

October 25, 2024

Wildcat Families,

Every so often we are lucky enough to see someone from our Wilson community experience something truly special. This past Wednesday Mr. Larry, one of our beloved custodians, had the incredible honor of accompanying his brother Carl on an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. Carl served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. The Tri-State Honor Flight program recognizes the service and sacrifices of veterans and their families by providing them with an opportunity to visit the memorials in D.C. We are thrilled that Larry and Carl had the opportunity to visit the nation's capital together. It's a reminder of the heroism that lives among us, and we are proud to celebrate their contributions to our country and to our school. If you happen to see Larry around the school, be sure to ask him about the trip. We all know Larry is kind as can be, but there's definitely an extra sparkle in his eye when he gets to talk about his brother.



There was an extra buzz throughout the halls this week as many of our students are gearing up for a weekend of theatre! We wish those students who are performing in *Moana Jr.* this weekend the best of luck! We know they are going to do an amazing job and will surely

dazzle the crowd with their performances! They have put so much time into preparing for their debut on stage!

Next will be a big week around school with several happenings. The first Book Fair of the year starts Monday. Students will have the opportunity to shop during their regular iLab Unified Arts class. A huge thank you to Mrs. Teismann and our PTO volunteers for getting everything ready for our Wildcats! See below for more specific information about setting up digital wallets and certain shopping parameters.

Our Halloween parade and parties are scheduled for Thursday, October 31. We have additional information about these events below. We understand many of our families want to be a part of our Halloween parade, but we kindly ask that you stay up on the hill by the Outdoor Learning Space as we will have designated spots for each grade level around the bus loop.

Be on the lookout for 1st quarter report cards coming home today in students' backpacks!

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Building Information

Halloween Parade

Our Halloween parade will be on Thursday, 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.

Halloween Parties

Each grade level, in conjunction with the PTO Room Reps, is planning to host a short party on Thursday, October 31st. Please reach out to the PTO room rep for your child's class if you have any questions.

Sixth Grade Skate Night

Sixth graders across the district have the opportunity to socialize at the Beechmont Rollarena on October 28 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. Permission forms and Emergency Medical forms are required to be on file with the PTO in order for students to attend.

Wear Pink Oct. 30

One of our amazing 5th graders approached us with an idea for the whole school to wear pink as a show of support for all those impacted by cancer. Please join us in wearing pink next Wednesday!

Support during the holidays

As the season of celebrations and holidays approaches, Wilson is partnering with 9United, a local service organization, to provide students with opportunities to benefit local families. If Wilson or 9United would be able to provide assistance through clothing, gifts, or family needs, please contact me Erinstorer@foresthills.edu or Jean Bode, school counselor, at jeanbode@forsthills.edu to have a confidential conversation about how we can assist you.

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](#) with The Well!

"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

jeanbode@foresthills.edu

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!

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-pto.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.

[November & December Lunchroom Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

[January Lunchroom Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

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)

PTO Before / After-School Enrichment Programs

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

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!

COMING IN DECEMBER:

- [Chess Club](#): Another chance to learn the basics of this lifelong game on Thursdays!
- [QSA Training](#): Keep working on your speed and agility on Wednesdays this winter.
- [Art Club](#): Brush up on your drawing and painting skills on Tuesday afternoons!

District Information

SPARK Your Student's Interest in STEM and Innovation

Our annual SPARK Night will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at AHS! This special evening showcases different areas of science and technology with interactive exhibits hosted by our best and brightest high school science students. Younger students are invited to this

fun-filled evening to explore STEM and related areas, and hopefully SPARK their interest in the district's annual Science and Innovation Fair in January. Watch a [fun video here](#) to learn more, or check out our [event flyer](#) for more details! See you there!

FHSD Spirit Day: Team Up for Wellness | Nov. 7

All students and staff members are encouraged to get decked out in their favorite sports gear for the first district-wide spirit day of the school year! Let's have some fun and come together to shower our schools with positivity!

Explore Your Child's Future at 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 children can take later in high school via the Great Oaks Career Campuses in programs covering topics like engineering, robotics, dentistry, IT, sports medicine, aviation, manufacturing and much more. TWO in-person sessions remaining: Oct. 28 at 7:00pm, Anderson Library [register here](#); and Oct. 30 at 6:30 pm, Madeira Library [register here](#).

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](#)
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Forest Hills Foundation for Education

Can't make it to the Denim & Diamonds Fundraiser Party? Here are 3 other ways you can participate: #1 *Buy your raffle tickets now!* You could be the lucky winner of 4 Club Seats to the Bengals & Browns game on Thursday, December 19 WITH Pre-Game VIP Sideline Passes! #2 *Participate in the Silent Auction* from anywhere or from the comfort of your home! FREE Registration and Silent Auction will open on November 13. #3 *Donate*. Support Student Wellness and Belonging Opportunities. [Denim & Diamonds](#)

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.](#)

- Anderson Middies Lacrosse is hosting an open field practice on Saturday, November 9 for girls in grades 3-8! The practice will be held at 2:30 p.m. at Turpin High School. [Click here for details.](#)
 - AHS Men's Basketball 3-on-3 Tournament will take place Nov. 16! All students in grades 2-6 are invited to round up a team and participate. Deadline to register is Nov. 9. [Details and registration link.](#)
 - 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.](#)
 - 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](#)
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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, November 1 will be a “Thursday.”

Friday, November 8 will be a “Tuesday.”

Oct. 28 Book Fair

- 6th Grade Skating Party at Beechmont Rollarena 6:00 to 8:30 pm

Oct. 29 Book Fair

Oct. 30 Book Fair

- Wear pink!

Oct. 31 Book Fair

- Halloween Parade at 9:30 am
- Halloween Parties

Nov. 1

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