

September 22, 2023

Wildcat Families,

The excitement from last week's pep assembly has carried over into this week! We have heard quite a few interesting stories about how students are earning money for Wilson. We have heard of everything from babysitting to setting the table for dinner, but in every case our Wildcats are working to support their wonderful Wilson School. The Walkathon is next Friday, and we couldn't be more excited!

Today each of our grade levels will conduct an important safety drill. Throughout the day today our teachers will lead students on a tour to identify places off campus we could go if we're ever required to leave the building. Additionally, teachers will lead a conversation about different scenarios they may encounter and ways to stay safe. An example of this may be, "what should you do if you're on the playground and we go into a lockdown"? Students in grades K-5 will read the book, [*I'm Not Scared... I'm Prepared by Julia Cook*](#). Students in 6th Grade will review the information in this presentation: [*ALICE 6th Grade*](#). While this is definitely our least favorite topic in schools, we recognize the importance of having a plan.

Next week we of course are looking forward to the Walkathon, but we also have a fun way to give back to Wilson next Wednesday. A crew of volunteers will meet at Wilson at 6:00pm to help clean Little Dry Run Road as part of the Adopt-a-Roadway Program. We will have trash bags and rubber gloves available, but we could definitely use more helping hands!

Don't forget to wear your Bengals gear on Monday as we look to help them get that first win on Monday Night Football! Who Dey!

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Building Information

PTO WALKATHON UPDATE!

Congrats Wildcats! You have raised over \$21,000 so far and counting! See the fundraising total live here:

www.wilson-pto.org/fundraiser/2037

All walkathon details are here: www.wilson-pto.org/walkathon

NOTE: If you lost your envelope or want to turn in another one, [print this out](#) and attach it to a regular envelope or we have a few extras in the office.

Wildcats, you have worked together to earn these SCHOOL REWARDS!

- Recess 'jock jams' featuring DJ Kitten Mittens and a "snowball" SNOWIE to cool down on the day of Walkathon!

We are SO CLOSE to the movie reward!

Anyone who raises \$45 or more online or through their envelope is eligible to win the daily prizes!

The DAILY TOP EARNING CLASSES were Mrs. Anness (9/20) and Mrs. Niemiller (9/21), both 2nd grade. They earned the Top Wildcat 'flava chain' for the day! Who will steal it over the weekend?

The top GRADE LEVEL today was 2nd grade (\$5,428) with 4th grade close behind (\$4,482)! The grade that raises the most money earns a private field day playing games against their teachers with a special guest: a Cincinnati mascot!

Wildcats have until 9/29 to reach or EXCEED our goal and fund even more needs for our school, teachers and students. Let's WIN this walkathon!

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](#)

Counselor's Corner

As our school year rolls along, please confidentiality contact me if your family may be in need of financial assistance.

As always, 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

Today 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 and tornados, 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.

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

The best leaders are service minded. 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 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

We hope you can make it over to the big white tent at ATP (6649 Clough Pike) tonight at 7:30pm!

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.

- [NVT Pizza & Brew](#): Sunday, September 24th 4-8pm
 - Gold Star / Tom & Chee: Wednesday, Oct. 11 4pm - 10pm
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Enrichment Programs

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

Would your student like to learn coding and create their own video game? Join Code Ninjas 6-week after school program beginning

Monday, October 16. 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

5th and 6th grade Girls interested in playing Volleyball at Nagel

You're invited to our Elementary Visit Match - September 25th vs Kings at Nagel Middle School Gym at 4:30PM. We suggest you arrive by 4:15PM so you can watch our team warm up and be introduced. You and your parents will not be charged an entrance fee for this match - just mention at the door that you are here for the Elementary Visit Day. After you cheer on the & Silver Nighthawks, you'll have a chance to meet the coach, players, ask questions, and find out more about the tryout process. You are welcome to stay for the 8th grade match which begins at about 5:30PM. Any questions, contact Theresa Ciampone at tciampone@gmail.com. Hope to see you soon. Go Nighthawks!!!

FHSD Celebrate Five-Star Overall Rating on Ohio School Report Card

Forest Hills School District is thrilled to announce key improvements in the 2023 Ohio School Report Cards. The district earned the highest possible overall rating of five stars and also received that rating for Achievement, Early Literacy, Graduation Rates and Gap Closing.

Only 95 of 608 school districts received the five-star overall rating.

Learn more in [this article](#).

OrthoCincy Open House at New Beechmont Location

[OrthoCincy Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine](#) recently opened a new location at 7910 Beechmont Avenue and is inviting the community to tour the facility during an open house from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 24! OrthoCincy is a valuable partner for FHSD, supporting student athletes with sports medicine services and offering other internship opportunities for students interested in the medical field.

Topics Announced for October 12 Parent Academy Night

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!

FHSD Spirit Day | October 4: Goooooooooal for Wellness

All students and staff are encouraged to wear orange and blue to support FC Cincinnati on Wednesday, October 4! Join us as we prepare to root for FCC as they take on the New York Red Bulls that evening!

REMINDER: FHSD School Connection 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](#).

Sept. 29 and 30—Help Build Hope 2023 House Build!

FHSD is inviting everyone in the community to build wall frames for two Habitat for Humanity Homes in Cincinnati! Help Build Hope 2023 will be held at **Nagel Middle School on September 30 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.** People are also welcome to help pre cut the lumber for the wall frames on Friday, September 29 from 4 - 7 p.m.

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

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

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.

Forest Hills Foundation for Education—15 years FACT

In 2011 the Foundation funded its first program, Nagel 24/7, an after-school kitchen-table tutoring concept that still continues today.

This was a need identified by district administration. The Foundation continues to fund Nagel 24/7 along with Nagel After-School Clubs with bus transportation home that alleviates parent/guardian pick-up and more ways for students to find ways to connect.

Because of our donors, **\$185,000 since 2011**, has been [provided for this program](#) and 100's of students benefit each year.

*Stay tuned for our 15 year, \$15,000 in 15 days that will launch on October 1 – your support directly impacts all Forest Hills students.

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 29th is a “Monday.”

Sept. 25

- District Bengals Spirit Day

Sept. 26

Sept. 27

- Adopt-a-Roadway 6:00 to 7:00pm

Sept. 28

Sept. 29

- Walkathon - wear your Wilson shirt!