

November 3, 2023

Wildcat Families,

We had such a fun start to our week with our Halloween costume parade and parties! It was so nice to see so many of our Wilson families come out and celebrate our parade with us! Thank you to all of the room reps who organized the classroom parties!

We hope our Wildcats enjoy a nice long weekend! Students do not have school on Monday, November 6 (Parent-Teacher conferences) or Tuesday, November 7 (Election Day - Professional Learning Day for staff). A HUGE thank you to our PTO and volunteers for providing a delicious lunch for our teachers and staff on conference day. We are so grateful!

We are very excited to have a building-wide "Gold Party" on Thursday, November 9 to celebrate our Wilson PBIS Gold Recognition from the State! We will celebrate at the end of the day with a dance party, bubbles and fun!

Halloween on Tuesday has made for a long week, but we hope you are able to get some good rest this weekend! Remember to turn those clocks back Saturday night.

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Building Information

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!

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 a 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/>

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.

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

Ski Club

One week left to get your 30% discount off season passes. After that the discount drops to 20%. The first day to Perfect North is Wednesday, January 3rd.

1. Fill out the ski club google form [HERE](#)
2. Purchase your ski club pass by November 5th [HERE](#). Login = wilson. Password = catwalk.
 - Ordering by November 5th entitles you to a 30% discount off any pass.
 - All passes are available to us at a 30% discount. Choose one that suits your Wildcat(s) best. If you need rentals make sure to select the pass that includes rentals. The exclusive 4-visit club pass with rentals is \$199. Without it's \$139.
3. (OPTIONAL) [BUY A BUS PASS HERE](#). If your student plans on riding the bus, the bus fee is \$35/Wildcat. The bus is reserved for students in 4-6th grade. If you have a younger child, we require a parent to either ride the bus with them or drive them to Perfect North and meet us there.
4. Fill out the PTO Medical Emergency Form [HERE](#).
5. Apparel orders thru USports. We've got a new logo coming for the 2024 season. Check out what is for sale [HERE](#).

Questions email Jill Roddy – jillroddymuse@gmail.com

Save the Date for Father-Daughter Dance!

Wilson PTO invites you to Dance Underneath the Stars on November 18th at 5:30-8:00.

Tickets cost \$20 per Father/Role Model/Daughter/Student. Your ticket includes a professional photo, drinks/snacks and a fun night! Please RSVP by November 15th at 12:00. The prices increase after 11/15 to \$25.

Tickets on sale now: <https://www.wilson-pto.org/packet/13711>

[Sign up to volunteer for the Father Daughter Dance HERE!](#)

*(Please note there was a date change and the Wilson Father Daughter Dance will be **Nov 18** and the Mother Son Event was moved to March 24th to accommodate scheduling conflicts. The PTO calendar has been updated.)*

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 8: Gold Star/Tom & Chee 4pm-10pm

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

Enrichment Programs

Does your student love animals? Sign up for a 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.

Do you have a 5th or 6th grader interested in babysitting? Sign them up for Enriching Kidz Better Babysitters class on Thursday afternoons starting November 2 to learn all about babysitting! Click [HERE](#) for more information and registration link.

Anderson Middies Girls Lacrosse

Interested in trying lacrosse?! Beginners and girls of all levels are welcome to try out the sport at two open field practices this fall!

Who: Girls in Grades 3-8

When: November 11 & 18, 4:15-5:30

Where: Turpin High School

What to bring: Everyone is required to have her own mouthguard. We will have a few extra lacrosse sticks and pairs of goggles if you don't own them yet. Dress for the weather!

Turpin Dance Team Youth Clinic

The camp is open to 1st - 8th graders and is being held on Sunday December 10th from 9am - 12pm. Anyone who attends will be invited to perform with us at the Varsity basketball game on January 2nd!

Link to register: <https://www.turpinathleticcamps.com/dance.cfm>

District Information

Join Us for SPARK Night on November 9 - [LINK](#)

Mark your calendars - SPARK Night is back Nov. 9 at Turpin High School from 6:30-8 p.m. SPARK Night is a night where high school students showcase science experiments and activities to SPARK the interest of elementary students in hopes they will participate in the Science Fair and Innovation Expo on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at Nagel Middle School. Find more information about the Science Fair and Innovation Expo [HERE](#). [Learn more about SPARK Night and check out an informational video here.](#) SPARK Night, Science Fair and the Innovation Expo are made possible by the Forest Hills Foundation for Education. Thank you to the [FHFE](#) for making these events possible for our students!

Friendly Attendance Reminders

Attendance is an incredibly important piece of our efforts to educate students. Even missing a few days a month can have a lasting impact on learning. **Did you know that students who have never been chronically absent are 9 times more likely to graduate from high school on time and 6.7 times more likely to read on grade level by the end of third grade?** Here are some important reminders regarding FHSD attendance policies and procedures.

- A parent/guardian phone call received by the attendance office, on each day of the student's absence, for any of the [Board-approved reasons](#), is sufficient to excuse the child's absence **up to the tenth absence yearly**.
- Subsequently, after the tenth absence, the parent/guardian **must provide written documentation from a treating physician**,

nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or relevant third party, stating the day(s) absent and the reason for such absence.

- Student absence events (full day, tardy, early dismissal) in excess of ten, will be recorded as unexcused unless a doctor's note or third-party documentation ([Board-approved reasons](#)) is presented to attendance officials for each additional absence. Without a doctor's note or third-party documentation, truancy charges can be brought and charged to the parent and/or student.
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School Safety Month in Ohio: Responding to Traumatic Events

FHSD shared information and tips all through the month of October to raise awareness of School Safety Month in Ohio and the district's efforts to keep students, staff and visitors safe. The district recently shared information about how schools respond to traumatic events or crises in order to support students and staff. FHSD utilizes an approach known as a Traumatic Event Crisis Intervention Plan or TECIP and you can learn more about the process [in this article](#). Although School Safety Month has ended, keep an eye on the district website and social media channels throughout the school year for regular updates on safety efforts!

'Tis the Season for Shop & Share!

[9United's](#) 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.

SAVE THE DATE: FHSD Parent Academy on 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 [general overview of the Parent Academy series here](#). Information about November's topics/speakers and how to register will be shared soon. We hope to see you there!

Anderson Mental Health Collaborative Speaker's Series on Nov. 6

[Check out this flyer](#) for an upcoming event hosted by the Anderson Mental Health Collaborative, of which FHSD is a proud member. The event is happening at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 6 at Anderson Center! This is a no-cost, no-registration educational seminar on how to recognize the signs of PTSD and find hope in the effectiveness of

PTSD treatment through Cincinnati Police Officer Chris Perry's story. It will be geared toward a broad audience of community members and parents and is of course relevant to first responders and veterans. The content topic of PTSD was chosen to honor our local veterans for Veterans Day.

District-Wide Spirit Day | Wear Flannel on Nov. 9

Warm Your Heart and Others by Wearing Flannel is the next district-wide spirit day! We encourage students to wear flannel to celebrate the fall season and share a sense of unity as we work to bring encouragement to ourselves and others!

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 10th is a “Monday.”

Friday, November 17th is a “Tuesday.”

Nov. 6

- Parent-Teacher Conferences

Nov. 7

- District PD Day
- Election Day

Nov. 8

Nov. 9

- PBIS Gold Card Party
- Veterans Day Chorus Concert

Nov. 10