### Wilson Families,

We're thrilled to share that our recent Walkathon was a *huge* success! Thanks to the energy, generosity, and enthusiasm of our amazing community, we raised an incredible \$57,525 for our students! From the joyful walk through our neighborhood to the frozen treats, bounce houses, and non-stop smiles, it was truly a day to remember. The weather was perfect (a little warm), the spirits were high, and the sense of community was stronger than ever.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who played a part. Whether you walked, donated, volunteered, cheered from the sidelines, or helped clean up sticky popsicle fingers, this event wouldn't have been possible without you. Your support helps fund enriching experiences and essential programs that directly benefit our students. Every step taken made a difference, and we're so grateful to walk this journey together.

We've had an exciting week full of learning, celebration, and connection! Our Kindergarten students had a fantastic time exploring Winton Woods Farm and Equestrian Center on their field trip Thursday. Meanwhile, our top 100 Walkathon earners were treated to a special movie day at RJ Cinema to celebrate their amazing fundraising efforts complete with popcorn and big smiles!

Thank you to everyone who attended conferences last night. We value the opportunity to partner with you and have meaningful conversations that support your child's success. Your involvement makes a difference.

As we head into a long weekend, we want to remind you that there is no school today or Monday. We hope you enjoy a relaxing and joyful fall break with your family!

Have a great weekend!

Erin and Brian

### **Building Information**

### **Veterans Day Concert**

We would like to invite all families to join us for our Veterans' Concert on Monday, November 10th at Wilson School.

- 5th Grade Choir will perform at 6:00 PM
- 6th Grade Choir will perform at 7:00 PM

During our Veterans Day Choir Concert, we will be collecting cash donations and material donations (such as full-size candy bars and individual snack bags like pretzels or chips) to benefit the Ohio Veterans Home, a nursing facility that provides care and support for military veterans.

This cause is especially meaningful to our Wilson community, as our own custodian, Mr. Larry Bolender, is actively involved with the Ohio Veterans Home. We are grateful for your kindness and generosity as we come together to honor and support those who have served our country.

If you are unable to attend the concert, but would like to make a donation, you may drop off any cash donations or material

donations to the main office. We will be taking donations through Friday, November 14.

#### Halloween Parade

Our Halloween parade will be on Friday, October 31st at 9:30 am. Students are welcome to wear their costumes to school for the day. Please be advised that students are not permitted to wear or bring weapons, masks, something gory, or anything that poses a safety hazard. We also ask that costumes not be too scary as Mr. Lyons frightens easily.

#### **Halloween Parties**

We will have our Halloween parties on Friday, October 31st. Each grade level will schedule their parties at a time that works best for them. Parent Room Reps will be reaching out soon to help coordinate.

#### **Shrek Kids**

Tickets for Shrek Kids are available online at <u>pai.seatyourself.biz</u> for \$8/each. Anyone sitting in their own seat will need a ticket.

The show dates and times are

- Wed 10/22 7:00pm
- Fri 10/24 7:15pm

• Sat 10/25 6:30pm

No tickets will be sold in person at the door, you will still need to go online and purchase them.

All ticketing questions, including accessible seating requests can be directed to cheryl@performingartsinc.net

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

The fall conference portal is now accepting appointments. We just finished our first round of conferences Thursday evening. We have conferences throughout the day on November 3. To schedule a conference, please visit <a href="www.myconferencetime.com/wilson">www.myconferencetime.com/wilson</a> and click on the appropriate grade level(s).

## **Changes to Dismissal Plans**

If your child will have a change in their routine dismissal plan, please make sure you notify the teacher. If the change occurs after 3:00pm, please call the main office so we can relay the message.

### **Lunch Menu for October**

- OCTOBER LUNCH MENU
  - Link for <u>ALL BUILDING MENUS</u>

## Kdg & First Grade Cafeteria Helpers

As our youngest Wildcats settle into the new school it's extremely helpful to have additional adults in the cafeteria to support students. If you're interested in volunteering, please use this link to sign up for October, November and December.

October: <u>LINK</u>
November: <u>LINK</u>
December: <u>LINK</u>

### **Volunteers/Chaperones**

If you are interested in volunteering in classrooms, the copy room, or on field trips, you must complete a background check through the district's Raptor System. Background checks are good for 5 years. If you are unsure if your background check is up to date, please contact <u>Lynn</u> in the main office.

 Complete online process via Raptor System (includes background check).

#### Counselor's Corner

## October- Bully Prevention Month

This is National Bullying Prevention Month, and we know that bullying has a negative impact on kids' mental health. Here are some brief Parent Help articles:

- <u>Bullying in Kids: What Parents Need to Know and How to Help</u> (Nakeia Hudson, LISW-S, MBA; Ariana Hoet, PhD)
- Cyberbullying What Is It and How to Help Protect Kids (Jay Chinn, PhD)

There will be opportunities for support throughout this year, including scholarships for Enrichment Classes. If you are interested, please contact me directly or <u>fill out this confidential form.</u>

**Just ask!** Please reach out to me if I can do anything for your family. Smiles Use Jean Bode jeanbode@foresthills.edu

### **PTO NEWS**

## **Before / After-School Enrichment Programs**

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

THURSDAYS, Oct. 30 - Dec. 11, 3:45 - 5:00

A second chance to learn the ins and outs of tennis and pickleball!

<u>Enriching Kidz: Better Babysitters</u> - MONDAYS, Nov. 10 - Dec. 1, 3:45 - 6:15

For students in grades 5th - 6th interested in learning the ins and outs of babysitting!

<u>Jewelry Making</u> - TUESDAYS, Nov. 11 - 25, 3:45 - 5:00

For students in grades 1st - 3rd ready to use their creativity to make their own jewelry!

<u>Cool Critters</u> - MONDAYS, Nov. 17, 24, Dec. 1, 3:45 - 4:45

Get the chance to learn about and hold some unique and exotic animals!

QSA Training - MONDAYS, Dec. 1 - Feb. 23, 3:45 - 4:45 Have fun while being active and learning the best techniques for safety and growth!

## **Restaurant Nights**

Support the Wilson PTO, local businesses, and make dinner easy by stopping by one of these restaurant nights! Don't forget to mention Wilson!

Sunday, Oct. 12: NVT Pizza & Brew 10am - 8pm

Thursday, Oct. 16: Wandering Monsters 4pm - Close

# **Upcoming PTO Events**

Wilson's "Wicked" Girls VIP Dance Saturday, November 22, 2025 (6:00-8:30pm)

### **District Information**

## **Elementary Hearing and Visions Screenings**

FHSD is partnering with Xavier University to administer vision and hearing screenings for all students in preschool, kindergarten, first, third, and fifth grades this fall. **Wilson will have vision/hearing** screenings on Tuesday, October 14. These screenings are required by law. For more information about the screenings, including how to opt a student out, please <u>click here</u>.

### Please Support the All In Food Drive

The Forest Hills Council's All In Food Drive returns to all nine FHSD schools for another year to support IPM Food Pantry. The drive will run October 14-21, collecting non-perishable items to help local families in need. This is the largest food drive for IPM and comes at a critical time of year when needs increase due to back to school and winter holidays. Some of the biggest needs this year include:

- Personal care items
- Cereal
- Pasta/pasta meals
- Any non-perishable
- Peanut butter

Click here to learn more about the donation drive and how you can support us!

#### **Necco Mental Health Moment**

Necco, our elementary school-based mental health therapy partner, offers this wellness tip for families:

 Try a five minute daily reset. Step away from screens, take deep breaths, stretch or journal a gratitude note. Small moments of care add up.

<u>Click here to view their full October Mental Health Moment informational flyer.</u>

### Parent Academy Next Week - REGISTER NOW

Don't miss out on your chance to connect with other parents and guardians, learn from a great group of experts in a variety of fields and gain important skills to help your children grow academically, socially and psychologically outside of the classroom.

- Click here for the full schedule of speakers!
- Click here to register for the event!
- Read an article with more info here!

Special thanks to the Forest Hills Foundation for Education for sponsoring the evening and helping us provide a light meal and childcare to attendees. The event takes place Thursday, Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

#### Forest Hills Foundation for Education

Our fall campaign will soon be coming to an end -- <u>support the</u> <u>Rooted in Hope & Strength campaign</u> by 10/13 and your donation will be matched. All funds raised will support Nagel's After-School Clubs and tutoring, plus transportation home. Help us support Forest Hills students as they navigate the middle years, seeking belonging and connection.

### **Community Events**

<u>Click here to visit the flyers page</u> to learn more about opportunities like:

- Anderson Middies Lacrosse Fall Open Fields | Oct. 25 & Nov. 8
- XCEL Preseason Basketball Clinic | October 10 | 6-8 p.m.
- XCEL Boys Winter Basketball Tryouts | Oct. 12
- Click the flyers webpage link above for information about Scouts, Spanish classes and more.

# **Upcoming Events**

### K-4 Unified Arts Rotation

Friday, October 17 will be a "Monday". Friday, October 24 will be a "Wednesday."

### Oct. 10

• No School for Students/Teacher PD

## Oct. 12 (Sunday)

PTO Restaurant Night: NVT Pizza & Brew 10am - 8pm

### Oct. 13

• No School (Fall Break)

### Oct. 14

• Vision/Hearing Screenings

## Oct. 15

• FHSD Board Meeting at Mercer Elementary at 6:30 pm

## Oct. 16

- Wilson Skate Night at Beechmont Rollarena 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm
- Parent Academy at Nagel Middle School 6:30 to 8:00 pm
- PTO Restaurant Night at Wandering Monsters 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm

## Oct. 17

• End of Quarter 1