invite rising seniors to sign up for the College Essay Writing Workshop on June 6 at Nagel, facilitated by Abigail Whited of Riverbend Education Solutions.

Memorial Day Poppy Challenge

Students across all elementary schools can bring in spare change or other monetary donations beginning Tuesday, May 6 for the annual Memorial Day Challenge supporting veterans in need. FHSD partners with American Legion Post 318 to raise awareness of Memorial Day and the Memorial Poppy, provide an opportunity for students to interact with local veterans and raise funds to support disabled veterans and veterans in need.

State Budget Process and How it Impacts Local Taxpayers

Lawmakers in Columbus are in the midst of planning the state's next two-year budget, and some proposals would place an increased burden on local taxpayers to fund public education in communities across the state.

<u>Please click here to visit our new webpage</u> to learn more about the biennial budget process, find out how the Board and FHSD are advocating on behalf of our local community and discover ways the community can get involved.

Nagel Cheerleading Tryouts 2025-2026

Students currently in grade 6 or 7 are invited to attend Nagel Cheerleading Tryouts on Thursday, May 22. The team is also hosting cheer clinics on May 19 and 20! <u>Click here to view a flyer with specific details</u>.

Summer 2025 Sports Camps

Sign up is now open for summer sports camps organized by the Anderson and Turpin Athletic Boosters! There are a variety of programs and times available. Visit the registration pages linked below for a full list of sports, times and more specific information!

- Anderson Sports Camps
- Turpin Sports Camps

Community Events

<u>Click here to visit the flyers page</u> to learn more about opportunities like:

- Anderson Gymnastics Youth Camp for Incoming 1st-5th
 Graders | June 4-6
- Spring and Summer Youth Sports Opportunities
- Summer Camps and Related Programs

Upcoming Events

K-4 Unified Arts Friday Rotation

Friday, May 9 will be a "Tuesday"

May 5

Wilson 5th Graders at Camp Kern

May 6

Wilson 5th Graders at Camp Kern

May 7

• Wilson 5th Graders at Camp Kern

May 8

- First Grade Field Trip to the Cincinnati Zoo 9:30 am to 1:30 pm
- Poppy Day (Veteran's Visit Wilson) (Students can wear red, white and blue)

May 9

 Wear Green (Mental Health Awareness and for the Forest Hills 5K)

May 10

• Forest Hills 5K