November 13, 2026

Wilson Families,

We had such a wonderful time celebrating our veterans this week during our schoolwide Veterans Day assembly and our 5th and 6th grade Veterans Day chorus concerts! A huge thank you to Mrs. Hamann for organizing these special events and working so hard to ensure our veterans receive the recognition and appreciation they deserve. One of our favorite parts was seeing every student proudly holding an American flag during the assembly. It was a meaningful way for our entire Wilson community to come together to honor those who have served our country.

We are also looking forward to the Girls VIP Dance this Saturday! We love the *Welcome to the Jungle* theme and know it is going to be such a fun night. What a great opportunity for our students and their special guests to enjoy an evening together and connect with other Wilson families!

We have another exciting week ahead! On Monday, we kick off our Clash of the Quarters/Coin Wars, and we can't wait to see the friendly competition begin! On Tuesday, November 17, we hope you will join us for our PTO meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Newtown Village Tavern in their upstairs area. Tuesday is also our Penn Station Restaurant Night from 4:00–9:00 p.m., so be sure to stop by and support Wilson!

On Wednesday, our 4th grade students will enjoy a field trip to the Cincinnati Symphony, and on Thursday, we will have our Wilson Skating Party from 6:00–8:30 p.m. We are excited to wrap up the week leading into Thanksgiving with an opportunity for our students

to participate in a special service-learning project supporting Meals on Wheels!

We are looking for volunteers to help facilitate this project on November 20. Volunteers will work alongside students as they create holiday meal placemats and birthday bags for local seniors. We love opportunities like this that allow our students to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Thank you in advance to anyone who is able to give their time to help make this project a success!

As always, thank you for being such an important part of our Wilson community. We are grateful for the many ways our families support our students, staff, and school. Have a wonderful weekend!

Take care,

Erin and Brian

Building Information

Clash of the Quarters and Shop and Share Information
9United Shop and Share kicks off with Clash of the Quarters on November 16-20th. Encourage your students to participate by earning some extra coins to donate to others this holiday season. Grades will be pitted against each other by placing quarters in their own grade level bucket for positive points, while all other coins and bills deduct points from other grade level buckets. We also need volunteers each day to help count the donations. Clash of the Quarters counting volunteers

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Volunteers Needed- Meals on Wheels Service Project
Each month, students have the opportunity to participate in a special school-wide Blue Card event by turning in 10 Blue Cards. This month's event will be a service-learning project supporting Meals on Wheels! We are looking for volunteers to help facilitate the project on November 20th. Volunteers will help students make holiday meal placemats and birthday bags for seniors. 🙂

Service Project- Volunteer Sign-up

Art Volunteers
Mrs. Fender is looking for help in the art room now until the end of February as we prepare for the art show. If you are interested in helping some, please fill out the form below. There will also be a signup genius closer to the art show for those who want to help for a single day or just on the day of the event. Thank you!

Art Room Volunteer Sign Up

Wilson Cafeteria Volunteers
It is really helpful to have volunteers in the cafeteria, as it's a big job for Mr. C to keep everything moving and clean. Any help you can provide is greatly appreciated, especially for the younger grades!

- November Lunch Volunteer Sign Ups LINK

As with any volunteering opportunity within the school, it is our expectation that you remain in the area for which you are volunteering.

Counselor's Corner
November is National Gratitude Month! Cultivating a grateful heart starts with simple everyday conversations. We're inviting all of our families to join us in a **21-Day Gratitude Challenge**! It's super simple: choose one prompt a day, share your answers around the dinner table, and color in that section of your challenge sheet. It's a great daily countdown to Thanksgiving! Feel free to send me photos of your completed sheets when you're done 🙂

As we enter the last two months of the year (and arguably the busiest!), please do not forget that I am here to support you and your family any way I can! Please don't hesitate to reach out. christinadurso@foresthills.edu

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Wilson PTO

PTO Restaurant Nights for November
Support our Wilson PTO and take a night off cooking by grabbing dinner at our restaurant nights this month! Don't forget to mention that you're there for WILSON.

- Tuesday, Nov. 17 : Penn Station [4pm - 9pm]

Before / After-School Enrichment Programs:

Check out the upcoming before and after-school learning opportunities and make sure to communicate with your student's teacher if they are participating in a program!

Cool Critters Outreach - Session 1 **(Grades K-6)** - MONDAYS, Nov. 16, 30 & Dec. 7, 3:45 - 4:45 PM | Hands-on learning with live rescued animals exploring adaptations, habitats, life cycles, and responsible pet ownership! (Register Here)

Volleyball Enrichment - Session 2 **(Grades K-6)** - FRIDAYS, Nov. 20 - Jan. 15, 3:50 - 5:00 PM (6 classes: Nov. 20, Dec. 4, 11, 18, Jan. 8, 15) | Fundamentals, skill-based groupings, and gameplay with Mrs. Player in the Gym! (Register by emailing Brandiplayer2@gmail.com)

Jewelry Making with Miss Tracey **(Grades 4-6)** - TUESDAYS, Dec. 1, 8, & 15, 3:45 - 5:00 PM
Design and craft custom necklaces, earrings, bracelets, and keychains in the Art Room! (Register by emailing actlikeakid@outlook.com)

Winter Chess Club - Session 2 **(Grades K-6)** - THURSDAYS, Dec. 3 - Feb. 18, 3:50 - 4:50 PM (9 meetings) | Weekly lessons and gameplay for all skill levels in the Learning Commons! (Register by emailing thechessaid@gmail.com)

Beginner Sewing with Miss Tracey **(Grades 1-3)** - TUESDAYS, Jan. 5, 12, & 19, 3:50 - 5:00 PM | Learn basic hand stitches, pattern use, and pinning while making your own pillow and starter sewing kit in the Art Room! (Register by emailing actlikeakid@outlook.com)

Crafty Makers Craft Club **(Grades 1-4)** - WEDNESDAYS, Jan. 6, 13, 20, & 27, 3:50 - 5:00 PM
Seriously fun weekly craft classes where kids explore their creativity, learn new skills, and build confidence while making something of their own to take home! (Register Here)

QSA Performance Training - Winter 2027 **(Grades K-6)** - TUESDAYS, Jan. 12 - Feb. 23, 3:50 - 4:50 PM (7 meetings) | Focus on agility, running mechanics, core strength, balance, and athletic confidence in the Gym! (Register Here | Student Roster Form)

District Information

Seeds of Inspiration - Congratulations to the October Winners!
Congratulations to our October honorees for Seeds of Inspiration! These three staff members are celebrated for their creativity, commitment and care that help our students, colleagues and school community grow and thrive.

- Culture Builder: Paula Highfield (Anderson)
- Innovator: Guy Frye (Mercer)
- Student Champion: Peter Francus (Maddux)

Nominations are now open for the month of November. Please help us recognize amazing staff members by submitting a name today.

- Seeds of Inspiration Nomination Form
- Seeds of Inspiration Webpage (see past winners and additional info)
- Learn more about the October winners here!

Visits from Youth Organizations

Please check your email for a message from FHSD on Nov. 5 regarding Ohio Revised Code 3313.476 and upcoming visits from youth organizations! Scouting America will visit all nine schools and offer information to students across all grade levels from Nov. 16 to Dec. 18. Opt out instructions and more information can be found in an email with the subject line: "Visits from Youth Organizations and Opt Out Notice."

Reminder—Thanksgiving Break Dates for 2026

As a friendly reminder, FHSD schools will be closed the full week of Thanksgiving this year (Monday, Nov. 23 to Friday, Nov. 27). You can view the official academic calendars for 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 on our website.

Community Events

Click here to visit the flyers page to learn more about opportunities like:

- The Nutcracker Performed by Anderson Orchestras with Just Off Broadway | December 5 | 12:30 and 3 p.m.
- Camp Invention 2027 Registration and Early Bird Savings | June 7-11 and 21-25 at Wilson Elementary for Rising 1st through 6th Graders
- Cincinnati Royals Rugby: Teenage rugby teams in Greater Cincinnati with the opportunity to play in Australia.

- Trail Towns Student Art Contest | Grades 9-12 | Art projects dedicated to a scene along the Little Miami Scenic Trail or Great Miami River Trail. | Feb. 1, 2027 Deadline

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K-4 Unified Arts Rotation
Friday, November 20 is a "Monday."
Friday, December 4 is a "Tuesday."

Upcoming Events

Week of November 16 through November 20 (Coin Wars/Clash of the Quarters)

Nov. 16

Nov. 17
- PTO Restaurant Night: Penn Station (4:00 pm to 9:00 pm)
- PTO General Meeting at 7:00 pm (Newtown Village Tavern Upper Room)

Nov. 18
- 4th Grade Field Trip to the Cincinnati Symphony 9:30 am - 4th Grade will eat lunch when they return at 1:30pm.

Nov. 19
- Skating Party at Beechmont Rollarena 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Nov. 20

November 23 through November 27 Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 30

Dec. 1

Dec. 2

Dec. 3

- Ronny's Last Day (Wilson Custodian)
- Fourth Grade Chorus Concert 6:00 pm

Dec. 4