

September 29, 2023

Wildcat Families,

The Walkathon is today! We are so excited to get outside and enjoy the day with our Wildcats. We have so many people to thank, as they are the reason we're able to have so much fun. Our PTO volunteers work so hard behind the scenes to make sure everything is taken care of (and thought of), and that our Wildcats have a wonderful time.

Thank you to the Walkathon Committee, Eric Langevin, Sara Bolton, Moldir Orazaly, Abby Adams, and Christina Witte! A special thank you is also in order for those who showed up each and every day to count the donations. Of course, the extra special thank you goes to each of you for your donations. We know a donation to school can stretch the monthly budget, but please know how grateful we are for your continued generosity. We're able to do some really amazing things for our kids because of your willingness to support Wilson. Thank you so much!

As a quick reminder before next week, we do not have school on October 6 and 9. Our teachers will have professional development throughout the day on the 6th. We hope all of you have a fabulous weekend!

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Building Information

Counselor's Corner

This month we have been focusing on the importance of being a good friend. We have learned that having friendships in your life makes life more enjoyable, gives you a sense of belonging and purpose, reduces stress, boosts your confidence and self esteem and helps you through tough times. ([Read more about friendships...](#))

As our school year rolls along, please contact me if your family may be in need of financial assistance. Information shared will be held in confidence.

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 Update

CONGRATS! Through the Walkathon, you have raised over \$44,000 for our students and staff! This funds teacher mini grants (specific resources for their classroom or grade level), school-wide student and teacher celebrations, educational assemblies, Wilson Way, SPARKS Day, Fall Fest, and many more programs.

And because we met our stretch goal, Wildcats will be surprised with a Donut Trolley sometime this fall! *other allergy-free item available.

Teachers will connect with families about ingredients prior to the Donut Trolley visit!

More information to come about our Principals camping at school!

We are so proud of our students for taking care of Wilson through their fundraising efforts. From car washes to lemonade and bake sales to asking friends and neighbors, the students worked so hard and we're so proud!

Walkathon Route and Schedule

Below is the schedule and route for our walks. **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).
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Wilson Elementary Fall Fest Volunteers

Event takes place at Wilson Elementary from October 20, 2023 5:00-7:30pm. We rely on our Wilson volunteers to make our events a success! Thank you for considering helping out with Fall Fest.

www.signupgenius.com

Second and Fourth-Grade CogAT Testing

Ohio's revised standards for gifted education require that all districts offer cognitive testing once during the K-2 grade band and once during the 3-6 grade band. The Forest Hills School District will be testing in grades 2 and 4 for the 2023-2024 school year. The CogAT Test measures the level and pattern of cognitive development of a student compared to age mates and grade mates. These general reasoning abilities, which start developing at birth and continue through early adulthood, are influenced by experiences gained both in and out of school.

All second and fourth-graders in the Forest Hills School District will take the CogAT assessment. Fourth grade will take the assessment on October 2-4, 2023, with Makeups on Oct. 5, 2023. Second grade will take the assessment on March 11-13, 2024. Make-ups will take place on March 14, 2024.

The test is divided into 3 subtests, verbal, non-verbal, and quantitative, which take approximately 45 minutes each. Students will do these subtests over the course of three settings in the classroom. This testing is used to identify students who are cognitively gifted. We use this information as a measure for providing gifted services and support for student learning.

Since this assessment is about how students think, there is nothing you need to do to prepare your child. It is all about how students process information, recognize patterns, and make connections with pictures, numbers, and symbols. The best way to help your child is to make sure they have a good night's sleep and breakfast.

Please visit Forest Hills website at, <https://www.foresthills.edu/gifted-education.html>, for details regarding gifted services at all grade bands: K-3, 4-6, 7-8, and 9-12.

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](#)

Grandparents & Special Person's Night: Save the Date!

Please join us for Grandparents and Special Person's Night at Wilson on **Wednesday October 25th, 5-7pm**. Students will have an

opportunity to show their special guests around, do some crafts and take a fun picture for a keepsake.

We would love for some volunteers to help us run this wonderful event. [Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Save the Date for Father-Daughter Dance!

When: November 18th from 5:30-8:00.

Wilson PTO invites you to Dance Underneath the Stars on November 18th from 5:30-8:00 at Wilson. Tickets cost \$20 per family Your ticket includes a professional photo, drinks/snacks, and a fun night!!

Registration link coming soon!

We are asking for Volunteers to help out with this special night!

Please sign up here: [Father/Daughter Sign up Genius](#)

Please contact Jessie Martin at jessie82lynn@gmail.com with any questions!

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

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 [513-313-3928](tel:513-313-3928) or saraostermeier@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.

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.

- 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

REGISTER NOW: Parent Academy Night on October 12

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!

FINAL REMINDER: 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>

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!

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.

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

Friday Rotation

Friday, October 13th is a "Monday."

Oct. 2

- CogAT Testing (4th Grade)
- PGP Meetings

Oct. 3

- CogAT Testing (4th Grade)

Oct. 4

- CogAT Testing (4th Grade)
- Wear Orange and Blue to support FC Cincinnati

Oct. 5

- CogAT Testing Makeups (4th Grade)
- Wear Orange and Blue for FC Cincy

Oct. 6

- No School for Students/PD Day for Staff

Oct. 9

- No School for Students and Staff