

October 20, 2023

Wildcat Families,

We had so much fun Camping and Glamping Tuesday evening! We appreciate everyone who was able to stop by and visit us! A HUGE shout out to our PTO for planning and organizing this fun event for our students!

We have so many fun events taking place at Wilson this month! Yesterday our Wilson Way Teams got together for the first time this school year. Each Wilson Way Team is comprised of students from Kindergarten through Sixth Grade. 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, our lesson focused on being our own coach and how we have the power to choose whether we listen to our inner coach (positive self-talk) or listen to our inner critic (negative self-talk). We talked about specific ways to channel our inner coach and practiced recognizing the differences between a coach and a critic. If you happen to stop by the cafeteria you'll see some inspiring creations from each of our teams!

The Walkathon rewards will continue today with a visit from the Donut Trolley (thanks Graeter's). At recess the students will have an epic dance party with the one and only DJ Kitten Mittens (weather permitting).

We hope you can join us tonight for Fall Fest from 5:00-7:00pm! Our PTO has worked extremely hard in creating a great night for our Wilson Community!

As we look ahead to next week we want to mention a few big events. First, Special Person's Night will be held Wednesday Oct. 25. Third graders will take the Ohio State Test (OST) for English Language Arts (ELA) next Tuesday and Wednesday. Picture retakes will be held the morning of Thursday, October 26. Finally, our first night of Parent-Teacher conferences will also take place on Thursday the 26th. If you have not yet scheduled a conference, please see the information below.

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Building Information

Conference Day Volunteers (Thursday, October 26th)

The day of conferences is a really long day for our teachers and staff. Help us take lunch and recess duty off their plates by signing up to monitor either lunch in the cafeteria or recess on the playground. Please sign up for a spot today! Volunteers must have a background check on file!

[Lunch and Recess Sign Up](#)

Wilson Wins GOLD!

For the 8th year in a row, Wilson has been recognized by the Ohio Department of Education as a GOLD level school for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (our Wilson Way). Each year, the Ohio Department of Education and the PBIS Network recognize schools and districts for their quality and fidelity of PBIS

implementation. Wilson Elementary is a recipient of the Ohio PBIS Gold Recognition Award for 2023 for our commitment to The Wilson Way, which was established in 2008. This award would not be possible without a dedicated school community committed to the cause. Way to go Wilson!

To celebrate, we will have a brief school-wide Gold Party for students, teachers and staff on November 9th! More details to follow!

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>

Scholastic Book Fair Volunteers

Our Book Fair is next week! Please consider volunteering if you can!

[Link to Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

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.

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.

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

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>.

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.

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.

Grandparents & Special Person's Night

Please join us for Grandparents and Special Person's Night at Wilson on Wednesday October 25th, 5-7pm. Students with the last name A-L should plan to attend from 5:00-6:00pm. Students with the last name M-Z will host their special people from 6:00-7:00pm.

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

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-ptd.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!

October 23: Chipotle (Anderson Town Center) 5pm-9pm

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.

District Information

4th grade - CogAT - Interpreting Your Report

4th-grade students recently participated in cognitive ability testing and these results are coming home next week. 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 (Tiffany NeCamp (tiffanynecamp@foresthills.edu)).

More details about gifted service can be found at <https://www.foresthills.edu/gifted-education.html>

A FHSD gifted service model will be included with your CogAT results. Below is a video you can watch on how to interpret the CogAT results. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2n9XDi3eHhM>

FHSD Preschool Open Spots

The Preschool Program has a few Peer Model spaces still open! The program is recognized for its excellence in improving outcomes for children, having received the Five-Star Step Up To Quality Award. Learn more and apply on the [Preschool webpage here](#).

Spark Night on November 9 | SAVE THE DATE!

All elementary students are invited to join us for Spark Night on Thursday, November 9 from 6:30-8 p.m. The event is hosted by the high school science departments and is being held at Turpin this year. Spark Night is meant to “spark” the interest of younger students in the district’s annual Science Fair and Innovation Exo (January 27) through interactive and exciting activities presented by high school science students. [Learn more and check out an informational video here](#).

October is School Safety Month in Ohio

FHSD has been sharing information and tips all month long to raise awareness of School Safety Month and the district’s efforts to keep students, staff and visitors safe. You can learn more about [FHSD’s overall safety approach](#), get to know our [newest School Resource Officer](#) and discover what this job entails, and understand the different [safety drills and requirements](#) FHSD follows each year. Don’t forget to check out the [district social media pages](#) for additional tips and information!

PBIS Excellence in All Nine FHSD Schools

Did you know that all nine FHSD schools were individually recognized by the state of Ohio for excellence in implementing PBIS programs this year?! This is the first time all buildings have received this impressive honor! Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports is an evidence-based program that has been shown to improve student achievement, student behavior and school climate. [Learn more here.](#)

THIS SATURDAY: 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.](#)

Digital Citizenship Month

The Elementary Innovation Specialists are continuing to implement grade-appropriate Digital Citizenship lessons this month during Innovation Class. *You can help at home!*

When kids start to go online, whether they're playing multiplayer games, using educational apps, or just following their curiosity on

Google, it's important that they understand the basics of online privacy and safety. With some general guidelines around what information is and isn't OK to share and some help from parents when they're unsure, kids can have fun and learn a lot in the digital world.

- **Use privacy settings.**

Together, go through the settings on all new apps to make sure you both know what information your kids are sharing. Especially in the beginning, it's better to share very little.

- **Avoid location tracking.**

Location-aware apps can be super helpful. But apps that use a device's location to help people find your kid or offer them ads for nearby businesses should be used with caution. Turn them off if you can.

- **Skip quizzes.**

Help kids identify and avoid clickbait, quizzes, special offers, and anything that asks for personal or private information. This helps keep information secure and devices safe.

If you have questions about digital citizenship, please contact our innovation specialist, Wendy Teismann (wendyteismann@foresthills.edu).

Forest Hills Foundation for Education

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!](#)

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

Friday Rotation

Friday, October 27th is a “Wednesday.”

Friday, November 3rd is a “Thursday.”

Oct. 23

- Book Fair

Oct. 24

- Book Fair
- 3rd Grade Ohio State Test
- 6th Grade Skating Party at Beechmont Rollarena 6:30 to 8:30pm

Oct. 25

- Book Fair
- 3rd Grade Ohio State Test
- Special Persons Night
 - Last names A-L - 5:00 to 6:00 pm
 - Last names M-Z - 6:00 to 7:00pm

Oct. 26

- Book Fair
- Fall Picture Retakes
- Parent Teacher Conferences

Oct. 27