October 31, 2025

Wilson Families,

Today is finally the day for our annual Halloween parade and parties! We always enjoy seeing all of the creative costumes that our students and staff come up with each year. This year, our staff chose a fun DreamWorks theme, so you may see characters from many of your favorite DreamWorks movies around the building.

Students and families will also enjoy a long weekend coming up, as teachers and staff will be busy with parent-teacher conferences on Monday, November 3, and a professional development day on Tuesday, November 4. There will be no school for students on those two days. Please remember that November 4 is also an election day.

Looking ahead, our 6th graders are heading out on an exciting field trip to the Cincinnati Nature Center next week where they'll have the chance to explore nature and learn some incredible things.

We're looking forward to a fun and festive day and wish everyone a safe and happy Halloween!

Building Information

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school Nov. 10-14! This is a great opportunity to build your child's home library with new books and every purchase benefits our school. Our Book Fair will be open

5:30-7:30 pm on Monday, Nov. 10 for you to visit in person. A Book Fair Flyer and Information Letter will be sent home with students. Here are the digital copies.

<u>Book Fair Info Letter</u> (Includes how to make special requests for purchases, set up an eWallet and volunteers are needed.)

<u>Book Fair Flyer</u>

Volunteers/Donations Needed for Parent-Teacher Conferences

Please help feed our wonderful staff on November 3rd for an amazing parent-teacher conference day and night.

Parent-Teacher Conference Donations

Veterans Day Concert

We would like to invite all families to join us for our Veterans' Concert on Monday, November 10th at Wilson School.

- 5th Grade Choir will perform at 6:00 PM
- 6th Grade Choir will perform at 7:00 PM

During our Veterans Day Choir Concert, we will be collecting cash donations and material donations (such as full-size candy bars and individual snack bags like pretzels or chips) to benefit the Ohio Veterans Home, a nursing facility that provides care and support for military veterans.

This cause is especially meaningful to our Wilson community, as our own custodian, Mr. Larry Bolender, is actively involved with the Ohio Veterans Home. We are grateful for your kindness and generosity as

we come together to honor and support those who have served our country.

If you are unable to attend the concert, but would like to make a donation, you may drop off any cash donations or material donations to the main office. We will be taking donations through Friday, November 14.

Halloween Parade

Our Halloween parade will be on Friday, October 31st at 9:30 am in the bus loop (weather permitting). 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 Friday, October 31st. Each grade level will schedule their parties at a time that works best for them. We kindly ask that only the room reps and volunteers join the classes for parties.

Lunch Menu for November

- NOVEMBER LUNCH MENU
 - Link for <u>ALL BUILDING MENUS</u>

Kdg & First Grade Cafeteria Helpers

If you're interested in volunteering, please use this link to sign up for November and December.

November: <u>LINK</u> December: <u>LINK</u>

Volunteers/Chaperones

If you are interested in volunteering in classrooms, the copy room, or on field trips, you must complete a background check through the district's Raptor System. Background checks are good for 5 years. If you are unsure if your background check is up to date, please contact <u>Lynn</u> in the main office.

 Complete online process via Raptor System (includes background check).

Counselor's Corner Holiday Time Support

I know Halloween is just around the corner, but the holidays will be here before we know it! I wanted to reach out early to let you know about some wonderful opportunities to receive support for your family this holiday season.

Christmas Gift Programs: Two organizations are offering gift-giving programs for families in our school community:

9United's Shop and Share Program

- Local shoppers will select gifts based on your family's preferences
- Typical gift budget: approximately \$75 per child
- Many shoppers shop at Target, so please keep that in mind when providing details

Anderson Hills United Methodist Church (AHUMC)

- Provides individual gifts for children
- Also provides family gifts and a holiday meal
- You are welcome to participate in both programs!

How to Participate: If you're interested in receiving gifts for your children through either or both programs, please complete the information form below with as much detail as possible. The more specific you can be about your children's interests, ages, sizes, and preferences, the better our shoppers can find gifts they will truly love!

Additional Support: In addition to Christmas giving, we will also have Thanksgiving meal boxes available if you're interested. Please complete the form below for this as well.

Confidentiality: Please know that all names and information will be kept confidential. This is about supporting our families and ensuring all children have a special holiday experience.

Deadline: Please return completed forms by Friday, October 31st.

If you have any questions or would like to participate, please contact me directly. We're here to support your family.

Holiday Time Support 2025

October- Bully Prevention Month

This is National Bullying Prevention Month, and we know that bullying has a negative impact on kids' mental health. Here are some brief Parent Help articles:

- <u>Bullying in Kids: What Parents Need to Know and How to Help</u> (Nakeia Hudson, LISW-S, MBA; Ariana Hoet, PhD)
- Cyberbullying What Is It and How to Help Protect Kids (Jay Chinn, PhD)

There will be opportunities for support throughout this year, including scholarships for Enrichment Classes. If you are interested, please contact me directly or <u>fill out this confidential form.</u>

Just ask! Please reach out to me if I can do anything for your family. Smiles Use Jean Bode jeanbode@foresthills.edu

PTO NEWS

Before / After-School Enrichment Programs

Check out the before and after-school learning opportunities and make sure to communicate with your student's teacher if they are participating in a program!

<u>PIVO Academy 2</u> - WEDNESDAYS, Nov. 5 - Dec. 17, 3:45 - 4:45 Futsal skill-building with games and belts! Grades 1-6.

<u>Enriching Kidz: Better Babysitters</u> - MONDAYS, Nov. 10 - Dec. 1, 3:45 - 6:15

For students in grades 5th - 6th interested in learning the ins and outs of babysitting!

Jewelry Making - TUESDAYS, Nov. 11 - 25, 3:45 - 5:00

For students in grades 1st - 3rd ready to use their creativity to make their own jewelry!

<u>Cool Critters</u> - MONDAYS, Nov. 17, 24, Dec. 1, 3:45 - 4:45 Get the chance to learn about and hold some unique and exotic animals!

QSA Training - MONDAYS, Dec. 1 - Feb. 23, 3:45 - 4:45 Have fun while being active and learning the best techniques for safety and growth!

Restaurant Nights

Support the Wilson PTO, local businesses, and make dinner easy by stopping by one of these restaurant nights! Don't forget to mention Wilson!

Tuesday, Nov. 11: NVT Pizza & Brew 4pm - 8pm Monday, Nov. 17: Raising Cane's 3pm - 10pm

Upcoming PTO Events

Wilson's "Wicked" Girls VIP Dance Saturday, November 22, 2025 (6:00-8:30pm)

Wilson Bowling Club 2025-2026

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL! GET READY TO BOWL!

8 Week Session: Thursdays, 4:15 - 5:30 pm

February 5th - March 26th

Where: Cherry Grove Lanes, 4005 Hopper Hill Road

Who: ALL Wilson Kids

Bumper Bowling: K - 3rd Grade Regular Bowling: 4th - 6th grade

Cost: \$75.00

This is a Wilson Elementary PTO-sponsored event.

Registration and Payment are only being accepted through the STORE tab in the PTO Membership Toolkit.

INFORMATION, REGISTRATION and PAYMENT can be found in the link below:

<u>Click Here for the Bowling Club Flyer To Register and Make</u> Payment

Registration and payment are due by January 29, 2026 or until spots are filled.

Once payment is received and teams are finalized, parents will be contacted by email to confirm enrollment and team placement. Questions? Contact Tracy Tekulve (tracytek3@gmail.com, 513-307-1939)

District Information

Turpin Robotics Workshop - The Turpin Robotics Team is hosting a workshop for students in grades 5-8! The workshop will be focused on coding and game strategy! Join us on Saturday, November 22 from 1-4pm in the Turpin AUX gym. There is a fee of \$40 to attend. Here is the <u>link to sign up</u> and attached is a flyer with additional information! Please email NicoleShin@foresthills.edu with any questions.

Upcoming Events

K-4 Unified Arts Rotation

Friday, November 7 will be a "Tuesday." Friday, November 14 will be a "Monday."

Nov. 3

No School for Students (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

Nov. 4

• No School for Students (Teacher PD Day)

Nov. 5

Nov. 6

• 6th Grade Field Trip to the Cincinnati Nature Center

Nov. 7

• 6th Grade Field Trip to the Cincinnati Nature Center