

May 3, 2024

Wildcat Families,

As usual May is off to a very busy start! As the end of the school year approaches, the month tends to fill with a flurry of activities, events and preparations for end of the year activities. Please make sure you're regularly checking our updates as well as communications from your children's teachers.

As excited as we were to send our Sixth Graders off to Olympic Day, but Mother Nature has other plans for us. The district has a rain date set aside for next Friday, May 10. Our Sixth Graders will have their planned pizza lunch today (a bonus of using the rain date is they'll get pizza again next week, too).

This afternoon we're looking forward to welcoming home our 5th Graders from Camp Kern where they have spent the last three days exploring and learning about nature, history, and most importantly about themselves. For many of our campers, this is the first time they have been away from their family for a while, and that comes with some anxious feelings (including from parents). The kids have done a wonderful job and have proven to themselves that they are capable of doing "hard things". We are grateful for the district's commitment to providing such a valuable experience to all students! Such an endeavor takes A LOT of coordination and time, so we're thankful to all the people who make it work!

On Monday, we will be having Star Wars Spirit Day! Students are welcome to wear their favorite Star Wars attire! Please no weapons or masks. While we can't quite tell for sure, we have sensed a

disturbance in force and have requested Jedi presence Monday morning.

We're looking forward to our first Lunch on the Lawn date on Friday, May 10! 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, including the other Lunch on the Lawn dates, are below.

We look forward to seeing everyone next Saturday for the Forest Hills 5K. If you haven't registered yet, the information is below.

Have a great weekend!

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Building Information

Wilson Staffing 24-25 (as of April 26, 2024)

Most school years there are a few teachers who change their assignments, and this year is no exception. Below is our staffing information for the 24-25 school year. We will communicate any changes about any current vacancies and/or changes that come about. [24-25 Wilson Staffing](#)

Field Day

Field Day is scheduled for Thursday, May 23rd. As always we will have lots of fun stations including a blow up obstacle course and slide. We will have some Turpin students here to help, but we could really use some more volunteers!

- Wednesday 22nd
 - AM & PM shifts (flexible timing) to help setup.
- Thursday 23rd
 - 9:00-11:20 - K, 1st, 2nd & 3rd (Setup and work stations)
 - 1:15-3:30 - 4th, 5th & 6th (Work stations & clean up after)

[Field Day Sign Up](#)

(If there is rain, we will bring Field Day inside and reach out to the volunteers)

Lunch on the Lawn Dates

We are excited to share that we have three Lunch on the Lawn dates scheduled. We wanted to clarify a few things in order to make sure our Lunch on the Lawn dates run smoothly. As much as we love our furry friends, pets are not permitted to join us for Lunch on the Lawn.

We really appreciate all the families who adjust their schedules to make themselves available for lunch. We know that modern conveniences sometimes help to make things easier. However, we respectfully request that you not have DoorDash or UberEats orders sent to school. You are welcome to bring food from outside restaurants to share with your children, just please do not have things delivered to school (in a building of 700+ kids deliveries can become overwhelming in the office). You are welcome to join us for any or all of the days. Students purchasing a school lunch will get their lunch

from the kitchen then go out to the front lawn. Students who pack will go directly to the front to eat. Parents and family members will meet their children outside. All classes will follow their regular lunch schedule. If weather forces us to cancel we will send an email notification by 10:30am.

Lunch on the Lawn Dates (all weather permitting):

- Friday, May 10th
 - This is also the rain date for the 6th Grade Olympics. If 6th Grade Olympics are held on the 10th, 6th graders will eat when they return from Anderson H.S. instead of at their regular time (1:30 pm)
- Thursday, May 16th
- Wednesday, May 22nd

Wilson Lunch & Recess			
2023-2024			
Grade	Recess Times	Lunch Times	Location
K	10:55-11:20	11:20-11:45	Kitchen Side
1	11:30-11:50	11:50-12:10	Kitchen Side
2	12:15-12:35	12:35-12:55	Kitchen Side
3	12:50-1:10	1:10-1:30	Kitchen Side
4	11:10-11:30	11:30-11:50	Hallway Side
5	12:25-12:45	12:45-1:05	Hallway Side
6	11:45-12:05	12:05-12:25	Hallway Side
Chronological Order			
Grade	Recess	Lunch Time	Location
K	10:55-11:20	11:20-11:45	Kitchen Side
4	11:10-11:30	11:30-11:50	Hallway Side
1	11:30-11:50	11:50-12:10	Kitchen Side

6	11:45-12:05	12:05-12:25	Hallway Side
2	12:15-12:35	12:35-12:55	Kitchen Side
5	12:25-12:45	12:45-1:05	Hallway Side
3	12:50-1:10	1:10-1:30	Kitchen Side

FHSD School Connection Survey – Voluntary Student Survey

Between May 1-10, all Forest Hills students will have the opportunity to participate in our FHSD School Connection Survey. Student feedback from this survey will help our teachers, counselors, and administrators gain insight into the 'student experience' with the goal of addressing present needs, while planning for our students' future success. This is an identical survey to one that was conducted earlier this school year during the fall semester. The survey will take approximately 20 minutes, is completely voluntary, and will be administered during school hours. Additionally, there are no consequences for students who do not participate, and no information obtained will be stored on a third-party server. To request that your student NOT participate in the survey and to learn more, visit the [Student Connection Survey Opt Out Form](#)

Wilson Bricks

Last Call for Bricks! Please place your brick order before May 17th so the bricks could be installed before the next school year. Thank you to those who have placed an order!

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.”

Counselor’s Corner

Looking for ideas to help your child master executive function skills like organization, time management, focus, memory, and more! Check out this upcoming virtual workshop for parents and educators. You can register and watch it live or later!

<https://gozen.com/efworkshop/>

Hello! Here at school, we have been very busy learning about integrity- what it means and why it is important! Integrity means being truthful and genuine, always doing the right thing, even when unseen. Those with integrity follow their values, not the crowd. It involves honesty, authenticity, and aligning thoughts, feelings, and actions. Integrity is key for personal growth and well-being, fostering likable, trustworthy relationships. [Read more here...](#)

Looking ahead for resources for Summer Camps, [check out these resources from Mindpeace](#). There are general camps as well as specific camps for:

- General Camps (that accommodate mental health disability)
- Autism
- ADHD
- Horses, Equine Therapy
- Music/Dance/Acting/Art
- Sports
- Swim

Smiles,

Jean Bode jeanbode@foresthills.edu

2024-2025 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). Please consider signing up for a spot.

[2004-2025 Room Rep Volunteer Form](#)

Any further questions please feel free to email Jillian.Groszek@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Electronic Devices (phones and smart watches)

It is really important that students understand that phones and other electronic devices are not allowed to be used on campus. All phones and electronic devices should remain in backpacks until students return home from school. Phones and electronic devices should not be used on the bus either.

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 10: 6th Grade Olympics at Anderson High School
9:30 am to 1:00 pm
 - Thursday, May 23: 6th Grade Recognition Night at Turpin High School from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm
 - Friday, May 24: 6th Grade Clap Out at 3:30 pm (Wilson)
 - Students will be exiting through the third grade doors and parents are welcome to be on the hill out front. We need the sidewalks clear due to buses.
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School Supply Kits

School Kits are available for the 24-25 school year. Please see more information below.

[24-25 School Supply Kits](#)

Art Volunteers

We are looking for a few volunteers to help in the art room when the first and second grade students work on their clay projects in April. Please sign up using the link if you are able to help. Thanks in advance!

[Art Room Sign-Up Link](#)

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

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:

- May: [May Lunch Volunteers](#)

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 the Wilson PTO! Don't forget to mention WILSON!

- Saturday, May 4 | Chipotle 5-9pm @ Anderson Town Center
- Thursday, May 16 | Wandering Monsters 4pm-Close

District Information

FHSD Mental Health Awareness Month “Go Green” Spirit Day | May 9

In recognition of May being Mental Health Awareness Month, and in anticipation of the wonderful FH5K on Saturday, May 11 that benefits wellness programs in FHSD, please join us in the final district-wide spirit day of the school year by **wearing green on Thursday, May 9!**

Mental Health Awareness Spotlight: FHSD Resource List

This [helpful document](#) is compiled by the incredibly dedicated and caring school counseling staff members across FHSD. The resource list touches a wide-variety of topics like substance use, psychiatric challenges, suicide prevention and assistance, and so much more. It offers an easy-to-read document where families can see some of the external resources that may be available to them.

This document is linked in all weekly email newsletters alongside crucial emergency contact information for individuals in crisis. We want to be sure this information is shared widely and regularly so it is easy to find at all times. ***Please remember that the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is available 24/7 by call or text for anyone who may be in need of support.***

New Feature to Transfer Lunch Funds Between Students

Did you know that families who utilize PaySchools Central to pay lunch balances online are now able to transfer funds between students in their household? Please [click here to view a helpful tip sheet](#) created by PaySchools Central, and you can always find more information about PaySchools Central and other online payment options by visiting: www.foresthills.edu/how-do-i/pay-fees-and-lunch/

REMINDER: FHSD School Connection Survey – Voluntary Student Survey

We shared information last week about a voluntary survey all FHSD students will have the opportunity to take between May 1-10. This School Connection Survey is identical to one administered during the fall semester, and we hope to gain helpful insights about the current school year with the updated results. The survey will take approximately 20 minutes, is completely voluntary, and will be administered during school hours. To request that your student NOT participate in the survey and to learn more, visit the [Student Connection Survey Opt Out Form](#)

Forest Hills Foundation for Education

Join us for the 15th FH5K on Saturday, May 11 as we “Celebrate Every Victory.” [Register and Get Involved today!](#)

- **Interested in serving as a Race Ambassador?** Contact Turpin student [Kerry Fleming](#) so you can get signed up today. Thanks to all of our 2024 Race Ambassadors – [check them out!](#)
 - **Can't attend** – you can still support the FH students with a donation. Be sure you register under your student's school team OR create your own fundraising page. Help us reach our goal of \$125,000 to support student wellness!
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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:

- Light the Tower Spaghetti Dinner | May 4 from 4-7 p.m. | [Informational Flyer](#)
 - Xavier Leadership Center Summer Reading Skills Programs for Grades K-10 | [Informational Flyer](#)
 - Turpin High School Athletic Camps Summer 2024 | Various Grades ([Registration Link](#))
 - Anderson Athletic Boosters Summer Camps 2024 | Various Grades ([Flyer](#) - [Registration Link](#))
 - Northern Kentucky University Summer Camps for Grades 6-12 | [Informational Flyer](#)
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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, May 10 will be a “Wednesday.”

Friday, May 17 will be a “Thursday.”

May 6

- Star Wars Spirit Day
- Nagel Administrators Visit 6th Graders During Lunch

May 7

- Fire Drill/Tornado Drill 10:30 am
- Wilson News Crew 3:45 to 5:00 pm

May 8

- 3rd Grade Field Trip to California Woods 9:30 am to 2:00 pm

May 9

- Wear Green (District Spirit Day)

May 10

- Olympic Day Rain Date
- Lunch on the Lawn