Thank you to everyone who came to our first PTO meeting of the school year. Even though it was our first meeting, many PTO volunteers have been extremely busy in getting the school year up and running. From organizing school supplies and planning fun activities, to organizing cafeteria helpers, our PTO serves as an integral part of the Wilson school community. One of the PTO's largest undertakings is planning and running the annual Walkathon. We are so excited to kick off the Walkathon festivities today!

At some point between September 22 and October 3, students in grades 2-12 will participate in the FHSD School Connection survey to help gauge student engagement, connections to school, and student views on their futures. Information about the survey was sent from the district on September 8. As a reminder, if you would like to request that your student NOT participate in the survey and to learn more, please complete this form: **SCHOOL CONNECTION OPT OUT FORM.**

Next Wednesday students will bring home their iReady diagnostic reports. After students take the fall diagnostic, the iReady program provides personalized lessons to provide intervention and enrichment to all students. If you have questions about iReady and your child's lessons, please contact your child's teacher.

As a quick reminder, picture retake day is scheduled for next Friday (September 26).

We know everyone most likely has a busy weekend scheduled, but we would love to see you Sunday evening at Fall Fest. Fall Fest will be held from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. See below for more information. Have a great weekend!

Take care, Erin and Brian

Building Information

Fall Fest is Here!

Fall Fest is Sunday, September 21 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Volunteers are needed for this fun event! This is a family friendly event for all our Wilson Wildcats and their families! Come enjoy inflatables, games, and food trucks with members of the Wilson community. To help pull off the event, we need a few more volunteers. Please click on the link to sign up to make a donation of goods or your time!

• FALL FEST VOLUNTEERS

ALICE Practice Drill

On Friday, September 26 we will conduct a state required ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) drill. Our goal is to prepare our students and staff with proactive strategies to use in the event of an emergency. All students will practice exiting the building with their teacher and walk the perimeter of the school grounds 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 need to leave the building. Students will be encouraged to think creatively and strategically

based on grade-level appropriate conversations. Our goal is to empower our students to make decisions. A book that can be helpful when discussing ALICE with your child is called <u>K-5 Read Aloud: I'm Not Scared, I'm Prepared</u>. This book is geared toward K-5 students. This powerpoint <u>ALICE 6th Grade</u> can be used to review safety information that is more geared towards older students.

Picture Retakes

Picture retakes will be on Friday, September 26.

6th Grade W Picture

Our 6th grade W picture will be on Friday, October 17 at 9:30 am. 6th graders should wear their 6th grade t-shirts for the picture. Shirts should be delivered to school in early October.

Lunch Menu for September

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

Kdg & First Grade Cafeteria Helpers

As our youngest Wildcats settle into the new school it's extremely helpful to have additional adults in the cafeteria to support students. If you're interested in volunteering, please use this link to sign up: **September Lunch Helper sign up.**

LINK

Counselor's Corner

Springer's Parenting Tool Kit: Free Series

Check out this series from Springer School (about 15 minutes from Wilson). You can go to as many as you would like.

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</u> form.

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

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 Lynn in the main office.

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

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, September 29. Below is the lunch schedule so you can plan accordingly. We appreciate your understanding and support! Click here to see the daily lunch schedule: 2025-2026 RECESS AND LUNCH SCHEDULE.

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!

Enriching Kidz: Home Alone - [LAST CHANCE!] MONDAYS, Sept. 22 & 29, 3:45 - 5:45 For Students in grades 4 - 6.

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!

Monday, Sept. 22: Raising Cane's 3-10pm

Tuesday, Sept. 30: Skyline (Salem location)) 5-9pm

Upcoming PTO Events

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

Wilson PTO Room Reps Communication OPT OUT

Wilson PTO Room Reps will communicate with homerooms to share information on parties, class events, etc. If you want to OPT OUT of communications from them, <u>please fill out this form</u> by Sept 30.

District Information

Get the Most Out of ParentSquare Communications

FHSD created a new webpage to provide resources related to ParentSquare, which you can visit by <u>clicking here</u>. It has tips, tricks and advice to help you log in and navigate the platform. **Quick tip:** did you know you can adjust your notification settings? Users can select whether they receive post notifications (i.e. newsletters, general updates) immediately as they're published or in one condensed digest summary at the end of each day.

Necco Mental Health Moment

Necco, our elementary school-based mental health therapy partner, reminds us that September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Every conversation, every small act of kindness and every **moment**

matters. <u>Please click here</u> to view some tips to help lift up those around us and to find access to support.

Feedback Requested for FHSD Calendar

Parents and guardians are invited to fill out this brief (four questions) online form to provide feedback on the FHSD academic calendar. The survey will close on September 29 and you can access the survey form here.

FHSD School Connection Survey – Voluntary Student Survey

Students in grades 2-12 will have the opportunity to participate in our FHSD School Connection Survey between September 22-October 4, 2025. Parents and guardians received an email with additional information on September 8. As a reminder, families can request to opt their student out of the survey by submitting this form.

Community Events

<u>Click here to visit the flyers page</u> to learn more about opportunities like:

- XCEL Preseason Basketball Clinic | October 10 | 6-8 p.m.
- Forest Hills Titans Tryouts | September 28
- Click the flyers webpage link above for information about Scouts, Spanish classes and more.

Elementary Hearing and Visions Screenings

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 will have vision/hearing** screenings on Tuesday, October 14. These screenings are required by law. For more information about the screenings, including how to opt a student out, please <u>click here</u>.

Upcoming Events

K-4 Unified Arts Rotation

Friday, September 26 will be a "Monday." Friday, October 3 will be a "Tuesday."

Sept. 21

• Fall Fest 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Sept. 22

Sept. 23

Sept. 24

• iReady diagnostic reports go home

Sept. 25

Sept. 26

- ALICE Drill Practice
- Picture Retakes

• Wilson Way Teams 10:05 am to 10:40 am