

October 6, 2023

Wildcat Families,

We had such an awesome time last Friday with our Wildcats as they walked the neighborhood, ate a delicious Snowie, and enjoyed all the excitement of the Walkathon. Thank you so much to everyone who cheered us along down Monchateau! The bubbles, the decorations, the chalk messages, the costumes, and especially the four-legged furry friends made for a wonderful walk!

October is shaping up to be a very busy month at Wilson, so please make sure you're on the lookout for some upcoming events and dates. For starters, registration for the district's Parent Night closes October 9. Information about Parent Night is in the District Information section of this newsletter. The second thing to be on alert for next week is Parent-Teacher conferences. Our conference schedule will go live on the morning of October 12. Please see below for information on signing up for a parent-teacher conference. Conference dates are the evening of October 26 and all day on November 6.

We hope your long weekend is off to a great start this morning. All of our teachers are engaged with their own professional learning throughout the day today. We look forward to seeing everyone again on Tuesday - remember, Monday is Fall Break!

Take care,  
Erin and Brian

## Building Information

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### **Walkathon Update from the PTO**

We are so thrilled with the collective fundraising efforts for our Walkathon. Thank you! We'll fund teacher grant requests in the coming weeks, a hands on visit from The Kentucky Science Center this spring and many other programs at Wilson. Rewards are planned as follows:

**CAMP AND GLAMP at Wilson is October 17th!** The students voted and it was a close call...nope, it was a landslide ;). Ms. Storer will camp on the ROOF and Mr. Lyons will 'glamp' inside the nice warm school the evening of October 17th. Wildcats are invited to visit our brave Principals between 7 - 8pm that evening to take pictures, bring treats if you wish, sing songs or cheer them on! THANK YOU Ms. Storer and Mr. Lyons for being such great sports! This is a memory that will stay with our students for a long time!

The **DONUT TROLLEY** featuring glazed donuts from Graeter's, who offered us a generous discount, will visit classrooms on **Friday, October 20th** and recess 'jock jams' featuring DJ Kitten Mittens will happen throughout the day! That evening is [Fall Fest from 5-7:30pm](#) and we hope to see you there!

2nd grade Mascot FIELD DAY is next Friday, October 13th. Also that day, the TOP 15 EARNERS will choose to play sports video games with Mr. Lyons with a pizza lunch. or have a 'Spa Day' with Ms. Storer including nail painting, smoothies and bracelet making. We will reach out to the students' homeroom teacher to coordinate.

Each grade/class will choose their own movie day with communication coming from teachers. And 4 of our classes have earned class bingo and have already begun playing.

Teamwork made the dream work. We WON the Walkathon!

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### **Counselor's Corner**

This month we have been focusing on the importance of being a good friend. We have learned that having friendships in your life makes life more enjoyable, gives you a sense of belonging and purpose, reduces stress, boosts your confidence and self esteem and helps you through tough times. ([Read more about friendships...](#))

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](mailto:jeanbode@foresthills.edu)

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **Parent Volunteers**

We LOVE having volunteers in our building. However, 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.

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### **Wilson Elementary Fall Fest Volunteers**

Event takes place at Wilson Elementary from October 20, 2023 5:00-7:30pm. We rely on our Wilson volunteers to make our events a success! Thank you for considering helping out with Fall Fest.

[Volunteer Sign Up Link](#)

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**Fall Fest: Save the Date!**

We hope you can join us at Wilson on Friday, October 20th from 5:00 to 7:30 pm for our annual Fall Fest! A shuttle bus will be available at Clough United Methodist Church (2010 Wolfangel) to help with the limited parking on campus. Please see the link for more information!  
[LINK](#)

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### **Grandparents & Special Person's Night: Save the Date!**

Please join us for Grandparents and Special Person's Night at Wilson on Wednesday October 25th, 5-7pm. Students will have an opportunity to show their special guests around, do some crafts and take a fun picture for a keepsake.

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

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### **Save the Date for Father-Daughter Dance!**

When: November 18th from 5:30-8:00.

Wilson PTO invites you to Dance Underneath the Stars on November 18th from 5:30-8:00 at Wilson. Tickets cost \$20 per family Your ticket includes a professional photo, drinks/snacks, and a fun night!!

Registration link coming soon!

We are asking for Volunteers to help out with this special night!

Please sign up here: [Father/Daughter Sign up Genius](#)

Please contact Jessie Martin at [jessie82lynn@gmail.com](mailto:jessie82lynn@gmail.com) with any questions!

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## **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](http://www.myconferencetime.com/wilson). **The schedule will go live to parents October 12 at 9:00am.**

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## **Crosswalk Guard Needed (We only need 1 more!)**

We are hoping to find TWO crosswalk guards for the 23-24 school year, and the good news is we've found one! We need help each morning from 8:50 to 9:15 am and each afternoon from 3:35 to 4:00 pm. This is a paid position (\$2,143.00 per year). If interested, please let Lynn know!

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## **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](mailto: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.

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## **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! [Lunch Helpers Sign Up](#).

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### **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 11: Gold Star / Tom & Chee 4-10pm

October 17: NVT Pizza & Brew 4-10pm

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

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### **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**

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### **Digital Citizenship Week is October 16th!**

Growing up has always had its challenges. But for kids today, technology and social media have a way of amplifying the stresses of adolescence. During the month of October the Elementary Innovation Specialists will be delivering instruction to students during Innovation Class to cover a variety of digital citizenship topics such as online safety and media balance.

*You can help at home too! This week you can:*

[Create screen-free times and zones.](#)

Help kids take breaks from tech by limiting screen time in bedrooms, during study time, or at the dinner table.

[Establish clear family rules.](#)

Decide together what kind of media and tech is OK -- and when it's OK to use it. A family media plan can help get everyone on the same page.

Try parental controls.

Set content limits that make sense for your family. Alongside conversations about healthy media habits, use features such as content filtering, privacy settings, and time limits offered by the apps

and platforms your family uses to help manage access and exposure to media.

Next week Stephan Smith from A Wired Family will be presenting at the Parent Academy Night. His presentation is - *THE SILENT EXPERIMENT. Social Media & AI: Their Impact On Teens & Tweens*. Stephen is currently the founder and President of [A Wired Family, LLC](#). Sign up is below.

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**REGISTER NOW: Parent Academy Night on October 12**  
**Registration closes on October 9th.**

The second-annual Parent Academy series returns on Thursday, October 12! The featured speaker will be Stephen Smith from A Wired Family, LLC. His presentation is titled: THE SILENT EXPERIMENT. Social Media & AI: Their Impact On Teens & Tweens. The evening will offer a variety of other topics that families with students of all ages will find relevant! [Check out the full list and find registration information here](#). Thank you to the Forest Hills Foundation for Education for sponsoring this year's series, which will enable FHSD to offer light food and childcare along with engaging featured speakers!

- 2023-2024 Parent Academy Article - [LINK](#)
  - Parent Academy October 12 Topics/Schedule - [LINK](#)
  - Parent Academy October 12 - Registration - [LINK](#)
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**Save the Date: All In Collection Drive October 16-20**

The annual All In Collection Drive will be taking place at all FHSD schools from October 16-20. Look out for additional information in

the coming weeks about what items are being requested! Thank you to the community for your continued support of IPM Food Pantry.

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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](#)

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **Friday Rotation**

Friday, October 13th is a "Monday."

Friday, October 20th is a "Tuesday."

**Oct. 9**

- No School for Students and Staff

**Oct. 10**

**Oct. 11**

- Bus Evacuation Trainings

**Oct. 12**

- Parent Academy Night at Nagel Middle School 6:30 to 8:00pm.  
Please register by October 9.
- Conference schedule goes live to parents.

**Oct. 13**

- iReady Reports Go Home