

October 27, 2023

Wildcat Families,

This past week has been an incredibly busy one at Wilson! We started last weekend off with a lot of fun at Fall Fest as we enjoyed getting to connect with so many of you! We are always so proud and appreciative to work in a school that has so much community engagement! Coordinating an event like Fall Fest takes the collective efforts of many people, so THANK YOU to the people who brought the fun to Wilson! A special thanks goes to Jess Sankal and Katie Schneider for spearheading the efforts!

The fun from last Friday carried on to this week as our 6th Graders participated in a district-wide Skating Party at Beechmont Rollarena. The highlight of our week, however, was welcoming all the Special People to Wilson Wednesday evening. We loved seeing our Wildcats, beaming with pride, showing off their wonderful school! The only thing close to challenging that level of pride was the pride coming from the special guests as they enjoyed a night together.

Speaking of special guests, we enjoyed seeing so many of you last night at parent-teacher conferences. You play such an integral role in the learning that takes place at Wilson, even beyond the 20 minutes of reading every night. We truly could not be the incredible school we are without your support! If you were unable to attend last night's conferences, there is still availability to meet with teachers on November 6. Please see the instructions below about registering.

Despite all the fun these last few days, our students have continued to work hard in the classroom. Our third graders took the Ohio State Test for English Language Arts Tuesday and Wednesday. It's a big

test that covers end-of-the year 3rd grade learning standards, but our Wildcats worked really hard and did their best. We're so proud of them!

Next week we're really looking forward to the Halloween Parade on Tuesday at 9:30am. It will be a great opportunity for a dress rehearsal before the big night! Right now the weather looks like it will be dry but cold. As long as it's dry we'll hold the parade in the bus loop and welcome you to gather on the hill by the outdoor learning space. Our students will line the sidewalks then parade through the driveway so everyone has the chance to see all the amazing costumes. Please remember to keep the costumes appropriate and safe for school.

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Building Information

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.

Counselor's Corner

It may seem earlier, however some of our community partners have reached out with an offer to our families who would like some extra support during the holidays with gifts for children. This confidential process is facilitated by me, so please reach out to me if you would like some additional information.

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

Smiles,

Jean Bode jeanbode@foresthills.edu

Ski Club

One week left to get your 30% discount off season passes. After that the discount drops to 20%. The first day to Perfect North is Wednesday, January 3rd.

1. Fill out the ski club google form [HERE](#)
2. Purchase your ski club pass by November 5th [HERE](#). Login = wilson. Password = catwalk.
 - Ordering by November 5th entitles you to a 30% discount off any pass.

- All passes are available to us at a 30% discount. Choose one that suits your Wildcat(s) best. If you need rentals make sure to select the pass that includes rentals. The exclusive 4-visit club pass with rentals is \$199. Without it's \$139.
3. (OPTIONAL) [BUY A BUS PASS HERE](#). If your student plans on riding the bus, the bus fee is \$35/Wildcat. The bus is reserved for students in 4-6th grade. If you have a younger child, we require a parent to either ride the bus with them or drive them to Perfect North and meet us there.
 4. Fill out the PTO Medical Emergency Form [HERE](#).
 5. Apparel orders thru USports. We've got a new logo coming for the 2024 season. Check out what is for sale [HERE](#).

Questions email Jill Roddy – jillroddymuse@gmail.com

Fall Fest Success!

Thank you to everyone who made the 2023 Fall Fest a success (despite the rainy weather!) Thanks to our wonderful Fall Fest Committee: Jacki Brolhorst, Kris Delaney, Emily Deshler, Joani Means, and Kristy Metzner for all your hard work in planning and executing this awesome event!

Thank you to our food vendors: [Street Fried Eats](#), [Donut NV](#), [Sweets and Meats](#), [Special Neat Treats](#), and [LaRosas](#).

Our activity vendors: [Cincinnati Face Painters](#) for their fun airbrush tattoos, [Party-Go-Round](#) for the 3 inflatables, and [Tara Holman Photography](#) for lending her wonderful talents in documenting the event.

A special thanks to the extremely gifted graphic artist Maria Garces for creating the event advertisements, signage, and event map.

And last but not least thank you to all our volunteers who made this event possible. From offering a hand in the setup to monitoring a station during the event to cleaning up and breaking down afterward. Thank you!

You can download your photos from Fall Fest via the following link:
<https://wilsonfallfest2023.pixieset.com/wilsonfallfest2023/>

We had such a great time celebrating all of the student efforts in the walkathon!

Jess Sankal and Katie Schneider
Fall Fest Co-Chairs

Parent-Teacher Conferences

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

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-pto.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!

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

Join Us for SPARK Night on November 9

Mark your calendars - SPARK Night is back Nov. 9 at Turpin High School from 6:30-8 p.m. SPARK Night is a night where high school students showcase science experiments and activities to SPARK the interest of elementary students in hopes they will participate in the Science Fair and Innovation Expo on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at Nagel Middle School. Find more information about the Science Fair and Innovation Expo [HERE](#). [Learn more about SPARK Night and check out an informational video here.](#) SPARK Night, Science Fair and the Innovation Expo are made possible by the Forest Hills Foundation for Education. Thank you to the [FHFE](#) for making these events possible for our students!

Digital Citizenship Month

Digital Citizenship is a way of thinking, being and acting online. It is thinking critically (and not trusting everything you see), being safe (with your information and who you connect with) and being responsible (in how you communicate and behave). The digital world is a big part of the real world. Our students are learning to become awesome digital citizens and you and you can support them at home.

As soon as you share the first photo of your child, you're establishing their digital footprint. As kids get older and start creating their own content or engaging with others online, it's important for them to understand the tracks they're leaving behind and what those tracks might reveal. Parents can help guide kids toward creating the kind of footprint they can be proud of.

- **Be a role model.**
 - Before you post a photo of your kid on social media, ask if it's OK to share. Not only will you give them control over their own digital footprint, you'll also be showing them what you expect them to do with others' photos.
 - **Question everything.**
 - Before you sign forms or register for a new online service for your kid, check the privacy policy to see what kind of information you're giving the website or company and who they're sharing it with. Sharing some data might be required, but you may be able to opt out of others. Talk with your kid about why it's important to protect your personal data.
 - **Use a celebrity as an example.**
 - With older kids, choose a celebrity or another famous person and look through their Twitter or Instagram posts with your kid. Discuss your impressions of them based on what they post. Ask your kid what kind of image they'd like to project online.
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District-Wide Spirit Day | Wear Flannel on Nov. 9

Warm Your Heart and Others by Wearing Flannel is the next district-wide spirit day! We encourage students to wear flannel to celebrate the fall season and share a sense of unity as we work to bring encouragement to ourselves and others!

Safety Tips for 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. We've posted a weekly series called Safety Tip Tuesday on the [FHSD Facebook page](#), so be sure to follow and check out important information regarding school bus safety, bullying prevention, the ALICE drill and more!

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 3rd is a “Thursday.”

Friday, November 10th is a “Monday.”

Oct. 30

Oct. 31

- Halloween Parade 9:30 am in the Bus Loop
- Halloween Parties

Nov. 1

Nov. 2

Nov. 3

Nov. 6

- Parent Teacher Conferences (No school for students)

Nov. 7

- Teacher Professional Development Day (No school for students)
- Election Day