

November 17, 2023

Wildcat Families,

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us Monday night for our virtual PTO meeting. Mrs. Bode joined the meeting to share information about listening, acknowledging and empowering our kids. A link to the slide deck is below in the Counselor's Corner. Thank you Mrs. Bode for sharing your expertise!

This week there has been an extra layer of excitement as the kids come into school with their coins! There are a lot of strategies racing through their minds, and the resulting conversations are equal parts hilarious and impressive! The funds raised during the Coin Wars will ensure 9United's Shop and Share will be a huge success in supporting local families in need this holiday season! We appreciate all the creative ways and service opportunities our Wildcats have performed to earn money.

As we head into next week we want to extend a quick reminder that we do not have school Wednesday, November 23rd through Sunday, November 26th. We wish safe travels to all of you heading out of town for Thanksgiving!

The next Forest Hills Parent Academy is just around the corner (Nov. 30 at Nagel). Experts from the district and community will present information on a range of topics. Check out the "District Information" portion of this newsletter for more information and to register.

We hope you have a great weekend!

Take care,

Erin and Brian

Building Information

Counselor's Corner

[Here is a link to the slides](#) that were shared at the PTO on Monday, please reach out if you have any questions.

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

Donations for 9United Shop and Share will continue until Tuesday, Nov. 21st. There have been so many service slips this year. 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 for 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

Holiday Shop Volunteers Needed!

Holiday Shop is coming up December 4th thru 7th. Every class will have a chance to shop. Shopping lists/envelops and more information will be sent home soon. We are in need of volunteers to help run the shop! [Holiday Shop Volunteer Sign Up](#)

9United Clash of the Quarters

9United's Clash of the Quarters is in full swing! It will continue to 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.

Spring Musical

The Spring Musical for Grades 1-3 will be 101 Dalmatians Kids! Auditions will be held the week prior to Winter Break on December 12. Rehearsals will be Tuesdays 3:45-5:00 beginning in January. Additional, optional rehearsals may be scheduled on 2-3 Thursdays for extra practice. Show dates are March 13, 15, and 16. Here is a link with more information about cost and to sign up for auditions!
<https://www.performingartsinc.net/wilson>.

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 **TODAY** 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

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](#).

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!

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

Enrichment Programs

Is your student interested in learning to play chess or improve their skills? Join the 9-week Chess Club starting Thursday, January 11. Classes will run through March 21st after school from 3:45-4:45. Click [HERE](#) for more information and registration details.

Does your 2nd-6th grader love pottery? Join the **Pottery Wheel 101** class through Enriching Kidz. Class will be held Jan. 9 and Jan. 16 from 3:35-5:45. Click [HERE](#) to register!

If your 3rd-6th grader wants to learn to sew, then join Enriching Kidz for their **Stitch and Sew** class held on Jan. 29 and Feb. 5 from 3:45-5:45. Click [HERE](#) to register.

District Information

Please Support 9United's Shop & Share!

We are in the middle of [9United's](#) Shop & Share, which is in its 16th year! Shop & Share is about more than collecting toys, providing holiday gifts, and stocking food pantry shelves. It's an opportunity for

the community to come together to sustain resources for Forest Hills schools students and families:

- Funds for sports camps
- Groceries during a time of crisis
- Hygiene products
- Birthday cakes
- Back to school clothes & supplies

There are plenty of ways to support! Families are encouraged to request a wish list for a local family, support donations at the schools (Coin Wars PK-8 and Toy Drives 9-12 benefitting Jack's Closet and IPM) or join us for the annual Community Shopping Night at Target on December 6!

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

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](#) and information about a [Mental Health Webinar Series offered by Hamilton County ESC](#). The next event discusses “de-escalating cycles of conflict” on November

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, December 1st is a “Wednesday”
Friday, December 8th is a “Thursday.”

Nov. 20

- Shop and Share Clash of Quarters

Nov. 21

- Shop and Share Clash of Quarters

Nov. 22

- Shop and Share Clash of Quarters

Nov. 23-Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 27

- 6th Grade to iSpace

Nov. 28

- 6th Grade to iSpace

Nov. 29

Nov. 30

- Parent Academy at Nagel Middle School 6:30 to 8:00pm

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