

May 17, 2024

Wildcat Families,

It is hard to believe we are headed into the last week of school! We often forget just how much growth (academically and physically) our Wildcats make over the course of a school year. We love seeing those “First Day/Last Day” pictures to capture the physical growth, but as educators we’re astounded each year by the academic growth. Our teachers and staff work incredibly hard to provide learning experiences designed to target specific learning needs. Teaching in a classroom is something to behold as it is, but the countless hours behind the scenes preparing those lessons are critical for the outcomes we see every year. Of course, there’s also something to be said for the continued support from our families. You understand the importance of a good education and are always willing to support your teachers. We are so appreciative to work in a community like this!

As we close out the year next week there are a lot of fun activities planned. Sixth graders will venture over to the Cincinnati Nature Center for some hands-on learning early in the week. Fourth Grade will host their annual market day sale (let this serve as your reminder to work on your merchandise this weekend instead of Tuesday night). Add in another Lunch on the Lawn date (Wednesday), an Orchestra concert (Monday), a Chorus concert (Tuesday), Field Day (Thursday), Sixth Grade Recognition (Thursday), and you have yourself one very busy week!

Next Friday morning we will once again host “Step Up Day” for students to “step up” to their next grade, meet their teacher, and see new and old friends in next year’s class. Students not returning to

Wilson will gather for an activity to reflect on what they have learned during their time at Wilson. Letters with next year's class placements will go home with students next Thursday, May 23. Each year we lead our teachers through a thorough process, filled with lots of conversation and analysis to make the best placements possible. We consider everything from academic needs to social needs, personality types and everything in between. All we ask is that you trust the process and rest assured knowing that your child will be in good hands next year!

We hope everyone can rest up this weekend. We have a busy week ahead!

Take care,  
Erin and Brian

## Building Information

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### School Fees Reminder

All outstanding fees for all students **must be paid by TODAY**. Mrs. Augenstein sent invoices home with your child on Friday, May 3. We appreciate your assistance in helping with this.

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### Counselor's Corner

All humans are wired for belonging. We want to be included. We want to be accepted for who we are. We want to make friends, keep friends, navigate through friendship, AND we want this for our kids and teens. If you're a parent, professional, or educator looking

to help kids and teens thrive socially, don't miss The Social Skills Summit running free and online next Wednesday, May 22.

The Social Skills Summit is a free virtual event featuring 10 world-renowned experts on social skills for kids and teens. This event is for parents, professionals, and educators looking to help kids and teens make friends, keep friends, navigate conflict, and much more. The event starts at 9 am ET (US) on May 22nd and runs for 24 full hours. [☰ Speaker Guide: The Social Skills Summit](#)

Looking ahead for resources for Summer Camps, [check out these resources from Mindpeace](#). There are general camps as well as specific camps for:

- General Camps (that accommodate mental health disability)
- Autism
- ADHD
- Horses, Equine Therapy
- Music/Dance/Acting/Art
- Sports
- Swim

Smiles,

Jean Bode [jeanbode@foresthills.edu](mailto:jeanbode@foresthills.edu)

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### **Poppy Day Wednesday**

As we head into Memorial Day next weekend, local Veterans from the American Legion will join us on Wednesday during Lunch on the Lawn for Poppy Day. If you're able, and so

inclined, the Veterans will be accepting donations for the American Legion Auxiliary.

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### **Wilson Spirit Wear**

Do you have old Wilson spirit wear laying around that your kids have outgrown? The PTO is collecting old spirit wear to have a sale at the Back to School Bash in the fall. Send any items into school with your Wildcat for donation. A collection box will be in the office.

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### **The Wilson Way Family Survey**

We are so grateful for the 232 families who responded to our Wilson Way/PBIS family survey, which is over half of our families. Our teams review the data and use this information to develop goals and address needs for our Wilson Way. Some data highlights include:

- 100% of our families said they are familiar with The Wilson Way
- Over 95% agree that The Wilson Way has a positive impact on the climate, culture and academic achievement.
- 77.6% of our families use The Wilson Way language at home!!!

Using PBIS survey data from students, staff and families our teams have focused on improving blue card acknowledgement with our 4th-6th students to help the blue cards be more meaningful. We developed a calendar of monthly acknowledgements like popcorn with Wilson people, propagation station and blue card

raffles. This is a continued goal for next year. We'll also be implementing a blue card tracking system so we can reach all Wildcats by positively acknowledging their behavior.

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### **Exciting 5th Grade News!**

Congratulations to the 5th graders who used their technology skills during iLab to create a pizza and design a poster for the Newtown Village Tavern-PTO fundraiser on Sunday, May 19th. Check out this winning design submitted by Nora Vance and Emily Smith. [Wilson Pizza Challenge](#)

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### **Medication Information**

Medications that are left over at the end of the school year will need to be picked up by the parent/guardian. No medication will be sent home with a student. Come to the Wilson Elementary main office during normal school hours to pick up your medications at your convenience. We will dispose of any medications not picked up by the last day of school.

If you will have a student in school next year who will require medication during the school day, a new medication permission form must be completed. New forms must be obtained each school year. Each medication requires a separate form. Forms may be found on the Forest Hills School District website by clicking on the Resource Center tab.

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### **Field Day**

Field Day is scheduled for Thursday, May 23rd. As always we will have lots of fun stations including a blow up obstacle course and slide. We will have some Turpin students here to help, but we could really use some more volunteers!

- Wednesday 22nd
    - AM & PM shifts (flexible timing) to help setup.
  - Thursday 23rd
    - 9:00-11:20 - K, 1st, 2nd & 3rd (Setup and work stations)
    - 1:15-3:30 - 4th, 5th & 6th (Work stations & clean up after)
  - [Field Day Sign Up](#)  
(If it rains, Field Day will be held inside)
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### Lunch on the Lawn Dates and Reminders

- Date: May 22
- No food delivery sent to the office (DoorDash, UberEats).
- No pets
- Students will meet you on the front lawn at their regular lunch time.
- If we have to cancel due to weather, **we will send an email by 10:00am.**

## Wilson Lunch & Recess

**2023-2024**

Grade	Recess Times	Lunch Times
K	10:55-11:20	11:20-11:45
1	11:30-11:50	11:50-12:10
2	12:15-12:35	12:35-12:55

3	12:50-1:10	1:10-1:30
4	11:10-11:30	11:30-11:50
5	12:25-12:45	12:45-1:05
6	11:45-12:05	12:05-12:25

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### **Wilson Bricks**

Last Call for Bricks! Please place your brick order before May 17th so the bricks could be installed before the next school year. Thank you to those who have placed an order!

Go to the [Wilson PTO Store and Information Forms](#). Once you go here, hover over “Fundraising”, which is located at the top of the page. A menu box will drop down and you can click on “Buy a Wilson Brick.”

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### **2024-2025 Room Representative Volunteers Needed**

A great way to get involved at Wilson is to volunteer as your child's classroom representative. In this role, you will be tasked with collaborating with your child's homeroom teacher to plan class parties and volunteer chances. You will coordinate opportunities to thank your teacher for their hard work throughout the year (birthday, holiday, and end of year). Please consider signing up for a spot.

[2004-2025 Room Rep Volunteer Form](#)

Any further questions please feel free to email [Jillian.Groszek@gmail.com](mailto:Jillian.Groszek@gmail.com) .

Thank you!

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## **6th Grade Upcoming Events**

There are many 6th Grade Events in April and May and we understand it is hard to attend all events. Below are upcoming 6th grade events. We will share more information as events come about.

- Thursday, May 23: 6th Grade Recognition Night at Turpin High School from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm
- Friday, May 24: 6th Grade Clap Out at 3:30 pm (Wilson)
  - Students will be exiting through the third grade doors and parents are welcome to be on the hill out front. We need the sidewalks clear due to buses.

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## **School Supply Kits**

School Kits are available for the 24-25 school year. Please see more information below.

[24-25 School Supply Kits](#)

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## **Lunch Helpers**

We always appreciate our families volunteering whenever your work schedule allows. Below are all of the lunch helper sign ups for the remainder of the year:

- May: [May Lunch Volunteers](#)
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## **Restaurant Nights**

Take a night off cooking or grab a quick family meal at one of our upcoming Restaurant Fundraisers. You'll support a local restaurant AND the Wilson PTO! Don't forget to mention WILSON!

- Sunday, May 19 | NVT Pizza & Brew 11-8pm

## **District Information**

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### **Reports Coming Home Next Week**

Report cards will be coming home next week with your child. Be on the lookout for the final report card.

Next week we are also sending home the most recent iReady diagnostic results. These results are similar to a temperature check at a doctor's office. Sometimes the results are accurate to what we see every day, sometimes there are factors that make the results slightly different than we expected. As our students take the assessment, we take into consideration these factors and combine them with the daily observations and assessments that we give. As an entire building, our students scored in the high-growth/high-performance categories in both reading and math. We have many celebrations, both individually and as a whole. We also found some areas that we want to continue to work to improve.

The Teaching and Learning Team also sent information out earlier this week with helpful tips to consider when reviewing the reports. See communication here- [LINK](#)

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### **Mental Health Awareness Spotlight: Sources of Strength**

During Mental Health Awareness Month, we are sharing information throughout May about different wellness programs at FHSD. Sources of Strength is a peer-to-peer suicide prevention program that was introduced this school year at Anderson, Turpin and Nagel. It is a comprehensive wellness program that focuses on suicide prevention but impacts other issues such as substance abuse, bullying and violence. This evidence-based program utilizes a strength-based, positive approach to mental health promotion and the prevention of adverse outcomes like suicide, violence, bullying and substance misuse.

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### **Save the Date Reminder: FREE Sports Physicals on June 15**

FHSD's Official Sports Medicine and Wellness Partners, OrthoCincy and The Christ Hospital, are offering FREE sports physicals for students entering grades 6-12 for the 2024-2025 school year! These will take place on Saturday, June 15 from 9 a.m.-noon. Please [read this article](#) for additional requirements and need-to-know information!

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### **Community Events**

You can also visit our [flyers webpage here](#) that has updates on other fun events and activities, including the following items:

- AHS Bowling Summer Camp for Grades 1-8 | [Informational Flyer](#)
  - Anderson Urban Farm Summer Lessons for Grades 2-5 | [Informational Flyer](#)
  - Dive into Spanish Summer Camp at Mercer | [Informational Flyer](#)
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## **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**

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

Friday, May 24 will be a “Monday.”

**May 20**

- 6th Grade Field Trip to Cincinnati Nature Center (Walker & Adkins)
- 5th Grade Orchestra Concert 6:30 pm at Turpin High School
- 6th Grade Orchestra Concert 7:30 pm at Turpin High School

### **May 21**

- 6th Grade Field Trip to Cincinnati Nature Center (Davis & Stuart)
- Wilson News Crew 3:45 to 5:00 pm
- 5th and 6th Grade Chorus Concert 6:30 pm at Wilson

### **May 22**

- Lunch on the Lawn

### **May 23**

- Field Day
- 6th Grade Recognition 7:30 pm at Turpin High School

### **May 24**

- Step Up Day