

September 1, 2023

Wildcat Families,

The weather has been amazing this week, and we have seen a steady stream of students and teachers utilizing the outdoor learning space throughout the day. We're so thankful to have such a wonderful space to enjoy some fresh air. Thank you PTO!

Throughout the week we have been visiting classrooms and have seen the wonderful ways in which our teachers and staff are connecting with our Wildcats. The first few weeks of school are always a critical time to build a little community of learners. Before students can do their best learning, they first must know how deeply they're cared for. We're very lucky to have teachers who are incredible human beings and truly want the best for each child. They value every moment they spend with each and every student.

Thank you to our first and third grade families for taking time to attend our Teacher Information Night last night. We realize this is a busy time of year, so no worries if you were unable to attend. Please reach out to your child's teacher and they can share the information with you.

We look forward to seeing our second and sixth grade families next Wednesday, September 6th for their Teacher Information Night. Just as with the other grades, if you're unable to attend, please reach out to your child's teacher for more information.

Next Friday, September 8th will be our first spirit day of the year! It doesn't matter if it's the Bengals, Turpin H.S., or the Anderson Wildcats, we love cheering for our favorite football teams! So let's

celebrate the start of the season with Football Friday! We encourage everyone to wear some gear in support of your favorite team! In addition to the spirit day, be sure to attend the Turpin football game for the Wilson Rock the Stands night! See more information for Rock the Stands below.

We hope everyone enjoys the holiday weekend, and we look forward to seeing you again next Tuesday!

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Building Information

Counselor's Corner

You might find that the newness of the school year is starting to fade for your children. The routines and school work are settling. You might start to see some worries and other emotions in your child. If this is the case, continuing with routines helps maintain order, which feels more secure. It is important to acknowledge the emotions and then empower your child. For example, "I can understand your (fill in the blank with emotion) **AND** I believe in you/you will be OK." You are teaching your child how to have their emotions AND have a good day, or at least an OK day. (Reminder Tip: **ACKNOWLEDGE and EMPOWER**) [For additional information check this out from one of my favorite resources GoZen!](#)

We are once again SO excited to partner with The Well to start each morning in a calm and focused way during Mindful Music Moments. Our Wildcats join over 135,000 others each morning. Our Wilson Community has full access to MMM. This year they have a video to

watch and listen to as well. There are lots of resources as well for ways to have a calm and focused day. Just go to <https://www.thewell.world/partner-login> PW:mindfulwilson

Please reach out if there is anything I can do for your child or your family.

Smiles

Jean Bode jeanbode@foresthills.edu

New Wilson Staff Members

Beth Jackson: Paraprofessional

We would like to welcome Beth Jackson to Wilson as our new para! Her past experience includes being an assistant teacher at Milford Preschool, a paraprofessional in the Indian Hill School District and most recently a job coach and pre employment transition service provider at Pathways to Employment, part of the Hamilton County Educational Service Center.

Beth and her husband, Doug, are residents of Forest Hills. They have two grown sons who graduated from Anderson High School and 6 grandchildren. Beth loves working with children and looks forward to the opportunity to be a help in the elementary community. Welcome Beth!

Beth is filling the position that Kara Bailey had. Kara was able to get a teaching position at West Clermont Middle School teaching ELA and Social Studies. We are thrilled for Kara as she was looking to find a classroom position!

Michelle Ernst: Crossing Guard

We are excited to welcome Michelle Ernst as our new Crossing Guard! Michelle and her husband live in Anderson and they love raising their two children here. Mrs. Ernst is a graduate of Miami University and she has spent 10 years in the education system, as both a high school English teacher and a preschool teacher. As a Forest Hills Alum, she is happy to help make Wilson a safer, better place in any way she can! Welcome Michelle!

Student ID Number for Lunch

Part of a new school year means there are new processes and systems, and this year is no exception. When they purchase a school lunch, our students are required to enter their student ID number onto a keypad. It always takes a little time, but eventually even our littlest Wildcats will get the process down. In order to help speed up the learning curve, we could use your help! It would be greatly appreciated if you could practice typing the lunch number with your little Wildcats. A good suggestion is to use the calculator on your phone and have them type away!

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!

Safety Drills

There are many safety drills and procedures that we complete throughout the year in order to make sure our students and staff are prepared if an emergency takes place. Below is our Emergency Quick Reference Guide, which explains the procedures we follow for each drill. We will communicate with you prior to practicing our ALICE drills and provide the resources we use during our ALICE drills to educate our Wildcats. [Emergency Quick Reference Guide](#)

Rock the Stands

Rock the Stands is Friday, September 8th at the Turpin football field. Turpin is going head to head with Winton Woods. The Turpin team is much better this year! Having said that, many have said "The Woods" will make a run at a State title this year! So, we NEED ALL OF THE ELEMENTARY SUPPORT we can get! Wear your future Turpin shirt or any Wilson Elementary shirt.

Ticket Information

If you have the Gold Pass Plus or Gold Pass you can skip purchasing tickets. Your pass will work for this home game. If you need tickets our discounted price for our Elementary Night will be \$5 for Adults and Students.....BUT, all tickets will have to be purchased **online**. There will be a small convenience fee...but still far less than the cost for everybody else. The ticket link is open NOW. To access the tickets:

- You must click on this [LINK](#).
- SCROLL down to FOOTBALL, **September 8, 2023 v Winton Woods**

- Click on GET TICKETS
- You must click "Have a passcode?" enter the passcode: **SPARTANSROCK**. This will then open up the \$5 ticket option for ordering.
- Your tickets will be emailed to you. Please hold on to this email because your tickets will need to be scanned when entering the stadium.

Events for the Evening

Pre-game:

- We will have a couple fun food vendors like Mingles soft serve ice cream and possibly a cotton candy vendor or cookie vendor. TBD. All will be for purchase. There will also be concession food within the stadium.
- The Meagan Toothman foundation will have a table so stop by to get a temporary tattoo and a foundation football. More information on the foundation can be found [HERE](#).
- Games on the lower football field. Have your wildcat come early to enjoy some football themed games. Games will run from 5:45 to 6:30. Want to volunteer to help run a station? We'd love for you to sign up [HERE](#).
- At 6:45 Wildcats will make their way onto the football field to form a tunnel for the Turpin team to run through.

Football game against Winton Woods starts at 7pm. Come enjoy some football and cheer on our Turpin Spartans.

Schoolhouse Pictures Save the Date!

We are excited that Schoolhouse Photo will be taking our fall and spring pictures this year! They will also be designing and creating our yearbook! Fall pictures will be on Tuesday, September 19th.

Zones of Regulation

Over the next two weeks (Sept. 5-15), students in grades 1-6 will participate in a Zones of Regulation refresher lesson led by their classroom teachers with support from Denise Weber, school psychologist. The "Zones" program is a cognitive-behavioral approach to teach self-regulation. Students review the four Zones colors ([Blue](#), [Green](#), [Yellow](#), [Red](#)) along with tools/strategies that they can use at school to help calm and alert their bodies and minds. Ask your child to share their favorite "Zones" tool with you.

All kindergarten students will participate in Zones lessons starting later in the school year. More information will be shared with parents soon.

To learn more about the Zones program, click this [LINK](#).
To see the presentation students will see, click this [LINK](#).

Administrator Library

We use a variety of books in our office when helping students understand The Wilson Way. Below is a link to a list of books that is in our office library. [Book List](#)

Fall 2023 Innovation Lab Volunteers

Sign Up Link

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 513-313-2928 or saraosteremeier@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.

www.signupgenius.com

Art Room Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for 2-3 people who could come in weekly to help prepare materials for Mrs. Fender in the art room. She will leave instructions each week, and it should be fairly simple things like dividing up and rolling clay, sharpening pencils, cutting strips of paper, etc.

This can be done anytime during the week except for Wednesday afternoons when another teacher is using the art room, so you can plan it when your child/children have art or not, whatever you prefer. If you are interested, please contact Sara Garrison at 513-313-3928 or saraostermeier@hotmail.com

Adult Social

Friday, September 22nd 7:30PM

ATP on Clough

Save the date and work on those babysitters for an Adult Social at Anderson Township Pub on Clough Pike. Come meet and mingle with other Wildcat parents and enjoy a night out!

Join us in the big white tent - No ticket needed - Cash bar!

Calling All Kindergarteners Interested in Girl Scouts!

We are working on forming a Daisy Troop and would love for you to join! Please contact Kristy Metzner via email at

kristy.metzner@gmail.com for more info!

Our first meeting will be in September!

Wilson Cub Scout Pack 867

The next Pack meeting is Tuesday, September 19th, at 6:30pm at Clough United Methodist Church.

Join us for field day fun and activities! All are welcome! Scouts are encouraged to bring a friend.

Lunch Update

We are excited that our families are able to have lunch with our Wildcats, and we love having our families in the building.

This year we are overlapping lunches so students are able to avoid having a grade level eat at 1:40 like last year. The downside to this plan is that the cafeteria is very full and we're limited in the amount of space for parents to actually sit with their Wildcat(s).

You are more than welcome to come join your Wildcat for lunch (beginning in October), but please know that there likely won't be a place for you to sit at the table. We just do not have the space. If the weather is nice you could always take your Wildcat outside to the picnic tables (additional students would not be able to join you). Of course, you are welcome to drop off a special lunch for your Wildcat in the main office.

[Wilson Lunch and Recess Schedule 23-24](#)

Order your FREE EVENT SHIRT

Each year PTO provides a Wilson T-shirt for all of our Wildcats! **Please order your Wildcats' shirts by 8/29.** Order forms are available in the PTO Membership Toolkit "store". Please go to:

https://www.wilson-ptd.org/open_forms to order. The shirts will be delivered to homeroom teachers prior to the Walkathon on 9/29.

Join PTO!

If you haven't already, we'd love to have you [join the PTO!](#) The PTO communicates with parents about all the extra things happening at Wilson outside of the classroom. If you are new to Wilson, [click here for directions to create an account!](#) *If you have joined the PTO and have not received a car magnet, there will be some available at*

Parent Information Nights in the main lobby (1 per family and available while supplies last)!

Spirit Shop is now open!

Details are below:

- [Order Youth and Adult items here](#)
 - Sale is open for two weeks **(8/21-9/4)**
 - % of sales goes back to the PTO
 - Orders will be delivered to school by mid-late September
 - There will be another sale with different items in time for winter/holiday purchases
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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](#).

Restaurant Night

Tired of cooking dinner? Mark these upcoming restaurant nights on your calendar and support the PTO at the same time! Be sure to mention WILSON when ordering and a percentage of the proceeds will be donated back to the PTO.

- **Butterbee's American Grille:** September 11th from 4:00 to 9:00pm
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Enrichment Activities (Spanish added!)

Does your student like to play chess or have a desire to learn? Join **Chess Club!** This 9-week after school program will run September 14 - November 9. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this program and how to register.

Is your student interested in learning Spanish? Enroll in Spanish classes today! Click [HERE](#) for more information on this 13-week program running on Thursday mornings, September 28 - January 18.

Students can improve their speed and agility with the **QSA Performance Training** enrichment program. This program will run for 8 weeks after school, September 13 - November 1. See the flyer [HERE](#) for more information about the program and how to register.

Want to prepare your student for time spent alone at home? Have your student complete the **Enriching Kidz Home Alone** course! This 2 class course will be held Tuesday, September 19 and Tuesday, September 26th. Check out the flyer [HERE](#) for more on what students will learn and how to register for the course.

Teacher Information Nights

Below are dates and times for our Teacher Information Nights. This is a great opportunity for you to find out information relevant to your child's specific grade level. If you are unable to attend, no worries at all! You can reach out to your child's teacher and they can provide

you with any needed information. The Teacher Information Nights are for parents/guardians only.

Wednesday, September 6, 2023	Grade Level
6:00 to 6:45 pm	Second Grade
7:00 to 7:45 pm	Sixth Grade

Tuesday, September 12, 2023	Grade Level
6:00 to 6:45 pm	Fourth Grade
7:00 to 7:45 pm	Fifth Grade

Ski Club 2024

Although it's hot outside Wilson is gearing up again for another year of ski club. Ski club 2024 will start Wednesday, January 3rd and run until January 24th. Be on the lookout for information on how to sign-up, purchase club season passes through Perfect North Slopes, get a spot on the ski club bus, and last but not least order merchandise. A new year means a new logo, so be on the lookout for that. Come visit the ski club table during the back to school bash on August 15th. Questions email Jill Roddy - jillroddymuse@gmail.com.

Forest Hills Lady Hawks Basketball

Calling all 3rd-6th grade girls in Anderson Twp! If your daughter is interested in developing their skills and playing competitive basketball this winter, we are the program for you! Player evaluations will be *Saturday, September 9th*. See [FLYER](#) for details and visit www.foresthillsladyhawks.com to register!

District Information

Superintendent Hook Introduces the Culture Blueprint

We've shared a few details about FHSD's Culture Blueprint: Every Moment Matters as the school year has started. It's a document that three dozen of our staff members and administrators created together and the entire district staff was introduced to in August training. [Check out the first of a series of videos from Superintendent Hook](#) where he explains some of the important details of this focus on building a positive culture and empowering everyone to be leaders. ***This video talks about the Performance Pathway, which describes how leaders create a culture that drives behavior that produces results.*** You can also learn more about the Culture Blueprint and find a link to the full document [here](#).

SAVE THE DATES! FHSD Parent Academy Returns for 2023-2024

We are bringing back the Parent Academy series after positive feedback from the inaugural run last school year! Participants will be able to register for different breakout sessions from a variety of topics each night, allowing for a custom evening that best suits each individual's interests. Specific topics for each night and registration information will be publicized a few weeks prior to the event. Check

out the dates below and [click here](#) to learn more and see who is slotted as Featured Speakers!

- Thursday, October 12, 2023
- Thursday, November 30, 2023
- Wednesday, January 24, 2024
- Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Special thanks to the Forest Hills Foundation for Education for their generous support making the series and featured speakers possible. You can learn more about how the Foundation supports students in the district and find information about donating at their website www.fhfe.org.

FHSD High Schools Rank in Top 4% of Ohio

Out of more than 1,000 schools evaluated, Turpin and Anderson High Schools are both ranked in the Top 4% of all high schools in the state of Ohio! This is a wonderful accomplishment and a testament to our talented students and dedicated staff. Both schools are also in the Top 12 for the Greater Cincinnati region! You can learn more in [this article](#).

Elementary Hearing and Vision Screenings Notice

FHSD is partnering with Xavier University to administer vision and hearing screenings for all students in preschool, kindergarten, first, third, and fifth grades this fall. Wilson Elementary will have vision/hearing screenings on Thursday, October 17th. These screenings are required by law. For more information about the screenings, including how to opt a student out, please click [here](#).

Immunization Due Date: Sept. 8, 2023

The deadline for students to have required vaccination documentation on file for school attendance in the state of Ohio is quickly approaching.

The Ohio Revised Code states no student may attend a school for more than fourteen (14) days without written evidence that immunizations have been completed in accordance with state of Ohio immunization requirements for school attendance (ORC 3313.67 and 3313.671).

The deadline to turn in proof of required vaccinations is Friday, September 8, 2023.

Students without documentation of required vaccines or evidence of being in process, cannot be at school or participate in extracurricular activities beginning Friday, September 8, 2023 until they are in compliance.

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, September 8th will be a “Monday.”

Sept. 4

- No School for Students and Staff (Labor Day)

Sept. 5

Sept. 6

- Second Grade Parent Information Night 6:00 to 6:45 pm
- Sixth Grade Parent Information Night 7:00 to 7:45 pm

Sept. 7

Sept.8

- Football Friday Spirit Day
- Rock the Stands at Turpin High School