November 6, 2026

Wilson Families,

A big thank-you to everyone who was able to join us for our Halloween Parade! We loved seeing all of the creative costumes and, even more, the excitement and smiles on our students' faces as they enjoyed their Halloween parties. It was such a fun day at Wilson!

We also want to send a special thank-you to our amazing PTO and parent volunteers for providing so many delicious eats and treats for our staff during our long day of conferences this week. From 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, you kept us fueled, energized, and going strong! We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity!

Next week is our Wilson Book Fair! A tremendous thank you to Wendy Teismann, our Innovation Specialist, along with our PTO and parent volunteers, for all of the time, planning, and hard work that goes into making this event possible. There are many moving pieces behind the scenes, and we are grateful for everyone working together to make the week run smoothly and create a great experience for our students.

Don't forget that next Monday is our PTO Restaurant Night at Panera Bread from 4:00–8:00 PM. It's an easy way to enjoy a meal while supporting our wonderful Wilson PTO!

We also have a special week planned for Veterans Day! During the school day we will come together for an all school assembly to recognize and honor the men and women who have served our country. In the evening, our 5th and 6th grade students will share their talents during our Veterans Day Chorus Concerts. What a meaningful opportunity for our students and school community to

come together, celebrate, and show our appreciation for those who have served and the families who support them. We look forward to honoring our veterans in a special way!

As always, thank you for being such an important part of our Wilson community. We are grateful for the continued support, generosity, and partnership of our families. It truly takes all of us to make Wilson wonderful!

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 earring 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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ALICE Practice Drill
This week teachers reviewed ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) with our students. Our goal is to prepare our

students and staff with proactive strategies to use in the event of an emergency. Just as we practice for fires and severe weather, we will practice and walk through what to do if ever there is an unsafe person on campus.

During this time, K–5 teachers used the book *I'm Not Scared, I'm Prepared* by Julia Cook to guide age-appropriate conversations with students about ALICE and the choices they may face in an emergency situation that requires us to leave the building. Through these discussions, students were encouraged to think creatively and strategically about their options, with an emphasis on empowering them to make thoughtful decisions based on the situation. For families who would like to continue the conversation at home, *I'm Not Scared, I'm Prepared* is a helpful resource geared toward elementary-aged students. Sixth-grade students reviewed similar safety information through a presentation designed specifically for older students. You can view the presentation here: ALICE 6th Grade.

Veterans Day Celebrations

Wilson Elementary School will honor our veterans on Wednesday, November 11, in celebration of Veterans Day. We invite all current and retired service members to join us for our school-wide Veterans Day Assembly at 9:40 AM as we recognize and thank those who have served our country.

If a veteran is able to attend the school assembly, please RSVP to Bethany Hamann at **bethanyhamann@foresthills.edu** so we can acknowledge and recognize them during the assembly.

We also invite everyone in our community to join us for our evening choir performances celebrating our veterans. The **5th Grade Choir will perform at 6:00 PM**, followed by the **6th Grade Choir at 7:00 PM**. We look forward to coming together as a Wilson community to honor our veterans and express our gratitude for their service and sacrifice.

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

Book Fair Volunteers Needed
Our Book Fair is coming up, and we would love your help! We are looking for family volunteers to help make the Book Fair a fun and successful experience for our students. Whether you can help for one shift or have a little more time to give, we truly appreciate any help you can provide! If you are interested in volunteering, please use the sign-up link below. Thank you for always supporting our students and our school! ❤️📖

Book Fair Volunteer Sign-Up

Book Fair Nov 2026

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school Nov. 9-13! This is a great opportunity to build your child's home library with new books and every purchase benefits our school. Our Book Fair will be open 5:30-8:30 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 11 and 8:30-9:10 am on Nov. 12 for you to visit in person. A Book Fair Flyer and Information Letter will be sent home with students. Here are the digital copies.

Book Fair Info Letter (Includes how to make special requests for purchases, set up an eWallet and volunteers are needed).

Book Fair Flyer

Planning a Family Vacation? A Quick Reminder About Make-Up Work
We know that many of our Wilson families have opportunities throughout the year to travel and spend time together, and we are glad you are able to make those memories as a family! We also want to make sure you have helpful information from our Parent-Student Handbook regarding schoolwork when your child is absent for a vacation.

MAKE-UP WORK
If a student is absent, the student will be given the opportunity to make up any missed school work. The student is reminded to check Progress Book and Schoology to verify missing work and assignments. Make-up work must be returned to the teacher, never to the teacher's mailbox. Responsibility rests with the student for making arrangements with the teacher concerning make-up work. Make-up assignments, tests, and quizzes may differ from the original requirements. Students are responsible for school work they know about on the day they return to

school. The following make-up schedule is for work assigned during the student's absence:

Days absent	*Days to make up work*
1	*2 days*
2	*3 days*
3	*4 days*
4	*5 days*

In the case of an extended illness, special arrangements will be made by the teacher, with the approval of the principal. ***When a student is out for a vacation and requests work, the work will be given upon returning to school and will have the same days of make-up time as above.***

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.

- Monday, Nov. 9 : Panera Bread [4pm - 8pm]
- Tuesday, Nov. 17 : Penn Station [4pm - 9pm]

Before/After-School Enrichment Programs:
Check out the upcoming before and after-school learning opportunities starting in November, December, and January, and make sure to communicate with your student's teacher if they are participating in a program!

November and December

PIVO Academy Futsal - Session 2 (Grades 1-6) - WEDNESDAYS, Nov. 4 - Dec. 16, 3:50 - 4:50 PM | Learn futsal skills, improve technique, and play small-sided games with certified Cincy SC coaches in the Gym! (Register Here)

Enriching Kidz: Better Babysitters (Grades 5-6) - MONDAYS, Nov. 9, 16, 30 & Dec. 7, 3:45 - 6:15 PM | Practical life skills, safety, first aid basics, and child care training in the Learning Commons. (Register Here)

Jewelry Making with Miss Tracey (Grades 1-3) - TUESDAYS, Nov. 10 & 17, 3:45 - 5:00 PM
Create necklaces, earrings, bracelets, and keychains for yourself or as gifts in the Art Room! (Register by emailing actlikeakid@outlook.com)

Forest Hills Dance Co. Dance Team (Grades 3-6) - TUESDAYS, Nov. 10 - Feb. 25, 3:45 - 4:45 PM | After-school dance team in the Music Room with Kristen Brewer! (Register Here)

Forest Hills Dance Co. Dance Team (Grades 1-2) - FRIDAYS, Nov. 13 - Feb. 25, 3:45 - 4:45 PM | After-school dance team in the Music Room with Kristen Brewer! (Register Here)

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)

Chess Club - Session 2 **(Grades K-6)** - THURSDAYS, Dec. 3 - Feb. 18, 3:45 - 4:45 PM (9 meetings) | Weekly lessons and gameplay for all skill levels in the Learning Commons! (Register by emailing thechessaid@gmail.com)

Starting in January:

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 **(Grades 1-4)** - WEDNESDAYS, Jan. 6, 13, 20, & 27, 3:50 - 5:00 PM

Hands-on STEAM-based arts, crafts, and maker projects in the Art Room! Limited to 15 students! (Register Here)

Happy Racquets Pickleball / Tennis - Session 2 (Grades K-6) - THURSDAYS, Jan. 7 - April 22, 3:45 - 5:00 PM (10 meetings) | Join after school in the Gym for tennis, pickleball, and fun with friends! (Register Here)

PIVO Academy Futsal - Session 3 (Grades 1-6) - MONDAYS, Jan. 11 - March 1, 3:50 - 4:50 PM (6 meetings) | Foot skills, ball mastery, and small-sided futsal games in the Gym! (Register Here)

QSA Performance Training - Winter Session (Grades K-6) - TUESDAYS, Jan. 12 - Feb. 23, 3:50 - 4:50 PM (7 meetings) | Focus on agility, running mechanics, core strength, and athletic confidence in the Gym ($95 per student; sibling discount available). (Register Here or email qsatrainingwithnicki@gmail.com)

Volleyball Enrichment - Session 3 (Grades K-6) - FRIDAYS, Jan. 22 - March 12, 3:50 - 5:00 PM (6 meetings) | Fundamentals, gameplay, and teamwork with Mrs. Player in the Gym! (Register by emailing Brandiplayer2@gmail.com)

World of Spanish - Session 2 (Grades K-6) - MONDAYS, Jan. 25 - April 26, 8:05 - 9:05 AM (Morning Program) | Natural language immersion through interactive games and conversation in the Orchestra Room & Classroom! (Register Here)

Beginner Sewing with Miss Tracey (Grades 4-6) - TUESDAYS, Jan. 26, Feb. 2, & 9, 3:50 - 5:00 PM | Learn hand stitches, patterns, and pinning while creating a custom pillow and starter sewing

kit in the Art Room! (Register by emailing actlikeakid@outlook.com)

District Information

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."

Drive-a-Bus Event on Nov. 7
Please help us spread the word to fill some critical open positions! If you or someone you know might be interested in joining our team of dedicated bus drivers, this event is a perfect opportunity to get behind the wheel with a licensed driver by your side! This is a great career opportunity for folks who have recently retired and are looking for a flexible job that offers competitive pay and benefits.
Test drive your future with FHSD!

- Saturday, Nov. 7 at 3652 Round Bottom Road, Newtown
- Visit anytime from 9 a.m. to noon
- No CDL is required for the event, and paid-training is offered to new employees.
- Learn more at https://www.foresthills.edu/employment

Forest Hills Foundation for Education
The Under the Stars Silent Auction is OPEN! You do not need to attend the event in order to bid/win items. Register for FREE to participate in the auction (select 'Auction Only'). There are nearly 60 great items to bid on -- from family fun to sporting events to wellness and so much more! Bidding ends at 10:30pm on Saturday, 11/7. You can support all Forest Hills students from the comfort of home!

High School Musical Productions | Nov. 6-8 and 13-15
Anderson and Turpin students take the stage in November with what are sure to be amazing performances! Click the links below to learn more about the shows and to purchase tickets.

- Turpin Theatre (Nov. 6-8) presents *The Addams Family*
- Anderson Theatre (Nov. 13-15) presents *Pippin*

Seeds of Inspiration - Nominations Open for November!
We are getting ready to celebrate our October Seeds of Inspiration winners, so please keep an eye on FHSD social media pages! Nominations are now open for the month of November. Please help us recognize amazing staff members by submitting a name today.

- Seeds of Inspiration Webpage (see past winners and additional info)
- Seeds of Inspiration Nomination Form

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:

- 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 13 is a "Thursday."
Friday, November 20 is a "Monday."

Upcoming Events

Week of November 9 through November 13 (Book Fair)

Nov. 9

- Book Fair

- PTO Restaurant Night at Panera (4:00 pm to 8:00 pm)

Nov. 10

- Book Fair

Nov. 11 Veterans Day

- Veterans Day All School Assembly 9:40 am to 10:15 am
- 5th Grade Veterans Day Concert 6:00 pm
- 6th Grade Veterans Day Concert 7:00 pm

Nov. 12

Nov. 13

- Girls VIP Dance (Welcome to the Jungle) 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

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