

October 18, 2024

Wildcat Families,

We are looking forward to wrapping up an exciting week with some fun this afternoon! As a prize for achieving our Walkathon stretch goal, this afternoon several of our teachers are going to participate in a race around the bus loop! But this won't be just any race. The teachers are going to have to balance an object while also wearing an inflatable costume! It's going to be so much fun!

Yesterday our Wilson Way Teams got together for the first time this school year. Each Wilson Way Team is made up of students from Kindergarten through Sixth Grade, and students stay with the same team and teacher mentor every year. This structure allows our Wildcats to build deeper connections to our school community as we learn various lessons together. Yesterday's lesson focused on being responsible and the responsible way to act when we make a mistake. Students discussed and acted out short skits of the four steps to take when we make a mistake (or not follow the Wilson Way). Every student should have come home with a reminder of the four steps: Admit it, Apologize, Accept the Consequences and Learn from it.

As we look ahead to next week we want to mention a few events. Picture retakes will be held the morning of Monday, October 21. As an FYI, if a student takes a retake, the retake will be the one in the Yearbook. Our sixth grade students will take their traditional "W" picture at 9:30 am on October 21 as well. **Please remind your sixth grader to wear their tie dye Wilson shirt on Monday.** On Tuesday, October 22 we will be conducting our required vision/hearing screenings for students in Kindergarten, First Grade, Fifth Grade, and

Third Grade. Third graders will spend the morning taking the Ohio State Test (OST) for English Language Arts (ELA) next Tuesday and Wednesday.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Building Information

3rd Grade Ohio State Testing Information- Oct. 22 and Oct. 23

Each fall, students in the 3rd grade are required to take the state assessment for English Language Arts. Part 1 of the test will be administered on Tuesday morning and Part 2 Wednesday morning. Testing should be finished by 11:30am. Third graders who arrive after testing has begun will have to wait in the office until their class is finished, so please make sure all our students are on time! While we always want our students to do their very best, we do not want them to be nervous. We could use your help in making sure our Wildcats have a good night's rest and eat a good breakfast! Results from this test are usually available in January.

Sixth Grade Skate Night

Sixth graders across the district have the opportunity to socialize with all 6th grade students at the Beechmont Rollarena on October 28 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm

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

Wellness Theme for October: Being Responsible

You're pulling into soccer practice when you hear an "uh-oh" from the backseat. Your son has realized that he's left his cleats at home--again. Exasperated, you ask, "Why can't you be more responsible?!" Most of us can relate to this scene all too well. [Read more here](#) about the skills taught and what families can do to support the lessons.

Mindful Music Moments:

Check out what our [5th Graders experienced](#) our The Well guests!!

"Wonder" is the Mindful Music Moments' theme for October, which is a special music commission for all MMM schools. **The Wonder Commission** is a new music commission of The Well, composed by Dr. Brian Raphael Nabors and performed by the Antigone Music Collective. Inspiration for the new music emerges from Nabors' conversation with writer, physicist, and professor at MIT, Alan Lightman. The music also integrates the voices of youth from [UpSpring](#)'s Summer 360 camp for unhoused youth and their questions about science, wonder, and hope.

The new music will premiere in over 300 schools listening to [Mindful Music Moments](#) (pw is mindfulwilson) and online on October 7, 2024.

[Please check this out for more details](#) about this exciting experience for our kids.

Resource to share:

- [The Screenages Podcast](#)-How to Delay Social Media and Smartphone Use with Wait til 8th

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
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Fall Book Fair

The Fall Book Fair is Oct. 28-Nov. 1. Students should speak with the adults at their home about expectations for purchasing. We do our best to guide students to prioritize books first. If you would like to make any special requests for certain books or shopping restrictions [you may do so here](#) separately for each child. Families are invited to shop with their students on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 8:30AM.

Say hello to eWallet—your child’s digital payment account. Before Oct. 28, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child’s eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy. *If your student used eWallet for the last Scholastic Book Fair and had any remaining funds, you MUST create a new eWallet for the Fall Book Fair. You will have an opportunity to rollover any unused funds that have since been converted to an eGift Card. Please just be sure to sign into your Scholastic Account with the same information so you can be recognized in*

the system. Your eGift card will be listed as a funding source. Parents can set up an eWallet for students by visiting the [Wilson Book Fair website](#). Check out the [eWallet Video](#) if you have more questions. Cash or checks made out to Wilson PTO will be accepted as well.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then shop at our school's Book Fair online. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Every online purchase will also benefit our school. Visit [Wilson Book Fair website](#) to shop online.

Any book fair specific questions can be sent to wendyteismann@foresthills.edu.

We are looking for volunteers to help run registers - it's a fun job! [Sign up for a shift here](#).

Happy Reading!

ALL in Food Drive

Wilson and All FHSD Schools are collecting items to help stock the shelves of [Interparish Ministries](#) which is a local organization that supports families in need. A 6th grade leadership team is coordinating the All in Food Drive, they will be in the front hall each morning Tuesday, Oct. 15-Friday Oct 18th to collect the following items:

- Toilet Paper
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Body Wash
- Deodorant

- Canned ham, chicken, tuna and beef stew
- Canned Peas or Carrots
- Canned mandarin oranges and pineapple
- Canned pasta (Raviloit, Spaghetti-Os with meat

Together we can make a big difference!

Wilson PTO's Girls VIP Dance

Get ready to dust off your boots and join us for a rootin' tootin' good time at the Wilson PTO's Girls VIP Dance! This fun-filled event is open to all girls at Wilson Elementary and their VIP (Very Important Person). Come dressed in your best western attire and enjoy a night of dancing, games, and unforgettable memories.

When: November 23, 2024

Time: 6:00-8:30pm

Where: Wilson Elementary Gym

Who: All girls and their VIP (Very Important Person)

Cost: \$10 per family

Theme: Western!

Register by 11/15: <https://www.wilson-ptto.org/packet/16500>

(You must log into Wilson PTO website, click on STORE and click on GIRLS VIP EVENT)

Don't miss out on this amazing evening—round up your VIP and join the fun!

Kindergarten Tuition

Kindergarten tuition for All Day Kindergarten is due the first day of each month. It is helpful to add this to your calendar so you are able to get your payment in on time. We appreciate it!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Fall conferences are scheduled throughout the day on November 4. Registration for conferences is now open. To sign up for a conference, please visit www.myconferencetime.com/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](#)

Ski Club

Snow flakes may be far from our minds but Ski Club passes are now available! Ski Club is a program run by Perfect North Slopes that offers discounted ski passes and a dedicated day for Wildcat's and their families to ski together. Starting in January, we encourage Wildcats and their families to hit the slopes together and ski on Wednesdays! If Wednesday doesn't work for your Wildcat/family you can still buy a pass and ski a different day.

Sign up now to receive a 30% discount off passes. After November 3rd the discount drops to 20%. The first day at Perfect North for the Wilson Ski Club is Wednesday, January 8th.

1. Fill out the ski club google form [HERE](#)
2. Purchase your ski club pass by November 3rd [HERE](#).

Login = wilson. Password = catwalk.

3. Fill out the PTO Medical Emergency Form [HERE](#) -If you already filled out the medical form it will not be available.
4. Ski Club Gear is now available [HERE](#)

Ordering by November 5th entitles you to a 30% discount off any pass.

Choose one that suits your Wildcat(s) best. If you need rentals make sure to add rentals. The exclusive 4-visit club pass with rentals is \$199. Without rentals it's \$139. PASS IS AVAILABLE FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

*** Please note the PTO is no longer providing busing for 4th-6th Graders and we encourage you to carpool with other classmates.

Questions? email the PTO – wearewilsonpto@gmail.com

Wilson Lunch Menus for October

Please see the lunch menu below for October. Our cafeteria staff work super hard each and everyday and we appreciate all they do for our Wildcats! [OCTOBER 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.

[Lunchroom Volunteers Sign Up Link: October](#)

Restaurant Nights

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

Monday, Oct. 28: Kitchen 1883 (all day!)

Sunday, Nov. 10: NVT Pizza & Brew (11am-8pm)

Before / After-School Enrichment Programs

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

ALL BEGINNING EARLY NOVEMBER!!

Jewelry Making: Learn how to make jewelry! Supplies provided.

Pickleball/Tennis: A second chance to learn the basics of both racquet games!

District Information

CogAT Results

4th-grade students recently participated in the cognitive ability testing and these results are coming home next Friday, October 25. Students in grades K-3 who are identified as superior cognitive receive gifted services from their classroom teacher in the general

education classroom. Students in grades 4-6 who are identified as superior cognitive receive gifted services from the Gifted Intervention Specialist in ELO Math Plus. If you have any questions, please contact our gifted specialist (Teacher Name at Email address) More details about gifted service can be found at <https://www.foresthills.edu/departments/student-services/gifted-education/>

Below is a video you can watch on how to interpret the CogAT results. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2n9XDi3eHhM>

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER: FHSD Parent Academy Returns October 22

Our popular Parent Academy series returns on Tuesday, October 22 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Nagel Middle School! It's an evening designed for parents with students of all ages. Check out this article to learn more, find a list of topics and register to save your spot for the event! Thanks to support from the Forest Hills Foundation for Education, a light meal and childcare will be offered to participating families.

October is School Safety Month in Ohio | Safer Ohio School Tip Line
As a reminder to our entire school community, anyone with concerns related to school safety can report that information to the Safer Ohio School Tip Line by calling or texting 844-SaferOH (844-723-3764) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Calls or texts are answered by analysts within Ohio Homeland Security who immediately forward information to local school officials, law enforcement agencies and the Ohio School Safety Center (OSSC) for action and follow up if necessary. If you or your child become aware of a safety concern outside school hours, whether it be a threat of violence, unusual behavior, suicidal

comments, bullying etc., please do not wait to report that information. Every minute can be critical when it comes to student safety, and reporting concerns to 844-723-3764 or by dialing 911 is the quickest way to allow our law enforcement partners and school administrators to fully investigate the situation. You can learn more about the Tip Line by visiting its website here. A link to the Tip Line is prominently displayed on www.foresthills.edu underneath the main homepage images.

Village Connections: All About Transition

Families of students with special needs are encouraged to attend this session at the October 22 Parent Academy Night. Village Connections is a special education information and support community that connects families with each other and with important resources throughout the region. All About Transition will include a panel of past graduates' parents who can share insight on having a child with autism attend college classes away from home, UC's TAPP Program and how it can prepare students for work and adult life, and things to know before exploring living and day programs. The evening will also include Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services Transition Navigator Brianne Riffle. [Click here to register](#) and [click here to view a flyer with more information!](#)

Forest Hills Foundation for Education

Early Bird registration for the Denim & Diamonds Fundraiser Party is open. Register now! Join us on Saturday, November 16 as we have a blast while raising funds to support Student Wellness and Belonging for all Forest Hills students. Enjoy live music and entertainment by the Naked Karate Girls, who promise to put on the greatest party in the galaxy! Receive a \$10 Gaming Card from Belterra Park with Registration. Early Bird pricing ends on November 1st.

Great Oaks Coffee Chats

Parents of 6-10th graders: Thinking college and career? Attend an upcoming coffee chat to learn more about the "super electives" your kids can take later in high school via the Great Oaks Career Campuses in programs, including engineering tech & robotics, nursing, surgical technology, dentistry, culinary arts, information technology, exercise science & sports medicine, auto service technology, aviation, manufacturing engineering technology, veterinary assisting, digital arts and design, and more. TWO in-person sessions and ONE virtual chat - RSVP and more details here: Oct. 21 at 6:30 pm, webinar registration: <https://bit.ly/3Bvrl8C>; Oct. 28 at 7:00pm, Anderson Library registration: <https://bit.ly/3UmHIRd>; and Oct. 30 at 6:30 pm, Madeira Library registration: <https://bit.ly/4evRL8R>.

Get Your Tickets for the Fall Theatre Productions!

The Anderson and Turpin theatre programs are once again collaborating on their fall theatre and film productions! First up is

Chicago: Teen Edition, which runs Oct. 25-27 at AHS, and features the famous songs and story from the longest-running show revival in Broadway history. Lord of the Flies, which runs Nov. 1-3 at THS, is a stage adaptation of William Golding's classic novel that tells a chilling tale of schoolboys stranded on an island. We hope to see you there!

Chicago: Teen Edition Tickets

Lord of the Flies Tickets

Elementary Hearing and Vision Screenings Notice

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 Elementary will have vision/hearing screenings on October 22nd. These screenings are required by law. For more information about the screenings, including how to opt a student out, please [click here](#).

Community Events

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

- Volunteers needed! People Working Cooperatively (PWC) is asking for your help during its annual Prepare Affair on November 16, 2024. Volunteers will help seniors and neighbors living with disabilities prepare for colder months by doing things like raking leaves, cleaning gutters and other chores. [Learn more and register to volunteer or lead a crew here](#).
- Are you looking for a competitive winter basketball league for your son? Tryouts for Xcel Youth Basketball will be held on October 28 at McNick High School. You can learn more about

the program and register for tryouts on the [Xcel Youth Basketball website here](#).

- Anderson Middies Lacrosse is hosting an open field practice on Sunday, October 20 for girls in grades 3-8! The practice will be held at 2:30 p.m. at Turpin High School. [Click here for details](#).
 - Support the Assistance League of Greater Cincinnati! This organization is collecting donations of home goods (blankets, sheets, kitchen items etc.) to provide to women and children leaving local shelters for permanent housing. [Click here for more information and to learn how to donate!](#)
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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, October 25 will be a “Wednesday.”

Friday, November 1 will be a “Thursday.”

Oct. 21

- Picture Retakes
- 6th Grade “W” Picture 9:30 am

Oct. 22

- 3rd Grade OST (ELA Part 1)
- Vision/Hearing Screenings
- Parent Academy 6:30 to 8:00 pm (Nagel Middle School)

Oct. 23

- 3rd Grade OST (ELA Part 2)
- Kindergarten Field Trip to Parky’s Farm 9:30 to 1:30 pm

Oct. 24

- Wilson Way Teams Meeting 10:10 am to 10:55 am
- Kindergarten Field Trip to Parky’s Farm 9:30 to 1:30 pm
- Moana PTO Musical

Oct. 25

- Moana PTO Musical

Oct. 26

- Moana PTO Musical