

November 22, 2024

Wildcat Families,

As we settle into the winter season, many of us are still adjusting to the time change that comes with daylight savings. This shift can be especially challenging for our students as they adapt to darker mornings and shorter evenings. Sleep schedules, energy levels, and routines may need a little extra attention during this transition. I know it has been an adjustment for all of us!

We had a great turnout at our PTO meeting Monday and appreciate all of our families and staff members who were able to make it. We have such an incredible PTO and truly appreciate all they do for our teachers and staff to help create a positive learning experience for our Wildcats.

Our Clash of the Quarters is in full swing! Students are so excited each morning to put their hard earned money into the grade level buckets. We love watching students write down what they are doing to earn money for our Clash of the Quarters! Students have until next Tuesday to bring in money in support of 9United's Shop and Share!

As a reminder, we will not have school next Wednesday through Friday for Thanksgiving. We know many of our Wildcat families will head out of town for the long weekend, so we wish all of you safe travels! We will not send a Parent Update next Friday, November 29.

Have a wonderful weekend and a Happy Thanksgiving!

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Building Information

Wilson Yearbooks On Sale Now!

Please see the information below for instructions on how to order your Wilson yearbook for the 24-25 school year!

[Yearbook Flyer](#)

Wilson Spring Musical: Finding Nemo, Kids (Audition Link Added Below)

We are excited that our Wilson students in grades 1-3 have the opportunity to participate in the production of *Finding Nemo, Kids* this spring. Auditions will be Tuesday, December 17 after school in the music room. Rehearsals are Tuesdays, 3:45- 5:00 pm January 7 - March 11

The show is the week of March 16.

More information and a link to sign up is coming soon!

[Finding Nemo, Kids Flyer](#)

[Finding Nemo Kids Audition LINK](#)

9United's Shop and Share is here!

Wilson will be participating in coin wars by hosting Clash of the Quarters November 18-26. Bring your coins (or dollars) to help us raise money and fulfill holiday wishes. How it works: as students enter the building each morning, they will place quarters in their own grade level buckets because quarters are positive points (.25 = 25 points). All other coins and dollars should be placed in other grade levels because these take points away (\$1 = 100 negative points). Points will be tallied daily to keep track of the grade in the lead and we will see which grade reigns supreme by the end of coin collecting on the 26th.

Please encourage your children to DO some type of service to others to earn coins, or even use their own coins to take care of others. We will have [these service slips](#) for Wildcats to fill out when they bring in their donation.

We also need volunteers to help count and roll the coins each day. [Clash of the Quarters counting](#)

Email lorenhillier@gmail.com or jeanbode@foresthills.edu with any questions.

Support during the holidays

As the season of celebrations and holidays approaches, Wilson is partnering with 9United, a local service organization, to provide students with opportunities to benefit local families. If Wilson or 9United would be able to provide assistance through clothing, gifts, or family needs, please contact me

Erinstorer@foresthills.edu or Jean Bode, school counselor, at jeanbode@forsthills.edu to have a confidential conversation about how we can assist you.

Counselor's Corner: Jean Bode, jeanbode@foresthills.edu

Wellness Theme for November: **Having a Positive Attitude through Gratitude**

November's Wellness theme is having a positive attitude. One major way to develop a positive attitude is through gratitude. The act of expressing gratitude is a powerful habit to start in elementary school. [Keep reading for ideas...](#)

See attached flier from our community partner, Child Focus for their upcoming Sensory Santa event at the Mt. Orab office that will cater towards children with sensory needs. This will give children the opportunity to meet Santa in a quiet and low stress environment.

 Child Focus Sensory Santa

Just ask! Please reach out to me if I can do anything for your family.

Anything else I can do? Just ask! Smiles 😊 Jean Bode
jeanbode@foresthills.edu

Restaurant Nights

Join us for dinner and support of the Wilson PTO. Don't forget to mention WILSON!

Wednesday, Dec. 4: Gold Star / Tom & Chee @ 4pm - Close

Tuesday, Dec. 10 : NVT Pizza & Brew @ 4pm - 8pm

Monday, Dec. 16 : Raising Cane's @ 2pm - 9pm

Before / After-School Enrichment Programs

Click on each flyer for more information on dates, cost, and registration.

COMING IN DECEMBER:

- [Chess Club](#): Another chance to learn the basics of this lifelong game on Thursdays!
 - [QSA Training](#): Keep working on your speed and agility on Wednesdays this winter.
 - [Art Club](#): Brush up on your drawing and painting skills on Tuesday afternoons!
 - [Strike Force Soccer](#): Keep your soccer skills strong by joining this club on Mondays!
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GET READY TO BOWL!

Wilson Bowling Club 2024-2025

8 Week Session: Thursdays, 4:15 - 5:30 pm

February 20th - April 17th

Where: Cherry Grove Lanes, 4005 Hopper Hill Road

Who: ALL Wilson Kids

Bumper Bowling: K - 3rd Grade
Regular Bowling: 4th - 6th grade
Cost: \$75.00

This is a Wilson Elementary PTO-sponsored event.
Registration and payment are due by February 7, 2025 or until spots are filled.

[Click the Bowling Club Flyer for more information](#)

[CLICK HERE to register](#)

Payment can be made via credit card through the Store tab in Membership Toolkit

[Click HERE to pay for Bowling Club 2024-2025](#)

Once payment is received and teams are finalized, parents will be contacted by email to confirm enrollment and team placement.

Questions? Contact Tracy Tekulve (tracytek3@gmail.com, 513-307-1939)

Art Room Volunteers

Please sign up to help with clay projects in the art room for students in kindergarten through 2nd grade the week of November 18th. Mrs. Fender needs help with carving names into projects, handing out materials, and just supervising the students with clay.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0844AEAB2EABFD0-52761559-wilson>

Innovation Lab (iLab) Volunteer Opportunities

We do STEM related Lessons and Check Out Books, too. Please use this link to reserve your spot! [iLab Sign Up Genius Link](#)

Wilson Lunch Menus for November

Please see the link to view the lunch menus for each month. [Wilson Elementary Lunch Menus 24-25](#). We have also included the November lunch menu below. [November Lunch Menu](#)

Wilson Lunchroom Volunteers

We LOVE having volunteers help out in our cafeteria. It is our expectation that you remain in the designated area for which you are volunteering. For example, if you are volunteering in the cafeteria, please do not walk to your child's classroom or peek into a unified arts class to see what your child is doing. We appreciate your help with this.

Below is the lunchroom volunteer sign-up link for August and September.

[November & December Lunchroom Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

[January Lunchroom Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

District Information

OUR FAMILIES NEED YOUR HELP THIS HOLIDAY SEASON! 9United Shop & Share

Although Coin Wars is a big help, we still have lots of FHSD families in need this holiday season. Please consider [requesting a Shop & Share "Family Wish List"](#) or make a donation to 9United's efforts to spread joy to so many this holiday season! And keep those coins coming!

Forest Hills Foundation for Education

Thank you to everyone who made the Denim & Diamonds Fundraiser Party such a success. Whether you came to the party, donated, participated in the Silent Auction, and/or bought Bengals vs. Browns raffle tickets, we appreciate your support of the students.

Congratulations to Kim Tinsley for winning the Bengals game tickets! [Funds](#) are still incoming, so stay tuned to find out the total dollars raised to support the wellness of all Forest Hills students. [Watch this exclusive video](#) from students and staff. And check out the [photos, videos](#), and [selfie station pics](#) from the super fun evening.

Nominate an Outstanding Teacher for Gold Star Teacher Awards!

Gold Star is partnering with The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati to celebrate and recognize teachers across our region. Be sure to [nominate your favorite FHSD teacher](#) before Dec. 20! All nominees receive a Gold Star meal and there are other prizes after community votes are counted. The Gold Star Teacher of the Year is awarded in

March with over \$7,000 in grants & experiences for their classroom & school!

Parents Day Out Hosted by AHS Dance Team

Families are invited to register their child for a fun-filled, festive day of games, holiday activities, snacks and more with the AHS Dance Team! It's an opportunity for parents to catch up on errands or shopping during the busy holiday season and support our student athletes. [Register for a spot by clicking here.](#) Happening Saturday, Dec. 8 from 12:30-3 p.m. at AHS.

Community Events

You can also visit our [flyers webpage here](#) that has updates on other fun events and activities, including the following items:

- Anderson High School Orchestra's annual performance of The Nutcracker is Dec. 7! [See this flyer for details and tickets.](#)
 - Sign-ups for i9 Sports's Winter 2025 programs are ongoing for boys and girls ages 3-14. Registration ends December 6 for various sports. [Flyer with details.](#)
 - CISV Cincinnati is hosting an activity day on November 16 and an informational night on December 3 to share information about their international education programs. [More details.](#)
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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](#)

Upcoming Events

K-4 Unified Arts Friday Rotation

Friday, December 6 will be a “Wednesday.”

Friday, December 13 will be a “Thursday.”

Nov. 23

- Girls VIP Dance 6:00 to 8:30 pm

Nov. 25

- 9 United Clash of Quarters

Nov. 26

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- 4th Grade Field Trip to Music Hall

Nov. 27

- Thanksgiving Break-No School

Nov. 28

- Thanksgiving Break-No School

Nov. 29

- Thanksgiving Break-No School

Dec. 2

- Students and staff return from Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 3

Dec. 4

- Fourth Grade Chorus Concert 6:00 pm (Wilson Gym)

Dec. 5

- Wilson Way Teams 9:25 am to 10:10 am

Dec. 6