

November 10, 2023

Wildcat Families,

We really appreciate Newtown Village Tavern providing our pizzas and salads during parent/teacher conferences on Monday. Thank you again to our wonderful PTO for helping us push through conferences with great food!

Yesterday our students were treated to a wonderful Veterans Day assembly and performance from the 5th and 6th Grade Chorus. The performance was the final tuneup before last night's Chorus Concert. The students sounded wonderful! Thank you Mr. Orr for having our Wildcats ready to perform their best!

Next week begins the annual Shop and Share campaign in support of 9United and local families in need. See below for more information.

We hope you can join us next Monday, November 13th at 7:00 pm for our Wilson PTO meeting. This meeting will be virtual. Please see the link below.

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Building Information

Counselor's Corner

9United Shop and Share and Clash of the Quarters: Nov. 13-21

The holiday season provides time to share goodness with others. During our 9United Shop and Share service project, our Wilson Wildcats have the opportunity to provide service to others in order to earn a donation for the Clash of the Quarters. This year not only will the grade with the most points be recognized with a special banner, the grade level with the most service slips will also be recognized during the week of November 13-21. Please encourage your children to start earning some coins to bring in. [Here is a link to the service slips](#) your kids can fill out, we will send home hard copies and they will be available to kids to fill out at school when they bring in their donation. Additional Information: <https://www.9united.org/>

Families in Need of Support for the Holidays

Some of our community partners have reached out with an offer to our families who would like some extra support during the holidays with gifts for children. This confidential process is facilitated by me, so please reach out to me if you would like some additional information.

Looking for New Books!

Do you have new or like new books for our Blue Card Book Mobile? We love acknowledging our kids for following The Wilson Way with Blue Cards. We will offer a Blue Card Book Mobile for kids to get a new/like new book with 10 Blue Cards in December. If you have any new/like new books you would like to donate please send them to my attention. They can read any K-6 appropriate level book.

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

Smiles,

Jean Bode jeanbode@foresthills.edu

Spiritwear Fundraiser!

Now is the time to do some holiday shopping for your Wildcat! All proceeds go to our Wilson PTO! All orders must be placed by November 17th and orders will be delivered to your Wildcat at school around December 6th. (They will be in packaging and not visible, but if you want more of a surprise for your Wildcat, please contact Alyssa) <https://wilsonwildcats.orderpromos.com/>
Questions, please contact Alyssa @ amwitte2012@gmail.com

Wilson Clash of the Quarters for Shop and Share

Wilson's version of coin wars is called Clash of the Quarters will begin Monday and run through Tuesday, Nov. 21st. Here's how it works: students can bring in coins as they enter school in the morning and drop the coins in the grade appropriate jar. Only quarters are positive and should be placed in their grade's jar (1 quarter = 25 points). All other coins and bills are negative points for the grade level they chose to put the money in (1 penny = -1 or \$1 = -100 points). Students are encouraged to raise the coins to bring in and can then fill out a service slip explaining what they did to earn the donation. The grade level with the most service slips and the most points each day will be recognized.

Wilson PTO Meeting (Virtual)

We hope you can join us on Monday, November 13th at 7:00 pm for our Virtual PTO Meeting! [Zoom Link](#)

Guest Speaker, Mrs. Bode: Tips on Listening, Acknowledging, AND Empowering Your Children.

New Crosswalk and Sidewalk

Over the last couple of months we've watched as Anderson Township has constructed a new sidewalk near Wilson on Little Dry Run and Lawyer Road. We're excited that this will continue to help connect nearby neighborhoods to Wilson!

Please note a big change and help spread the word of another big CHANGE with this project. Pedestrians traveling towards Wilson from Bretton, Turnberry, Anderson Manor, Titian, etc., will be able to use a NEW crosswalk on the west side of the intersection.

We ask that drivers help keep an eye out for pedestrians using this new crossing. It will greatly improve safety, as students coming from those areas only will now need to only cross one roadway. This new crosswalk also should help to improve traffic flow at the Little Dry Run & Wolfangel 3-way stop.

Clough Pike Landslide Construction

Beginning Monday, November 13, Anderson Township will begin landslide construction along Clough Pike. Although the project will begin west of Five Mile, lane closures may indirectly impact traffic to Wilson. You can read more about the project here: [CLOUGH PIKE CONSTRUCTION](#).

Scripps National Spelling Bee

The Scripps National Spelling Bee is the nation's longest-running educational promotion, conducted on a not-for-profit basis by The E.W. Scripps Company and 291 sponsors in the United States, Europe, Canada, New Zealand, Guam, Jamaica, The Bahamas, Ghana, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa. This year, Wilson students in grades 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to participate in the 2024 Scripps Spelling Bee. Each grade level will conduct a bee within their respective grade to determine the finalists who will compete for the opportunity to advance to the regional round.

The winner of the competition will have the opportunity to participate in the 2024 WCPO 9 Regional Spelling Bee (OH ,KY & IN). This will be held at the Cincinnati Public Schools Education Center on March 9,2024. No more than 20 school spelling bee champions across the region will qualify to participate in the WCPO 9 Regional Spelling Bee. An online test is required to select the finalists. Winners of regional bees will have the opportunity to compete in the National Bee, traditionally held the week after Memorial Day in Washington, D.C.

We are grateful to the Forest Hills Foundation for Education for supporting all six elementary buildings in bringing the Bee back! Learning new words, setting a goal, planning and preparing are the real benefits of participation in a bee. We are looking forward to the competition!

Save the Date for Father-Daughter Dance!

Dads, dust off those dancing shoes and get ready to bust a move at a magical evening of cherished memories and special moments at our upcoming Father-Daughter Dance! Fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, and father figures are all welcome to join the fun on November 18th starting at 5:30. Please register at <https://www.wilson-pto.org/packet/13711>. The price does increase to \$25 on November 15th. Please email jessie82lynn@gmail.com for any questions! Looking forward to seeing you there!

Fall 2023 Innovation Lab Volunteers

If you have volunteered in the learning commons in previous years or completed the training this year, please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up for a time to help check-in, check-out, and reshelve books. Thank you so much for your time! Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions to Sara at [513-313-3928](tel:513-313-3928) or saraostermeier@hotmail.com. 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.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0844AEAB2EABFD0-fall#/>

Lunch Helpers

We always appreciate our families volunteering whenever your work schedule allows. The opportunity to help Kindergarten and First Graders in the cafeteria is always appreciated! [Volunteer Link](#)

Below is the link to volunteer during the months of November and December. [Volunteer Link for November and December](#)

Restaurant Nights

Take a night off cooking or grab a quick meal as a family between busy school nights at one of our upcoming Restaurant Fundraisers. You will support a local restaurant AND Wilson because a percentage of your purchase is donated to the PTO! Don't forget to mention WILSON!

November 14: Dewey's Pizza 4pm-9pm

November 19: NVT Pizza & Brew 11am-8pm

Enrichment Programs

Does your student love animals? Sign up for Cool Critters 3-week program to see, learn about, and touch animals of all kinds! Click [HERE](#) for more information on this program beginning Monday, November 13.

Anderson Theatre Collaborates with Turpin Theatre this Fall on *The Drowsy Chaperone*

Meet the Man in Chair, who has a perfect remedy for rainy-day blues: listening to a vinyl LP of his favorite "classic" 1920's musical, *The Drowsy Chaperone*. The story comes to hilarious life around him, both celebrating and poking fun at the frivolous nature of Jazz Age

musicals. All the while, *Man in Chair* provides wry commentary on the show, the actors, and musical theatre in general.

Winner of five Tony Awards, including Best Book and Best Original Score, *The Drowsy Chaperone* is a loving send-up of the Golden Age musical, featuring one show-stopping song and dance number after another. Come see students from both Anderson and Turpin Theatre shine in this outrageous and joyful musical event.

Performances are November 17-19, and tickets are on sale now. Purchase them using the attached form or by visiting our website (www.AndersonTheatre.com) where you can access the special \$10 Senior/Student ticket price! Adult tickets, and ALL tickets sold at the door, are \$15.

District Information

Don't Miss Out on FHSD Parent Academy | Nov. 30

The next Parent Academy session will be held on Thursday, Nov. 30 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Nagel Middle School! Thanks to generous support from the [Forest Hills Foundation for Education](#), we are able to offer light food and childcare for families interested in attending. You can find [a list of sessions/topics and a link to register for the event here](#).

Some highlights include:

- Superintendent Larry Hook discussing the R Factor as the evening's featured speaker!
- Training on phonological awareness and phonics skills for parents of grades PK-2

- Navigating the college admissions process
 - Village Connections: The Hamilton County Developmental Disability Services discusses the different types of waivers and how they can be used for students with special needs.
 - QPR suicide prevention training
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Sign Up Now for the Science Fair and Innovation Expo!

The deadline to register for the Science Fair or Innovation Expo is December 1! Both events take place on Saturday, January 27, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Nagel Middle School. All students in grades K-12 are welcome to register for the Innovation Expo and grades 5-12 may register for the Science Fair. This is a great opportunity for students to put their scientific skills and passions on display! Click on this article for more information and a link sign up: [FHSD Science Fair and Innovation Expo 2024: Everything You Need to Know](#)

Community Events

You can also visit our [flyers webpage here](#) that has updates on other fun events and activities, including registration information for [FREE after school programs through the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati!](#) You can also find a [flyer for the upcoming AHS Orchestras performance of Nutcracker!](#)

Nominate an Outstanding Teacher!

The annual **Gold Star Teacher** contest is accepting nominations up until December 19! If you know of a teacher who goes above &

beyond for students, demonstrates courage & integrity, has a clear passion for teaching, or otherwise makes a difference in your student(s)' lives, please consider submitting them to this contest.

- Nominate them here: www.goldstarchili.com/goldstarteacher
 - Gold Star will announce the Top 10 Finalists in February and based on the votes cast by the community, they will award a superior teacher over \$4000 in grants & experiences for their classroom & school.
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'Tis the Season for Shop & Share!

[9United's](http://9United.org) Shop & Share is in its 16th year! Since 2008, the project has offered students and families the opportunity to support our Forest Hills schools students during the holidays and throughout the year, along with making their student-led service initiatives possible. 9United's efforts to fulfill immediate needs of Forest Hills students and families include student grants, Chalk the Walks for the first day of each new school year to welcome students and staff back, providing birthday cakes to Forest Hills students through Birthday Bundles, and promoting the importance of service in our community. These programs are only possible with our community's generosity during Shop & Share.

Learn more about 9United and the impact of Shop & Share at www.9united.org/shop--share and [check out a flyer here](#). The event begins Nov. 9 and culminates on Dec. 6 with the annual Community Shopping Night at Target! Coin Wars at the elementary and middle schools will be Nov. 13-21.

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, November 17th is a “Tuesday.”
Friday, December 1st is a “Wednesday”

Nov. 13

- Shop and Share Clash of Quarters

Nov. 14

- Shop and Share Clash of Quarters

Nov. 15

- Shop and Share Clash of Quarters

Nov. 16

- Shop and Share Clash of Quarters
- Skating Party

Nov. 17

- Shop and Share Clash of Quarters