

May 22, 2026

Wilson Families,

This week was full of excitement and celebration for our students! On Tuesday, our 6th graders participated in the 6th Grade Olympics at Anderson High School, and we were so very excited that the weather held out for a wonderful day. Our students did a fantastic job cheering on the other five elementary schools while also displaying outstanding sportsmanship, school spirit, and teamwork as they participated in the many events throughout the day. Thank you to our fabulous PTO for planning and coordinating a celebratory Jersey Mike's lunch for our students when they returned to Wilson!

A huge thank you goes to Mrs. Player for all of her hard work and dedication in making this special experience possible for our 6th graders. We are so appreciative of the time and effort she puts into creating meaningful memories for our students.

Then came the plot twist! On Wednesday morning, we learned that the overall Olympic totals had been added incorrectly and our 6th graders were actually the Olympic champions! This turned into a wonderful real-life example that sometimes mistakes happen, and we can learn and grow from them. To celebrate the exciting news, all grade levels gathered along the bus loop on Thursday afternoon to cheer on our 6th graders and celebrate their victory together as a school community.

We also enjoyed our Dancing Drum assemblies on Wednesday for all grade levels. Hopefully your Wildcats told you all about the amazing presentation! Students did an incredible job following The Wilson Way and staying actively engaged throughout this special event

experience. Thank you PTO, especially Amy McConaughy and Ally Wehmann, for coordinating the day!

It is hard to believe that next week is our final week of school as we close out the 2025–2026 school year. We have had a great year together, and we know this final week will be buzzing with excitement, celebration, and many special memories!

We hope all of our families enjoy the long weekend ahead. Please remember there is no school on Monday, Memorial Day, as we honor and remember those who have served our country.

Have a great weekend!

Erin and Brian

## Building Information

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### **Friend of Children PTO Awards**

On Tuesday, we recognized recipients of our PTO Friend of Children Awards. Thank you to those who were able to attend our PTO meeting and to everyone who took the time to submit nominations for this special award. Please see those individuals who received this special recognition below.

- **Bob the Driver of Bus 91:** Bob creates a joyful, welcoming environment that makes every child excited to start the school day.

- **Joani Means:** PTO volunteer who uses her talents to ensure our school's entrance is vibrant, welcoming with planters and flowers.
  - **John Sullivan :** Volunteer reading tutor in first grade who dedicates his time and heart to ensuring our students thrive both academically and personally
  - **Kat Robinson:** Powerhouse volunteer and retiring PTO board member who has gone above and beyond for Wilson
  - **Wendy Teismann:** Passionate leader who consistently goes above and beyond for students, staff, and Wilson families.
  - **Mrs. Huxtable:** A first grade teacher who makes her students feel safe, valued, and like they truly belong.
  - **Ryan Paquette:** PTO Volunteer who has played a main role in Wilson Way Teams and Sparks Days.
  - **Katie and James Glaser:** Leaders of Wilson Cub Scout Pack 867 who have gone above and beyond of the kids in their pack.
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### **Wilson Retirees**

Our PTO recognized those retiring at the end of the school year with a special tribute. Each retiree received a beautiful picture featuring a Wilson pawprint in the center, surrounded by words and attributes submitted to describe them. They were also given a candle to complement their special attributes, along with a Target gift card. A huge thank you to Sara Smith for creating such a meaningful and personal way to honor each individual.

### **Andrea Gately - 5th Grade Teacher, 16 years**

Ms. Gately's attribute list paints a picture of someone who is adaptable to whatever situation she is in. She is a dedicated leader

who is caring and devoted. An encouraging inspiration while being both bold AND thoughtful. It's not hard to imagine her being all of those things while cracking a joke wearing a fabulous outfit as she is also described as being funny and a fashionista. We are wishing her to have Balance and Harmony as she nurtures all of these sides of herself in retirement.

**Alison Meek - Long Term and Building Sub, 20 years**

For Ms. Meek we have Joy and Laughter as this was a theme common in her list of attributes. You are described as being an enthusiastic, happy, fun, wonderful, joyful, kind and radiant friend. I know the teachers and students are going to miss having you as a sub because it is very clear that you always brought a sense of positivity whenever you were here.

**Jean Bode- School Counselor, 22 years**

When we asked your coworkers to describe you with one word, a few were repeated several times. Your empathy, compassion, and support will be missed by this entire community. You have given so much in the 22 years you have been at Wilson, so for retirement we are all wishing you Serenity and Calm in this transition from helping others to being able to focus on yourself.

**Christina Tkacz - Speech/Language Pathologist, 24 years**

Some of the words your coworkers used to describe you are compassionate, dependable, and inspiring. They also said you are a knowledgeable, intelligent, fun-loving traveler. For you we have Escape and Discover. We hope you continue to grow in your passions, experiences, and travels!

**Larry Bolender - Custodian, 14 years**

We noticed something different about the attributes submitted for Larry. There wasn't as large of a variety with many words each being used once or twice like some of the others, but instead I saw the same few words repeated 5 or 6 times. Larry was a highly respected staff member in his dedication as a hardworking and kind man, which could be seen by everyone who interacted with him daily. He has a faithful servant's heart and is truly irreplaceable. We are hoping Larry takes time to relax.

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### **Dino Dig: Tuesday, May 26**

Our students will be traveling back in time during our exciting Dino Dig Adventure on May 26th! Students trade in blue cards for this fun event! Students will rotate through hands-on prehistoric stations where they will excavate fossils, hunt for dinosaur eggs, create "amber" fossils, explore Ice Age discoveries, and much more. This interactive event is designed to spark curiosity, creativity, and fun while giving students the chance to experience what it's like to be a real paleontologist. We are looking forward to a ROAR-some day of discovery and adventure!

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### **Author Visit in July**

**Wes Molebash**, the author who visited Wilson in April, will be at [the Book Matters](#) book store at **6 Main Street in Milford** for the release of the third book in his popular Travis Davenport series **July 22nd at 6 pm**. Stop by, say hi, and pick up a copy!

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## **ALICE Drill**

We will be having an ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) today at 10:15 am. It is important we prepare our students and staff with proactive strategies to use in the event an unsafe situation would ever arise at school. Just as we practice for fires, we will practice and walk through what to do if ever there is an unsafe person on campus.

Teachers were given a specific scenario and had conversations with students about the scenario given. Students were able to think creatively and strategically based on conversations that take place. Our goal is to empower our students to make decisions.

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## **Step Up Day Information**

Each year our students are able to meet their new teacher(s) for the upcoming school year. Students will be participating in Step Up Day on Friday, May 29th at 9:30 am. Our sixth grade students will be watching their 6th grade video during this time in the gym. Students who will not be returning to Wilson next year will be spending time with Mrs. Bode in the Learning Commons.

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## **Medication Pick Up**

If you are a parent of a student with daily, as needed, or emergency medication in the health office, please make arrangements to pick these items up on the last day of school. Medications that are left over at the end of the school year will need to be picked up by the parent/guardian. No medication will be sent home with a student. Come to the main office to pick up your medications at your

convenience. We will dispose of any medications not picked up by the last day of school.

If your student(s) will require medication during the school day next year, a new medication permission form must be completed. New forms must be completed each school year, and each medication requires a separate form. Forms may be found here: [MEDICATION PERMISSION FORM](#).

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### **Missed the Yearbook Deadline?**

You can still order your commemorative 2025-2026 yearbook and enjoy memories from this school year. Yearbooks will be shipped directly to your home. Below is the link to order your yearbook.

If you have any questions, please contact Schoolhouse Photos Customer Support at 513-400-4222.

[SUMMER YEARBOOK ORDER](#)

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### **School Supply Kits**

One of the best things you can do this summer is to get school supplies early. When you order through 1st Day School Supplies, you are locking in the exact teacher-approved list now, before the shelves get picked over and before the August rush begins. It only takes a few minutes online, and everything arrives in one box, ready for the first day.

👉 Order Here: [LINK](#)

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## **Field Day: Wednesday, May 27th**

Field day is coming and we need your help to make it run as smoothly as possible! Please see all dates, times and sessions below. You must be Raptor approved to volunteer for this event.

- 5/26 Day Before Prep - 10:00-12:00 OR 1:00-3:00
- 5/27 Session 1 - Kindergarten, First, Second and Third Grade Volunteers - 9:05-11:25
- 5/27 Session 2 - Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Grade Volunteers 1:15-3:25
- 5/28 Rain Date

Please sign up to make this as fun as possible for our Wildcats!

[\*\*FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS\*\*](#)

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## **6th Grade Recognition Information**

Please read the information below carefully as you plan for Recognition Night.

When: Wednesday, May 27, 2026

Location: Turpin Auditorium

Time: 6:00pm to 7:30 pm (Doors will not open until 5:30 pm).

Arrival Time: Students arrive and gather in the Turpin Cafeteria at 5:30 pm.

## **6th Grade Recognition Dress Attire**

We are excited to celebrate our 6th graders and want this to be a fun, memorable evening for everyone! Students are encouraged to

dress nicely, but we also want them to feel comfortable and confident. Below are some general guidelines to help families choose attire for the celebration

**For Boys:**

- Dress pants, khakis, or dress shorts are appropriate.
- Shirts should have a collar, such as a polo/golf shirt or button-down dress shirt.
- Tennis shoes, dress shoes, or other neat footwear are acceptable.

**For Girls:**

- Students may wear a dress, skirt, or dress pants with an appropriate top.
- Dresses and tops should fully cover the midriff (no bare skin between the top and skirt/pants).
- Dresses should have straps or sleeves (no strapless dresses).
- Dresses and skirts should be an appropriate length for a school event.
- Dress shoes, sandals, flats, or tennis shoes are acceptable.

Most importantly, we want students to enjoy the evening and celebrate this special milestone together!

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**6th Grade Clap Out**

We are excited to celebrate our amazing 6th grade students with a Clap Out on their last day of school (Friday, May 29)! This special tradition will take place at 3:30 PM.

To ensure the event runs smoothly and safely for all students, staff, and families, we ask that you please follow the guidelines below:

- Families must gather on the hill by the outdoor learning space.
- Do not stand on the sidewalk or in the bus loop. These areas need to remain clear for students and buses.

Please be respectful of these guidelines so we can provide a safe and celebratory experience for everyone involved. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we honor our 6th graders and give them a memorable send-off to the next chapter of their educational journey.

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### **Volunteers/Chaperones**

If you are interested in volunteering in classrooms, the copy room, or on field trips, you must complete a background check through the district's Raptor System. Background checks are good for 5 years. If you are unsure if your background check is up to date, please contact [Lynn](#) in the main office.

- [Complete online process via Raptor System](#) (includes background check).
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### **Counselor's Corner**

[A thank you from Mrs. Bode](#)

### **Opportunity from our Mindful Music Moments partner The Well:**

This Mental Health Awareness Month, we invite you to **join The Well in participating in Generation Be There, Lady Gaga's Born This Way Foundation campaign to train an entire generation in**

**how to be there** for one another through everyday, compassionate mental health support. [READ MORE HERE.](#)

**Just ask!** Please reach out to me if I can do anything for your family. Smiles 😊 Jean Bode [jeanbode@foresthills.edu](mailto:jeanbode@foresthills.edu)

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## 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](mailto:Jillian.Groszek@gmail.com)

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## 6th Grade Updates

## **Pictures for 6th Grade slideshow**

Each student needs 2 pictures of your student over the years (label them students last name) and group photos (at Wilson events in the school or on field trips) [ADD PICS HERE](#) Our volunteer is beginning to work on the video and would love your images ASAP!

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## **Lunch Menu for May**

- [May Lunch Menu](#)
  - Link for [ALL BUILDING MENUS](#)
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## **K-6 Cafeteria Helpers**

If you're interested in volunteering, please use this link to sign up for April.

- **May** [LINK](#)
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## **District Information**

### **Congratulations to the Class of 2026!**

Please join us in wishing congratulations to our amazing Class of 2026 graduates! We wish all graduates and their families the best as they celebrate this incredible achievement on Saturday, May 23!

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## **Share Your Voice on the Family Engagement Survey!**

FHSD is looking to gather feedback from parents and guardians about your experience with our schools and the district as a whole. We hope you will take approximately five to ten minutes to [complete this survey form](#). Our goal for this survey is to better understand and learn from your perspective regarding your child's individual experience and your own involvement in the school culture. We will be accepting responses to the survey until Wednesday, May 27, 2026.

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## **Forest Hills Foundation for Education**

We congratulate the Anderson and Turpin Class of 2026 as they celebrate a milestone moment this weekend at graduation. We are so proud of you and wish you well on your next adventures! 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 on Thursday, June 4th in Nagel's Learning Commons. Choose from one of two sessions: 9-noon or 12:30-3:30pm.

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## **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!](#)

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## **Paint a 46-foot Anderson Mural!**

The Anderson Art Collaborative and Metro are inviting students, families and community members to help create a wonderful piece of art on the back side of the Vantage Apartments, inside the new Metro Park & Ride station at 1445 Towne Center Way! Join us on Saturday, May 30 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Sunday, May 31 from 1-4 p.m. [Click here to view an informational flyer with more details.](#)

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## **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](#)
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## **Upcoming Events**

### **K-4 Unified Arts Rotation**

- Friday, May 22 will be a “Thursday.”
- Friday, May 29 will be a “Monday.”

#### **May 25**

- No School for Students or Staff: Memorial Day

#### **May 26**

- Dino Dig (all grade levels)

#### **May 27**

- Field Day
- 6th Grade Recognition Night 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

#### **May 28**

- Step Up Day Letters Go Home
- iReady Reports and Report Cards Go Home

#### **May 29**

- Last Day of School for Students