

November 8, 2024

Wildcat Families,

We are grateful our students were able to participate in a meaningful celebration honoring our veterans this week. Students attended an in-school Veterans Day concert in which the Fifth and Sixth Grade chorus students sang a medley of songs to honor the bravery and dedication of our veterans. We were fortunate that several of our veterans that are a part of our community were able to attend! They even brought in a variety of uniforms for our students to see.

The chorus concert during the day was the final rehearsal before the evening performance for families. Our students sang with pride and gratitude, recognizing the sacrifices that veterans made to protect our freedom. The performances during the school day allowed our school community to come together in gratitude and respect, while the evening concert provided a wonderful opportunity for our families to witness the heartfelt performances by their children. Both events highlighted the significance of Veterans Day and made a lasting impression on our students, helping them better understand the importance of honoring those who have served.

One of the distinguished veterans who visited was none other than Ralph Caskey. After serving in the Marines, Ralph taught at Wilson from 1975 until his retirement in 2005. Ralph is our resident historian and always has interesting tidbits to share. He let us know that today is Wilson's 65th birthday! Happy Birthday to all of our students and

families who have ever walked through the halls of Wilson Elementary!

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Building Information

PTO November Meeting

Please join the PTO for the November meeting, happening via zoom on Nov 18th at 7pm. The link is listed below and also in the calendar comments if you subscribe to the PTO calendar.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84481144048>

9United's Shop and Share is here!

Wilson will be participating in coin wars by hosting Clash of the Quarters November 18-26. Bring your coins (or dollars) to help us raise money and fulfill holiday wishes. How it works: as students enter the building each morning, they will place quarters in their own grade level buckets because quarters are positive points (.25 = 25 points). All other coins and dollars should be placed in other grade

levels because these take points away (\$1 = 100 negative points). Points will be tallied daily to keep track of the grade in the lead and we will see which grade reigns supreme by the end of coin collecting on the 26th.

We also need volunteers to help count and roll the coins each day.

[Clash of the Quarters counting](#)

Email lorenhillier@gmail.com with any questions.

Support during the holidays

As the season of celebrations and holidays approaches, Wilson is partnering with 9United, a local service organization, to provide students with opportunities to benefit local families. If Wilson or 9United would be able to provide assistance through clothing, gifts, or family needs, please contact me Erinstorer@foresthills.edu or Jean Bode, school counselor, at jeanbode@forsthills.edu to have a confidential conversation about how we can assist you.

Counselor's Corner: Jean Bode, jeanbode@foresthills.edu

Wellness Theme for October: Being Responsible

You're pulling into soccer practice when you hear an "uh-oh" from the backseat. Your son has realized that he's left his cleats at home--again. Exasperated, you ask, "Why can't you be more responsible?!" Most of us can relate to this scene all too well. [Read more here](#) about the skills taught and what families can do to

support the lessons.

Mindful Music Moments:

Check out what our [5th Graders experienced](#) with The Well!

“Wonder” is the Mindful Music Moments’ theme for October, which is a special music commission for all MMM schools. **The Wonder Commission** is a new music commission of The Well, composed by Dr. Brian Raphael Nabors and performed by the Antigone Music Collective. Inspiration for the new music emerges from Nabors’ conversation with writer, physicist, and professor at MIT, Alan Lightman. The music also integrates the voices of youth from [UpSpring](#)’s Summer 360 camp for unhoused youth and their questions about science, wonder, and hope.

The new music will premiere in over 300 schools listening to [Mindful Music Moments](#) (pw is mindfulwilson) and online on October 7, 2024. [Please check this out for more details](#) about this exciting experience for our kids.

Resource to share:

- [The Screenages Podcast](#)-How to Delay Social Media and Smartphone Use with Wait til 8th

Just ask! Please reach out to me if I can do anything for your family.

Anything else I can do? Just ask! Smiles 😊 Jean Bode
jeanbode@foresthills.edu

GET READY TO BOWL!

Wilson Bowling Club 2024-2025

8 Week Session: Thursdays, 4:15 - 5:30 pm
February 20th - April 17th

Where: Cherry Grove Lanes, 4005 Hopper Hill Road

Who: ALL Wilson Kids

Bumper Bowling: K - 3rd Grade

Regular Bowling: 4th - 6th grade

Cost: \$75.00

This is a Wilson Elementary PTO-sponsored event.

Registration and payment are due by February 7, 2025 or until spots are filled.

[Click the Bowling Club Flyer for more information](#)

[CLICK HERE to register](#)

Payment can be made via credit card through the Store tab in Membership Toolkit

[Click HERE to pay for Bowling Club 2024-2025](#)

Once payment is received and teams are finalized, parents will be contacted by email to confirm enrollment and team placement.

Questions? Contact Tracy Tekulve (tracytek3@gmail.com, 513-307-1939)

Wilson PTO's Girls VIP Dance

🤠 Yeehaw, Cowpokes! 🤠

We're fixin' to have a *rootin'-tootin' good time* at Wilson Elementary's Western Style Girls VIP Dance on Saturday, November 23rd, but

we're gonna need some mighty fine [volunteers](#) to help pull it all together! If you're ready to hitch up your boots and lend a hand!

Here's the scoop, pardners:

🌱 Friday, November 22nd – We'll be needin' folks to help wrangle decorations and get this shindig lookin' finer than a new saddle!

🌱 Saturday, November 23rd – We need some extra hands to check in our VIPs, serve up refreshments, and keep those dance floors hoppin'!

Dust off that hat, grab your spurs, and let's make it a hoedown to remember! Yeehaw!

SIGN UP HERE- [LINK](#)

REGISTER FOR DANCE HERE- [LINK](#)

Kindergarten Tuition

Kindergarten tuition for All Day Kindergarten is due the first day of each month. It is helpful to add this to your calendar so you are able to get your payment in on time. We appreciate it!

Art Room Volunteers

Please sign up to help with clay projects in the art room for students in kindergarten through 2nd grade the week of November 18th. Mrs. Fender needs help with carving names into projects, handing out materials, and just supervising the students with clay.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0844AEAB2EABFD0-52761559-wilson>

Innovation Lab (iLab) Volunteer Opportunities

We do STEM related Lessons and Check Out Books, too. Please use this link to reserve your spot! [iLab Sign Up Genius Link](#)

Ski Club: Grab Your Ski Club Passes Now!

Sign up now to receive a 30% discount off passes. After November 3rd the discount drops to 20%.

Ski Club is a program run by Perfect North Slopes that offers discounted ski passes and a dedicated day for Wildcat's and their families to ski together. Wilson Ski Club starts January 8th! If Wednesday does not work for your Wildcat/family you can still buy a discounted pass and ski a different day of the week.

TO JOIN SKI CLUB:

1. Fill out the ski club google form [HERE](#)
2. Purchase your ski club pass by November 3rd [HERE](#).

[Login = wilson. Password = catwalk]

Choose the pass that suits your Wildcat(s) best. *If you need rentals make sure to add rentals.* The exclusive 4-visit club pass with rentals is \$199. Without rentals it's \$139. FRIENDS AND FAMILY CAN SIGN UP FOR THIS PASS!

3. Fill out the PTO Medical Emergency Form [HERE](#) (If it's no longer listed you filled it out already)
4. Ski Club spirit wear is now available [HERE](#)

**** Please note the PTO is no longer providing busing for 4th-6th Graders and we encourage you to carpool with other classmates.*

Questions? email the PTO – wearewilsonpto@gmail.com

Wilson Lunch Menus for November

Please see the link to view the lunch menus for each month.

[Wilson Elementary Lunch Menus 24-25](#). We have also included the November lunch menu below. [November Lunch Menu](#)

Wilson Lunchroom Volunteers

We LOVE having volunteers help out in our cafeteria. It is our expectation that you remain in the designated area for which you are volunteering. For example, if you are volunteering in the cafeteria, please do not walk to your child's classroom or peek into a unified arts class to see what your child is doing. We appreciate your help with this.

Below is the lunchroom volunteer sign-up link for August and September.

[November & December Lunchroom Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

[January Lunchroom Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

Restaurant Nights

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

Sunday, Nov. 10: NVT Pizza & Brew (11am-8pm)

Sunday, Nov. 17: Taste of Belgium (4-9pm)

Before / After-School Enrichment Programs

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

COMING IN DECEMBER:

Chess Club: Another chance to learn the basics of this lifelong game on Thursdays!

QSA Training: Keep working on your speed and agility on Wednesdays this winter.

Art Club: Brush up on your drawing and painting skills on Tuesday afternoons!

Strike Force Soccer: Keep your soccer skills strong by joining this club on Mondays!

District Information

Free and Reduced Price School Meals Reminder

Forest Hills School District strives to offer nutritious meals to all students and works to ensure that family finances are not a barrier. Students in households receiving benefits through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Ohio Works First (OWF) can receive free school meals regardless of income. Free meals are also available if the household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines. [Learn more here](#) and visit [PaySchoolsCentral](#) to fill out an application.

SPARK Night FINAL REMINDER | Nov. 13

Our annual SPARK Night will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at AHS! This special evening showcases different areas of science and technology with interactive exhibits hosted by our best and brightest high school science students. Younger students are invited to this fun-filled evening to explore STEM and related areas, and hopefully SPARK their interest in the district's annual Science and Innovation Fair in January. **Watch a [fun video here](#) to learn more, or check out our [event flyer](#) for more details!** See you there!

Science and Innovation Fair Registration NOW OPEN

Get your thinking caps on and work with your child to come up with ideas for the district's annual Science and Innovation Fair! The deadline to submit projects is December 9, and the event will take place on Saturday, January 25. Anyone in grades K-12 can participate and it provides students with an excellent learning experience and opportunity to explore creative concepts related to STEM and other fields. [Click here to see an informational flyer with more details.](#)

Forest Hills Foundation for Education

For everyone already registered for the Denim & Diamonds Fundraiser Party, today is the last day to fill out the form for your \$10 gaming card from Belterra. The form is linked in your registration receipt. No forms will be accepted after today, 11/8. And for everyone else, you have until this Sunday, 11/10, to [register for the event!](#) Check out the Foundation's social media posts to find out about some amazing live auction experiences. We are so excited to support all Forest Hills students while partying with YOU at Belterra with live music and entertainment provided by the Naked Karate Girls! If you can't make the party of the season, you can register for the [Silent Auction for FREE](#). Bidding starts at 8am on 11/13 and ends at 10pm on 11/16. Mark your calendars! And don't sleep on those [Bengals raffle tickets!](#)

9United's Shop & Share 2024 is Here!

Let's work together as a community to support FHSD families this holiday season! How can you help? [Click here to view the 9United flyer](#) for more details! Use the QR codes on the flyer to:

- Sponsor a family this holiday season by requesting and shopping for their "wish list"
- Participate in your elementary school's coin collection November 18 – 26
- Donate any amount to our efforts
- Join us for our Shop & Share community shopping night at Target on December 11 from 4 – 7 p.m.

Community Events

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

- The Anderson Township Library Association is holding a holiday and nearly new book sale from Nov. 7-9 at the Anderson Branch Library. [Click here to view a flyer with details.](#)
- Anderson Middies Lacrosse is hosting an open field practice on Saturday, November 9 for girls in grades 3-8! The practice will be held at 2:30 p.m. at Turpin High School. [Click here for details.](#)
- AHS Men's Basketball 3-on-3 Tournament will take place Nov. 16! All students in grades 2-6 are invited to round up a team and participate. Deadline to register is Nov. 9. [Details and registration link.](#)

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

K-4 Unified Arts Friday Rotation

Friday, November 15 will be a “Monday.”

Nov. 11

- Veterans Day

Nov. 12

Nov. 13

Nov. 14

- Third Grade Field Trip to the Heritage Museum 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

Nov. 15

Nov. 16

- FHFE Fall Soiree