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January 24, 2025

Wildcat Families.

The district hosted another Parent Academy last night to share information and expertise on a range of topics. Sessions included navigating FAFSA and financial aid, supporting kids in the digital age, games to challenge gifted thinkers, and reading tips for supporting young students. The featured presentation from Beech Acres Parenting Center on Navigating the Turbulent Tweens/Teens was extremely informative, and hopefully helpful to many families! We appreciate everyone who was able to attend in hopes of best supporting our students!

Throughout the school year students have been working hard to earn blue cards when they exemplify the Wilson Way. In the next couple of weeks we have two exciting opportunities for students to trade in their blue cards! On Thursday afternoon we plan to shake off the winter cold with a Hot Cocoa party in the cafeteria. On Friday we'll roll out the Book Mobile for any students wishing to add to their personal library. Students will use a magic key to unlock the cart (think Johnny's Toys for those of us who have been around Cincinnati for a while) and see the amazing treasures inside!

Have a great weekend!

Take care, Erin and Brian

Building Information

Scholastic Spring Book Fair (Feb. 3-7)

Kindergarten through 6th Grade students will attend on their Innovation Specials Day. Students should speak with the adults at their home about expectations for purchasing. We do our best to guide students to prioritize books first. If you would like to make any special requests for certain books you may do so here separately for each child.

Families are invited to shop with their students on **Thursday**, **Feb. 6 from 5:30-8:15 pm during our Art Show**.

<u>Before Feb.3</u>, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy. If your student used eWallet for the last Scholastic Book Fair and had any remaining funds, please just be sure to sign into your Scholastic Account with the same information so you can be recognized in the system. Parents can set up an eWallet for students by visiting the <u>Wilson Book Fair website</u>. Check out the <u>eWallet Video</u> if you have more questions. Cash or checks made out to Wilson PTO will be accepted as well.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then shop at our school's Book Fair online. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Every online purchase will also benefit our school. Visit https://bit.ly/WilsonBookFairFEB2025 to shop online.

We are looking for volunteers-Thanks so much for your help! **Sign up for a shift here**.

Any book fair specific questions can be sent to wendyteismann@foresthills.edu.

Happy Reading!

6th Grade Recognition Night: Save the Date

We look forward to celebrating our 6th grade students on Wednesday, May 28 at 6:00 pm! Our 6th Grade Recognition Night will be held in the Turpin auditorium, and we will start promptly at 6:00 pm. Doors will open at 5:30 pm. More information to come!

Wilson Running Club Coordinator

We are still looking for someone to lead the running club this year for our Wilson Wildcats. The previous coordinator, Zach Miller, has offered to meet with anyone interested in this position to share the training schedule and other important information.

Running Club will be held every Wednesday, 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 (<u>erinstorer@foresthills.edu</u>) if you are interested.

Counselor's Corner: Jean Bode

<u>SPOTS ARE FILLING UP!</u> 4th - 6th Grade SPARKS Day!!!! March 14, 2025 If you are interested, please fill out the form below.

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.

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

PTO NEWS

Wilson Bowling Club starts in February! Registration and payment is due by February 7 or until spots are filled. The <u>bowling flyer</u> has more information. <u>CLICK HERE to register</u> and <u>Click HERE to pay</u> <u>for Bowling Club 2024-2025</u>

Before / After-School Enrichment Programs for January

Click on each flyer for more information on dates, cost, and registration.

Stitch & Sew: Learn the basics of sewing!

Star Glazers Pottery: Make your own ceramic piece!

<u>Jewelry Making</u>: Create your own jewelry or as gifts for others!

Sewing: Learn basic hand stitches!

Volunteer with us in the Innovation Lab.

Art Show Preparations

Help Mrs. Fender prep for the art show! Volunteers needed 1/27 and 2/6. Thank you! Volunteer Sian-Up

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
If you have any questions, please email me at: mollybrooks10@hotmail.com

Wilson Carnival

The Wilson Carnival will be Saturday, March 1, 2025. Raffle tickets and wristbands are on sale now! Purchase here: Link to Purchase

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

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

Restaurant Nights

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

- Mercer Social House: Wednesday, Jan. 29 (11am-9pm)
- Skyline @ Anderson: Tuesday, Feb. 4 (5-9pm)
- NVT Pizza & Brew: Tuesday, Feb. 11 (4-8pm)

District Information

Get Your Tickets NOW for Upcoming Drama Productions

Both high schools will present wonderful productions on Jan. 31, Feb. 1 and 2! Click the links below to learn more and buy tickets!

- Anderson Theatre presents The Tempest by William Shakespeare
- <u>Turpin Theatre presents The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe,</u> based on the classic C.S. Lewis tale.

Forest Hills Foundation for Education

The Forest Hills Foundation for Education invites Anderson and Turpin High School students to <u>apply to join the FHFE Grant Committee</u>. The Grant Committee reviews and awards grants to the school district, teachers and Parent-Teacher Organizations. We encourage students with a breadth of interests to apply to bring a diverse set of interests and points of view to the committee. <u>Applications</u> are due on February 7, 2025.

Community Presentation of Screenagers: Under the Influence on Jan. 28

The Anderson Mental Health Collaborative is hosting a viewing of Screenagers: Under the Influence. The film discusses vaping, drug and alcohol use among teens, and it depicts strategies parents can use to encourage healthy decision-making and support teen mental health. RSVP for this free event here.

Community Flyers

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

• Breakthrough T1D Community Summit | Feb. 2

- Make the Cut Hair Donation Event | Feb. 12
- Saturday Art at UC DAAP | Feb. 15-April 12 | Open K-12
- A-Town Boys Volleyball Spring 2025 | Grades 3-8

Upcoming Events

K-4 Unified Arts Friday Rotation

Friday, January 31 will be a "Wednesday." Friday, February 7 will be a "Thursday."

Jan. 27

Nagel Administrators to Visit 6th Graders During Lunch

Jan. 28

Jan. 29

Jan. 30

Jan. 31