

January 10, 2025

Wildcat Families,

Welcome back, and Happy New Year! We hope your winter break (and the couple extra days) was filled with joy, rest and wonderful memories with your loved ones. As we step into 2025, we are excited to have your children back in the classroom, ready for new adventures in learning.

In order to welcome all of our Wildcats back to school, our custodians have put in some serious time and hard work to get the campus ready. Doug, Larry, and Ronnie are truly the best in the business. Each and every day they embody the Wilson Way. From setting up for special events to cleaning up countless messes and accidents, they are always ready and willing to help our students and staff. Now we can add clearing a record snowfall to the already extensive list of reasons why we think they're incredible!

As our Wildcats return to the classroom our teachers will spend time re-establishing the routines and reviewing expectations, just as we did at the beginning of the school year. An early focus on the routines and expectations will help ease the transition back into school and set everyone up for a successful second half of the school year. That being said, don't be surprised if your Wildcats come home exhausted every day next week as we hit the ground running!

Thank you for your continued support in making our school community a positive and nurturing place for your children. We are looking forward to all that 2025 has in store!

Have a great weekend!

Take care,  
Erin and Brian

### **Building Information**

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#### **Author Visit for K-3 Students**

Wilson Elementary is excited to welcome local author and illustrator Blythe Russo! On Tuesday, January 14, she will speak to our **Kindergarten through Third grade students**. You can learn more about Ms. Russo and her work [HERE](#).

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#### **Wilson Running Club Coordinator**

We are looking for someone to lead the running club this year for our Wilson Wildcats. We are fortunate that Zach Miller has been our coordinator for the past several years as he has done a wonderful job! Zach is willing to meet with anyone interested in this position to go over the training schedule and other important information.

Running club 'runs' (classic Mr. Lyons joke) March 12th thru May 7th, with a week break for Spring Break (8 weekly sessions). Runners practice once a week on Wednesdays from 3:45 to 5:00

pm. Runners will be able to showcase their hard work at the Forest Hills 5k on

Please reach out to Erin Storer ([erinstorer@foresthills.edu](mailto:erinstorer@foresthills.edu)) if you are interested.

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### **Cincinnati Cyclones Game**

We're excited to invite all **Wilson families** to a fun and memorable afternoon at the **Cyclones game!** The **5th and 6th grade choirs** will be performing the **National Anthem**, making it a special moment for everyone.

Plus, **kids eat free** during the game, making it a perfect outing for the whole family.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to support our choirs and enjoy the game together. [Click here to purchase tickets!](#) We can't wait to see you there!

### **Cold Weather Recess Guidelines**

Recess is a healthy and important part of the school day for our Wildcats. We want our students to have the opportunity to run and play outside whenever possible, even when it's cold. Therefore, please make sure children are coming to school prepared to spend time outside with coats and hats (label everything). We will adhere to the district guidelines when determining whether or not it's too cold to be outside.

- **Outside Recess** → If the temperature is above 20 degrees and the wind chill is above 15 degrees.

- **A Brief Recess** → When the wind chill is between 5 – 15 degrees, children have a choice to go outside for no more than 10 minutes.
  - **Inside Recess** → When snow covers the blacktop, and/or when the temperature is less than 20 degrees and the wind chill is less than 5 degrees, children will have indoor recess.
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**Counselor's Corner: Jean Bode, [jeanbode@foresthills.edu](mailto:jeanbode@foresthills.edu)**

#### **4th - 6th Grade SPARKS Day!!!! March 14, 2025**

Do you have a SPARK you would like to share with our Wilson Wildcats or know someone? A SPARK can be "an interest, skill, hobby and/or career to ignite dreams of future plans for kids." Our annual SPARKS Day is Friday, March 14, 2025 for our 4th-6th grade students. Interested in signing up or need more information? [Check this out.](#)

Xello College and Career Readiness for Grades 2-6 starting in the iLab with Mrs. Teismann in January. [Read more here.](#)

6th Grade lesson on youth suicide awareness and violence prevention aligned with House Bill 123 in January with Mrs. Bode. [Read more here.](#)

**Just ask!** Please reach out to me if I can do anything for your family. Smiles 😊 Jean Bode [jeanbode@foresthills.edu](mailto:jeanbode@foresthills.edu)

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**PTO NEWS**

Our Wilson Bowling Club starts in February! Registration and payment is due by February 7, 2025 or until spots are filled. The [bowling flyer](#) has more information. [CLICK HERE to register](#) and [Click HERE to pay for Bowling Club 2024-2025](#)

Before / After-School Enrichment Programs for January

- [Spanish Club](#): Another chance to learn about the language and culture!
- [Pottery Wheel](#): Join for an opportunity to make your own pottery!
- [Stitch & Sew](#): Learn the basics of sewing!
- [Pickleball / Tennis](#): A new opportunity to learn the basics of both racquet sports!

Volunteer with us in the [Art Room](#), [Innovation Lab](#), or during lunch in [January](#)!

### **Art Show Preparations**

Mrs. Fender needs a group of volunteers to help mount the artwork that will be displayed at the Wilson Art Show. She also needs a few volunteers to help set up on the day of the art show in the afternoon. Please review the time slots below and click on the button to sign up if you are able to help. Thank you!

[Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

### **Wilson Brick Sales**

Do you want to be a lasting part of the Wilson Elementary community? Now you can! Purchase a personalized, engraved brick to be installed in front of the school building. You can commemorate your family, honor your children, give a shout-out to an amazing teacher, or simply thank Wilson for being fantastic!

**Cost:** \$75.00 (includes 3 lines with 14 characters each)

**Purchase Here:** [https://www.wilson-pto.org/open\\_forms](https://www.wilson-pto.org/open_forms)

If you have any questions, please email me at:  
[mollybrooks10@hotmail.com](mailto:mollybrooks10@hotmail.com)

### **Wilson Carnival**

The Wilson Carnival will be Saturday, March 1, 2025. More information to come!

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**Wilson Lunch Menus for January** Please see the link to view the lunch menus for each month. [Wilson Elementary Lunch Menus 24-25](#). We have included the January lunch menu below.  
[January Menu](#)

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### **Cafeteria Volunteers**

Consider volunteering in the cafeteria to help out Mr. C and our Wildcats!

[January Lunch Helpers](#)

[February Lunch Helpers](#)

[March Lunch Helpers](#)

[April Lunch Helpers](#)

[May Lunch Helpers](#)

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### **Restaurant Nights**

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

Saturday, Jan. 11 : City BBQ in Eastgate ( all day! )

Sunday, Jan. 19 : NVT Pizza & Brew ( all day! )

## District Information

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### **First Semester Report Cards Go Home Today**

Students will be coming home today with printed report cards. The report card has detailed progress in the academic areas and habits of a learner, as well as information on the standards below each academic area. Report cards are printed at the end of each nine weeks.

#### *Online Parent Access*

You can also access your report cards anytime online through ProgressBook. If you need your ProgressBook parent key, please contact [parenthelp@foresthills.edu](mailto:parenthelp@foresthills.edu). Please see the directions to access report cards online: [Directions](#)

For more in-depth conversations and comments about current progress, please make sure to sign up for a conference with your child's teacher. As a reminder, we will have our next round of face-to-face evening conferences again on Feb. 13 and March 6. The online scheduling link will go live on January 31.

### **REGISTER NOW: FHSD Parent Academy Returns January 23**

Our popular Parent Academy series returns on Thursday, Jan. 23 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Nagel Middle School! It's an evening designed for

parents with students of all ages. [Check out this article](#) to learn more, find a list of topics and register to save your spot for the event!

Highly Requested Topics:

- Navigating FAFSA and financial aid
- Supporting kids in the digital age
- Marijuana: Hidden Risks, Trends and Harm Reduction Strategies
- Navigating the Turbulent Tweens/Teens...and more!

### **Inclement Weather Alerts - ParentSquare Notification System**

With the recent inclement weather, FHSD's notifications and alerts are distributed through ParentSquare. We will also use this system for urgent safety or transportation updates. [We've posted a helpful article with frequently asked questions about ParentSquare on our website.](#) Anyone who has additional questions or needs assistance/support should email [joshbazan@foresthills.edu](mailto:joshbazan@foresthills.edu) or call FHSD Central Office at (513) 231-3600, ext. 2966.

### **Science Fair Judges Needed!**

Parents and staff members are encouraged to [sign up here](#) to participate as a judge in our annual Science and Innovation Fair on Saturday, Jan. 25. No experience necessary!

### **Community Flyers and Events**

[Click here to visit the flyers page](#) to learn more about opportunities like:

- [Anderson HS Dance Team Youth Clinic \(Grades K-8\) on Jan. 20](#)
- [Flag Football Fanatics Spring Registration](#)
- [Anderson Fastpitch Softball Registration](#)
- [Anderson Middies Lacrosse Registration](#)



## Upcoming Events

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### **K-4 Unified Arts Friday Rotation**

Friday, January 17 will be a "Tuesday."

#### **Jan. 13**

- Wilson PTO Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Wilson iLab

#### **Jan. 14**

- K-3 Author Visit 2:00 pm

#### **Jan. 15**

- Club Photos (Schoolhouse Photos)

#### **Jan. 16**

- Skating Party at the Beechmont Rollarena 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

#### **Jan. 17**