

October 13, 2023

Wildcat Families,

We, like everyone else, make mistakes. We are human after all. We can be late, get tongue-tied, have a bad day, and make spelling mistakes, to name but a few. We have feelings and feel pain (both emotionally and mentally) like other human beings do.

We all work best together if we assume best intentions. We love our Wilson community and truly made a mistake in our last newsletter. What happened has made us realize that we can slip into “autopilot” easily, and need to take time to slow down, pause and ensure we’re fully focused and present in each and every moment.

We went into education because we love working with children and want to always create a sense of belonging for all students. We love what we do and do our best to make Wilson a wonderful place for our students, teachers, staff and parents each and every day.

Next week is a big week for us as we look forward to Camping and Glamping on Tuesday, October 17th! The students’ overwhelmingly chose Ms. Storer to camp and Mr. Lyons to glamp. Be sure to stop by between 7:00 and 8:00 to say hi! Thanks to all of your outstanding efforts with Walkathon, the PTO will host a Donut Trolley on October 20th. We also hope to see you next Friday for PTO’s [Fall Fest from 5-7:30pm](#)! The month of October is packed full of fun!

Enjoy your weekend!

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Building Information

Sixth Grade “W” Picture

Next Friday, October 20, the Sixth Grade classes will take the annual “W” picture. Please make sure students wear their Sixth Grade t-shirt. We’ll take the picture at 9:20am

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for the evening of October 26 and all day on November 6. To sign up for a conference time, please visit www.myconferencetime.com/wilson.

REMINDER: Wilson Hearing and Visions Screening- Oct. 17th

FHSD is partnering with Xavier University to administer vision and hearing screenings for all students in kindergarten, first, third, and fifth grades this fall. Wilson will have vision/hearing screenings on Tuesday, October 17th. These screenings are required by law. For more information about the screenings, including how to opt a student out, please click [here](#).

Counselor’s Corner

Johnny Downey is coming back to Wilson to spend time with some of

our Wildcats, Mr. Downey has been a teacher for many years and is earning his Meditation Teacher Certification while he takes time off from teaching. Mr. Downey will be collaborating with me [Mrs. Bode] to provide regulation skills focusing on mindful practices including breathwork for our Wildcats and staff. He will be here on Fridays, starting October 13th for about 10 weeks. He will offer space for staff for an optional meditation and breathwork time before school. Then, he will work with 4th graders during PE, Music, and Art for about 10 minutes each, and lastly, he will work with students in a small group. We are excited to have Mr. Downey share these healthy coping skills with our staff and students. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

All In Collection Drive Runs October 16-20

Our 6th Graders are leading the FHSD ALL in Food Drive for IPM. After discussing the needs of our community, they have decided to focus on collecting cereal/granola bars, canned meats and body wash. They have visited classrooms, created flyers and made announcements. They will also work each morning to help our Wildcats when they bring in donations.

[Learn more and find links to donate online here.](#)

Pink Ribbon Day at Wilson, Friday October 20th

Our staff will show our support for Pink Ribbon Good on Friday, Oct. 20th and we would like to invite any students who would like to wear pink as well.

As our school year rolls along, please contact me if your family may be in need of financial assistance. Information shared will be held in confidence.

As always, please reach out if there is anything I can do for your child or your family.

Smiles,

Jean Bode jeanbode@foresthills.edu

Donut Trolley

We are excited that our students will be visited by the Donut Trolley on Friday, October 20th. Students will be receiving a Graeter's Glazed Donut. Please see the nutritional information below. If your child is unable to have a glazed donut, please contact your child's teacher so we can arrange for an alternate treat. Please see the nutritional information below.

[Link to Nutritional Facts](#)

Music Man Jr.

The Wilson production of Music Man, Jr. is coming soon! Wilson students in grades 4-6 have been working hard all fall to put together an amazing show. The show will have three performances on October 22 at 6:30, October 26 at 7:30 and October 28 at 7:00. Tickets are \$6, and all shows are in the Anderson Center theatre. Visit this link to purchase tickets:

<https://search.seatyourself.biz/webstore/accounts/pai/buy-tix>.

Scholastic Book Fair

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. AND—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school.

Here's what you need to know about the big event, which will take place:

Oct. 23-27 in the Wilson Innovation Lab/Media Center

Set up your child's e-wallet today. <https://bit.ly/WilsonBfoctober23>

3rd Grade Ohio State Testing Information- Oct. 24 and Oct. 25

Each fall, students in the 3rd grade are required to take the state assessment for English Language Arts. This test will be taken electronically through the Ohio State Test Portal.

In order for students to become familiar with this testing procedure, the state has provided practice resources for parents and students. Tutorials are available to teach navigation skills on the testing site as well as how to use the embedded testing tools. Teachers will be introducing these tutorials with students in the classroom. Parents may also want to review them with their child by accessing the following website:

<https://oh-ost.portal.cambiumast.com/families.html>

(Select: Practice Test, "Sign In," Student Grade Level: 3 from the drop down menu, then any of the "G3 English Language Arts" practice tests)

The fall testing schedule for 3rd grade is:

- Tuesday, October 24th Part 1 = 90 minutes
- Wednesday, October 25th Part 2 = 90 minutes

If you have any questions about state testing, please reach out to your child's 3rd-grade teachers.

CAMP AND GLAMP at Wilson is October 17th!

The students voted and it was a close call...nope, it was a landslide ;). Ms. Storer will camp on the ROOF and Mr. Lyons will 'glamp' inside the nice warm school the evening of October 17th. Wildcats are invited to visit our brave Principals between 7 - 8pm that evening to take pictures, bring treats if you wish, sing songs or cheer them on! THANK YOU Ms. Storer and Mr. Lyons for being such great sports! This is a memory that will stay with our students for a long time!

Halloween Parade

Our Halloween parade will be on Tuesday, 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 Tuesday, 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.

Wilson Elementary Fall Fest Volunteers

This event takes place at Wilson Elementary from October 20, 2023 5:00-7:30pm. We rely on our Wilson volunteers to make our events a success! Thank you for considering helping out with Fall Fest.

[Volunteer Sign Up Link](#)

Fall Fest: Save the Date!

We hope you can join us at Wilson on Friday, October 20th from 5:00 to 7:30 pm for our annual Fall Fest! A shuttle bus will be available at Clough United Methodist Church (2010 Wolfangel) to help with the limited parking on campus. Please see the link for more information!

[LINK](#)

Grandparents & Special Person's Night - Save the Date

Please join us for Grandparents and Special Person's Night at Wilson on Wednesday October 25th, 5-7pm. Students will have an opportunity to show their special guests around, do some crafts and take a fun picture for a keepsake.

We would love for some volunteers to help us run this wonderful event. [Volunteer Sign Up](#)

[Flyer](#)

Save the Date for Father-Daughter Dance!

When: November 18th from 5:30-8:00.

Wilson PTO invites you to Dance Underneath the Stars on November 18th from 5:30-8:00 at Wilson. Tickets cost \$20 per family Your ticket includes a professional photo, drinks/snacks, and a fun night!!
Registration link coming soon!

We are asking for Volunteers to help out with this special night!

Please sign up here: [Father/Daughter Sign up Genius](#)

Please contact Jessie Martin at jessie82lynn@gmail.com with any questions!

Crosswalk Guard Needed (We only need 1 more!)

We are hoping to find TWO crosswalk guards for the 23-24 school year, and the good news is we've found one! We need help each morning from 8:50 to 9:15 am and each afternoon from 3:35 to 4:00 pm. This is a paid position (\$2,143.00 per year). If interested, please let Lynn know!

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! [Lunch Helpers Sign Up](#).

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!

October 17: NVT Pizza & Brew 4-10pm

October 23: Chipotle (Anderson Town Center) 5pm-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.

District Information

Reports Coming Home Today- October 13, 2023

We are committed to sharing feedback on how your child is doing academically. All students will come home today with an envelope that includes a copy of their iReady reports as well as a [letter](#) that explains the report further. Included in the envelope is a parent resource guide for the grade level. Please check those backpacks when the kids get home!

All In Collection Drive Runs October 16-20

The annual All In Collection Drive will be taking place at all FHSD schools from October 16-20. Thank you to the community for your continued support of IPM Food Pantry. Donations can be dropped

off at your student's school! We are looking for non-perishable food items and hygiene supplies, with some of the most needed items being cereal, pasta and pasta sauce, canned meat/vegetables/fruit, granola bars, box potatoes, stuffing, peanut butter and jelly. Please do not donate items in glass jars or containers. [Learn more and find links to donate online here.](#)

October is School Safety Month

You may have noticed articles and social media posts being shared by FHSD for School Safety Month! All October, the district is spreading the word about the different safety measures in place to provide a safe and secure environment for all students, staff and visitors. Please check out [this article providing a general overview of a handful of safety topics](#) and [this article introducing our School Resource Officers](#) and their role in keeping our schools safe.

Anderson FallFest and Trick-or-Treat Night

Join FHSD and many other local organizations and businesses for FallFest and Trick or Treat Night at Anderson Towne Center on Saturday, October 21! FallFest runs from 3-8 p.m. and from 4-6 p.m. the streetscape will be filled with little ghosts and goblins who can enjoy a daytime trick-or-treat event at the center's businesses and vendor booths. Learn more on the [Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce website here.](#)

Community Events

You can also visit our [flyers webpage here](#) that has updates on other fun events and activities, including the [AHS Teacher Academy mattress fundraiser](#) happening on October 21! You can also find a [Mental Health Webinar Series directed to parents from the Hamilton County ESC](#). The next event discusses bullying on October 24.

Forest Hills Foundation

15 years | 15 days | \$15,000

Help the Foundation celebrate our 15th anniversary by [making a donation](#) today!

Because of your support, over \$80,000 in Teacher Grants were awarded last week and we want to further support our front-line educators, our Forest Hills teachers and staff, along with specific student grants later this year.

For every gift made, it will be matched thanks to the following alumni members:

Bruce Hellman, Turpin, 1978

Michael Brandy, Anderson, 1974

If we reach our goal of \$15,000 – Bruce and Michael will match and get us to \$30,000 (half of the salary for a Child Focus Therapist). [Let's Go!](#)

15 Year Fact: In **2004**, a need was identified and the first meeting to gather community input was organized by Randy Smith (AHS, 1972). The Forest Hills School District Board of Education approved the establishment of a Foundation in 2006, and on **October 6, 2008** the first official meeting of the Foundation took place with Kurt Reiber as

the first president. Since that time, the Foundation has raised over \$2.8 million to support the needs of Forest Hills students.

2023 Distinguished Alumni Recipients

Help us honor and recognize the 2023 Distinguished Alumni and Forest Hills School District Staff.

Phyllis Ferrel | Turpin, 1990

Victor Prince | Turpin, 1987

Brian Reid | Turpin, 1989

Mindy Smith Murphy | Anderson, 1986

Miriam Sturm | Anderson, 1976

Annie Triplett Warner | Anderson 1998

Dr. T. John Winhusen | Anderson, 1986

Dee Dee Hamlin | Retired FHSD Teacher, 23 years at Ayer Elementary

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

Friday Rotation

Friday, October 20th is a "Tuesday."

Friday, October 27th is a "Wednesday."

Oct. 16

- All in Food Drive Begins
- Wilson PTO Meeting 7:00 pm in the Wilson iLab (Learning Commons)

Oct. 17

- All in Food Drive
- Vision and Hearing Screenings
- Camping and Glamping with Mr. Lyons and Ms. Storer (7:00-8:00pm)

Oct. 18

- All in Food Drive

Oct. 19

- All in Food Drive
- Wilson Way Teams 9:30 am to 10:05 am

Oct. 20

- All in Food Drive (last day)
- Donut Trolley
- 6th Grade W Picture
- Fall Fest 5:00 to 7:30pm