

September 13, 2024

Wildcat Families,

We appreciate everyone who was able to attend Monday evening's PTO meeting! We know this is a very busy time of year for families, so we encourage you to join us on October 7 for our next general meeting. Today is the last day to join the PTO. We have included more information below. Our PTO is a wonderful organization dedicated to supporting all of our Wildcats. Such amazing work requires a lot of coordination and volunteers, so we are always looking for additional people to share the load! Even if you only have a little bit of extra time, we could use your help!

This week we had the opportunity to meet with our fabulous bus drivers to review the Wilson Way with them. It is important that our students follow The Wilson Way not only at Wilson, but throughout everything they do, which includes the bus. Our drivers work hard to build relationships with our students and they LOVE passing out blue cards to acknowledge students who make good choices on the bus. We have added some bus safety reminders in our district information to help our families understand specific safety information related to the bus. We encourage you to review this information with your child. This would be a HUGE help to our drivers.

We are excited that our annual Walkathon is just around the corner! Envelopes will be in your child's backpack today! We are super excited for our Walk Star Walkathon! A HUGE thank you to our PTO and volunteers for getting everything ready for this fun event!

See you soon!
Erin and Brian

Building Information

Fall Fest Volunteers

Fall Fest is Sunday, September 29th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm and relies on our Wilson volunteers to make the event a success! Thank you for considering helping out with Fall Fest.

[Volunteer Sign Up Link](#)

Fall Fest 2024

We hope you can join us at Wilson on Sunday, September 29th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm 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](#)

Counselor's Corner: Jean Bode, jeanbode@foresthills.edu

Resource to share: Check out this Love and Logic article [Why Lecturing Isn't Working – And What to Do Instead](#) Check out [Love and Logic](#) for many more resources, this is my top resource to share with families!

Mindful Music Moments: We are excited to once again partner with [The Well](#) who provides Wilson with [Mindful Music Moments](#) each morning. Anyone in the Wilson community can log on to

access resources and participate in MMM anytime. [Link to MMM](#), the password is mindfulwilson. Our whole school spends the first 4-ish minutes each morning in a calm way. There is a lot of research available on The Well website, please check it out.

Just ask! Please reach out to me if I can do anything for your family. [See link](#) for ways I can support your family. There will be different offerings throughout the year, right now I have LOTS of donated **school supplies** if you need some for your kids either at school or home.

Anything else I can do? Just ask! Smiles 😊 Jean Bode
jeanbode@foresthills.edu

Picture Retakes

Schoolhouse Photos should send soon, if they have not already, a link for ordering pictures. Picture retakes are scheduled for October 21.

Walk Star Walkathon - Date Change

Due to a district conflict, the Walkathon will now be September 27th. Collections will open today with our Walk Star Premiere! Teachers will share the premiere in class today!

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](#)

UPDATE YOUR INFO & JOIN THE PTO

Joining the PTO does not mean you have to volunteer! It gives you access to the directory & the PTO communications, so you can hear about events, enrichments and more! **Please join by TODAY** so you can get all the information for the Walk Star Walkathon!

[CLICK HERE](#) to join the PTO (\$12) & complete the PTO emergency form - used for skate night, etc.

***6th graders have an additional form and 6th grade activities payment to complete.*

ORDER EVENT T-SHIRT: These are used for walkathon and field trips.

[CLICK HERE to order a student special event t-shirt](#) **NOTE: in an effort to spend PTO dollars as wisely as possible, we're keeping the design the same as last year. So, if your student's shirt still fits, you may choose not to order another one. Any money leftover will be directed towards other events or school needs!

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!

School Fees

School fees for the 24-25 school year are due by September 30. School fees are \$50 and ALL students must pay a technology fee of \$75 per student.

Wilson Lunch Menus for September

Please see the lunch menu below for August and September. Our cafeteria staff work super hard each and everyday and we appreciate all they do for our Wildcats! [LINK](#)

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.

[Lunchroom Volunteers Sign-Up Link](#)

Lunch with Students

We are excited that our families are able to have lunch with our Wildcats, and we love having our families in the building. In saying that, it is important that our students have time to adjust to the

routines and procedures at school while building relationships with their teachers and peers. **Families will be able to begin eating lunch with their Wildcats starting Monday, October 7th.** Below is the lunch schedule so you can plan accordingly. We appreciate your understanding and support! [Wilson Lunch and Recess Schedule 2024-2025](#).

Restaurant Nights

Join us for dinner and support of the Wilson PTO. Don't forget to mention WILSON!

Thursday, Sept. 19: Wandering Monsters Brewery (4pm-close)

Sunday, Sept. 22: NVT Pizza & Brew (all day!)

Monday, Sept. 30: Chipotle @ Beechmont Town Center (4-8pm)

Before / After-School Enrichment Programs

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

QSA Training: Improve your speed and agility!

Spanish: Begin or continue learning the language and culture!

Cool Critters: Learn about and pet all kinds of animals!

Jewelry Making: Learn how to make jewelry! Supplies provided.

Sewing: Learn the basics of sewing! Supplies provided.

Wilson Cub Scout Pack 867

Join us for the September Pack meeting on Tuesday, September 17th, at 6:30pm at Clough United Methodist Church- 2010 Wolfangel Rd.

Join us to register, make a scout awards display, and tie dye t-shirts. You will also get a rocket kit to build at home and bring back for our October meeting.

If you are interested in joining, you can register at any time.

We welcome K-5th grade boys and girls!

Contact kglaser09@gmail.com or marcofernandes101@gmail.com with any questions.

District Information

IMPORTANT School Bus Safety Reminders

As we get settled into another school year, it is important to inform and remind families of a few critical safety rules related to taking the school bus. Our most important priority is providing a safe environment for students and staff, which begins before they get on the bus each morning. We appreciate the support and partnership of parents and guardians as we work together to keep children safe.

- Families should wait on the curb for pick up and drop off, NEVER on the street. Adults and students should both follow this rule.
 - Children should be waiting at the bus stop prior to its arrival, which is required by Ohio law. It's important that students are not running to the bus as it pulls up or chasing after the bus as it leaves, as this presents a very dangerous situation. Our recommendation is to get to the bus stop five minutes before the scheduled pick up time.
 - The "Danger Zone" is the area on all sides of the bus where children are in the most danger of being hit. Children should stay 10 feet away from the bus (or as far away as they can) and never go behind it. They should take five giant steps in front of the bus before crossing, so they can be seen by the driver.
 - All students are to remain seated (seat to seat, back to back, feet to the floor) when the bus is in motion and abide by all safety and discipline policies.
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Food Service Overdue Balance Policy

Please be aware that any student who accrues a negative balance of \$50 or above will be limited to the basic priced meals until the debt is reconciled below the threshold, meaning no premium priced meals will not be allowed. A variety of basic priced meals are offered daily. À la carte items or milk that is not part of a cafeteria purchased meal will not be allowed if an account is negative. If you are facing financial difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact your building principal or counselor.

- For information about adding funds to a lunch account (online or by check), [please click here](#).

- For information about applying for free or reduced priced family meals, [please click here](#). If you need help with the application, please contact our Food Service Department at (513) 231-3215.
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Save the Date for Anderson and Turpin Homecoming Weekends!

- Anderson vs. Kings on Sept. 20 at 7 p.m.
- Turpin vs. West Clermont on Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.

We hope you will join us for both games as our football teams represent our community on the field, and our cheerleaders, musicians and student fan sections cheer on the Raptors and Spartans!

Anderson High School also invites community members to join us for a parade and tailgate beginning at 5 p.m. before the game. The parade will celebrate our amazing elementary schools, local clubs and the AHS homecoming court. Afterward, guests can make their way to our thrilling tailgate party (tickets sold upon entry), where you can enjoy mouth-watering food from various food trucks, bounce around in inflatables and participate in exciting student-led activities. And don't miss the chance to cool off by taking a shot at our DUNK TANK—where you can try your luck at soaking your favorite AHS principal!

Are you interested in finding out more about Nagel Volleyball?

Our Blue, Silver and White girls volleyball teams are inviting elementary students to attend upcoming Grade School Visit Nights! You can get in the game without charge and meet with the coach

after the 7th grade match to ask questions and meet players. Doors open at 4 p.m. with the 7th grade match getting underway at 4:30 p.m. Q&A with coaches will be between the 7th and 8th grade matches! These are all home games.

- White Volleyball (players move on to both AHS and THS) - Sept. 17 vs. Sycamore
- Blue Volleyball (players move on to AHS) - Sept. 26 vs. Walnut Hills
- Silver Volleyball (players move on to THS) - Oct. 1 vs. Goshen

Can't make it or have questions? Reach out to AD [Zach McCormick](#) for White and Blue, and Coach T ([Theresa Ciampone](#)) for Silver! Go Nighthawks!!

“Volley for the Cause” Fundraiser for National Pediatric Cancer Foundation

The Anderson girls volleyball team invites the entire community to its match against Kings on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 4 p.m. in the AHS gym! They are rallying to support a fellow Raptor who has been diagnosed with pediatric cancer. Tickets are \$8 (\$5 for seniors) and students can attend with just a \$1 donation. All proceeds benefit the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation. [Click here to view a flyer for more details.](#)

Elementary Hearing and Visions 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 October 22nd. These screenings are

required by law. For more information about the screenings, including how to opt a student out, please [click here](#).

Forest Hills Foundation for Education

Save the Date! ***The Denim & Diamonds Fundraiser and Party (formerly known as the Fall Soiree) will be held on Saturday, November 16, from 7-11p.m. at Belterra Park. More details coming soon.***

Congratulations to the 2024 Anderson and Turpin Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished FHSD Staff Member! Please join us as we honor this year's recipients at a luncheon at Ivy Hills Country Club on Friday, October 4, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. [Purchase luncheon tickets here](#). Our 2024 recipients are:

- Jim Datin (Anderson, 1981)
- James Phero (Anderson, 2005)
- Judge James Stearns (Anderson, 1974)
- Miriam Sturm (Anderson, 1977)
- Dawn Anderson-Butcher (Turpin, 1988)
- Josh Gerth (Turpin, 1994)
- Forest Heis (Turpin, 1987)
- Corey Hinderstein (Turpin, 1991)
- Tori Casteel (FHSD Staff, Maddux Elementary)

Congratulations again to all honorees and we look forward to seeing you at the Distinguished Alumni and Staff Luncheon!

Community Events

You can also visit our [flyers webpage here](#) that has updates on other fun events and activities, including the following items:

- Join us for the Anderson Township Senior Health and Wellness Expo on Sept. 24! [Click here for details](#).
 - Anderson HS Game Day VIP Experience for Grades 1-6 | [Flyer](#)
 - The [flyers webpage](#) also has information about multiple after-school Spanish class opportunities for elementary students.
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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, September 20 will be a “Thursday.”

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Sept. 19

- **Skating Party (Beechmont Rollarena) 6:00pm**

Sept. 20

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