

September 15, 2023

Wildcat Families,

We had a great turnout at our first PTO meeting of the year! A huge thank you to everyone who was able to make it and learn about all the work PTO does to support our staff and students! We encourage you to continue joining us throughout the year as this is a great opportunity to connect.

It was a somber start to the week as we recognized Patriot Day in commemoration of the events of September 11. The students were definitely showing their patriotic side with all the red, white and blue!

Friday is always a day to look forward to, but our Fridays have been extra special with consistent visits from Turpin football players. The players have been visiting classrooms and playing with the kids at recess. It's so fun to see the kids' reactions (both the big kids and the little kids) when a "real life superhero" plays with them at recess!

This Friday gives us another reason to be excited. The Walkathon Pep Rally is today and we are pumped to kick off our largest fundraiser of the year! Students will bring home their fundraising envelopes today, so be on the lookout! Walkathon is scheduled for September 29 (more information is below).

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Building Information

Picture Day Sept. 19

Fall pictures are scheduled for Tuesday, September 19. For more information on ordering, please click this [LINK](#).

Annual Walk/Bike to School Day

On Friday, September 22nd, Wilson will host a walk/bike to school day, in partnership with Anderson Township and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Township staff, including the Fire & Rescue Department, along with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, will be on hand that morning to help remind motorists to be aware of children on nearby sidewalks and crosswalks. They'll also remind our Wildcats of tips to help keep them safe!

Live too far from Wilson but want to take part? Consider driving to a closer point, or maybe a nearby friend's house, and walk from there.

Counselor's Corner

Next week our Wildcats will be the first to hear a commissioned piece of music during Mindful Music Moments. The Well (our partner for Mindful Music Moments) shares that they are "thrilled to welcome Little Amal with open arms and hearts to the United States. Little Amal is a 12-foot puppet of a 10-year-old Syrian refugee girl who has traveled across 15 countries meeting more than a million people. To welcome her on her first journey through the United States, we commissioned a new piece of music composed by music teacher

Sonia Morales-Matos and performed by the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra for Mindful Music Moments!" [Check out this video about Little Amal](#), who will be in Cincinnati Friday, Sept. 22!

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 or check out MMM spotify: <https://tinyurl.com/TheWellSpotify>

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

Smiles,

Jean Bode jeanbode@foresthills.edu

Walkathon Route and Schedule

We look forward to a great day with students on Friday, September 29 for our Walk-a-thon! We would love to have volunteers out in the neighborhood cheering our Wildcats on! Please feel free to decorate the sidewalks with cute pictures and quotes to motivate our teachers, students and staff as we walk.

Below is the schedule and route for the day. **We kindly request that parents refrain from walking with their child(ren).** Instead, we encourage you to line the sidewalks and cheer on our Wildcats! Our teachers and staff will be walking with our students.

[WALKATHON SCHEDULE](#)

Kindergarten

- East on Little Dry Run.
- North on Montchateau (stay on the west side of sidewalk).

- Turn around at Hillridge.

First and Second Grade

- East on Little Dry Run.
- North on Montchateau (stay on the west side of sidewalk).
- Turn around at Montridge Drive (where the sidewalk ends).

Third through Sixth Grade

- East on Little Dry Run.
- North on Montchateau (stay on the west side of sidewalk).
- Turn around in the cul-de-sac just past Mountfort Court).

ALICE Drill

On Friday, September 22nd, we will conduct a state required ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) drill. It is important we prepare our students and staff with proactive strategies to use in the event an unsafe situation would ever arise at school. Just as we practice for fires, we will practice and walk through what to do if ever there is an unsafe person on campus. All students will practice leaving the building and walk around the perimeter of the school grounds with their teacher to familiarize themselves with their surroundings.

During this time, teachers and students will discuss options they have if ever faced with a situation in which we have to leave the building. Students will not be running to locations, but simply having

conversations as they walk the school grounds. Students will be given the opportunity to think creatively and strategically based on conversations that take place. Our goal is to empower our students to make decisions. A book that can be helpful when discussing ALICE with your child is called [I'm Not Scared, I'm Prepared](#). This book is geared toward K-5 students. This powerpoint [ALICE 6th Grade](#) can be used to review safety information that is more geared to 6th grade students.

Adopt-a-Roadway Save the Date: Wednesday, September 27th

The best leaders are service minded. Service is the action of helping or doing work for others. Wilson students and families will have the opportunity to serve our Wildcat community by participating in the Anderson Township Adopt-A-Roadway. If you are interested in joining us, please meet us at Wilson on September 27th at 6pm by the front flag pole. We will be cleaning up trash together on Little Dry Run Road from 6-7pm.

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!

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

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!

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 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 Nights

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 our PTO.

- [Kitchen 1883](#): Tuesday, September 19th
 - [NVT Pizza & Brew](#): Sunday, September 24th 4-8pm
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Enrichment Programs

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.

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.

Would your student like to learn coding and create their own video game? Join Code Ninjas 6-week after school program beginning Monday, October 13. Click [HERE](#) for registration link and more information.

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.

District Information

FHSD School Connection Survey – Voluntary Student Survey

Between September 22-October 6, all Forest Hills students will have the opportunity to participate in our FHSD School Connection Survey. Student feedback from this survey will help our teachers, counselors, and administrators gain insight into the 'student experience' with the goal of addressing present needs, while planning for our students' future success. Our hope is that feedback will be used by educators to help better inform classroom instruction, allocate student support services, and identify other school-based needs. The survey will take approximately 20 minutes, is completely voluntary, and will be administered during school hours. Additionally, there are no consequences for students who do not participate, and no information obtained will be stored on a third-party server. To request

that your student NOT participate in the survey and to learn more, visit the [Student Connection Survey Opt Out Form](#).

Five Stars on the ODE Report Card!

FHSD is proud to have received a five star overall rating on the ODE Report Card! The state also provided five star ratings for Achievement, Early Literacy, Graduation Rates, and Gap Closing. [Take a look at the report card here](#) and be on the lookout for our annual Quality Profile in October that will contain important updates on areas of our achievement beyond the scope of the report card.

Join Us for the Help Build Hope 2023 House Build!

This year's event will support the building of two Habitat for Humanity Homes in Cincinnati! The Help Build Hope 2023 House Build event will be held at **Nagel Middle School on September 30 from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

Friday, September 29 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. will be the precutting of lumber for the wall frames. The building of the walls will be on Saturday, September 30 from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided Friday night for the precut and a light breakfast and lunch will be provided on Saturday during the build. All lumber and tools are provided. The wall frames will be used locally for two Habitat homes being built on Betts Avenue in Cincinnati.

We hope you will consider joining us in this effort to give back to the community.

Registration Link - <http://www.helpbuildhope.com/nagelcb>

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 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](#).

Forest Hills Foundation for Education

Calling FCC & sports fans?!?!?

Anderson Autographs will be hosting a [signing event with Nick Hagglund, current FCC player](#).

Join us on Thursday, September 21 at Goodfellows from 5:30-7:00 p.m. where you and your family can personally meet Nick and snap a photo and/or autograph. All proceeds benefit FHSD students through the Forest Hills Foundation for Education.

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 22nd will be a "Thursday."

Sept. 18

- Constitution Day

Sept. 19

- Fall Pictures

Sept. 20

- Fire Drill 2:30 pm

Sept. 21

Sept.22

- Walk/Bike to School

- ALICE Drill