

October 11, 2024

Wildcat Families,

We appreciate all of your dedication and support as our students participated in our walkathon last Friday. The weather was perfect and we had so much fun! Our students loved seeing all of our families cheering them on!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who was able to come to Fall Fest last Sunday. We had a great turnout and it was great to connect with so many of you! We are so grateful for an incredible PTO and community who is always thinking of ways to build connections between our families and students.

Yesterday was a long day for our teachers as they taught all day and then began our first round of parent-teacher conferences. For our Wildcats to be successful, the work we do in school requires your support at home. Your participation and engagement in your children's learning is a critical piece of the puzzle. If you missed last night's conferences, most of our teachers still have availability on November 4. Please see the sign-up information below.

Students are not in school today or Monday for Fall Break. We hope you have a wonderful Fall Break.

Take care,
Erin and Brian

Building Information

End of First Quarter

The end of the first quarter grading period is next Friday. Once the quarter ends our teachers will begin work compiling report card information. Report cards will come home with students on October 25.

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

During our Becoming a Good Friend wellness lessons this past month, students learned essential skills for healthy friendships. [Read more here](#) about the skills taught and what families can do to support the lessons.

Resource to share:

- [The Screenages Podcast](#)-How to Delay Social Media and Smartphone Use with Wait til 8th
- [Screening of Screenagers-Elementary Edition Waldorf School Sunday Oct. 6th](#)

Mindful Music Moments:

“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.

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
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Information for 6th Grade Families

ALL students must have the following completed to attend ANY 6th grade event this year including skate party or Olympic Day.

- Emergency Medical Form
- 6th Grade Permission Slip
- 6th Grade Activity Fee

[CLICK HERE \(https://www.wilson-pto.org/open_forms\)](https://www.wilson-pto.org/open_forms) to complete any or all of the above. If it's not there, you have completed it.

We need ALL forms completed by October 15.

ALL in Food Drive

Wilson and All FHSD Schools are collecting items to help stock the shelves of [Interparish Ministries](#) which is a local organization that supports families in need. A 6th grade leadership team is coordinating the All in Food Drive, they will be in the front hall each morning Tuesday, Oct. 15-Friday Oct 18th to collect the following items:

- Toilet Paper
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Canned ham, chicken, tuna and beef stew
- Canned Peas or Carrots
- Canned mandarin oranges and pineapple
- Canned pasta (Raviloit, Spaghetti-Os with meat)

Together we can make a big difference!

Wilson PTO's Girls VIP Dance

Get ready to dust off your boots and join us for a rootin' tootin' good time at the Wilson PTO's Girls VIP Dance! This fun-filled event is open to all girls at Wilson Elementary and their VIP (Very Important Person). Come dressed in your best western attire and enjoy a night of dancing, games, and unforgettable memories.

When: November 23, 2024

Time: 6:00-8:30pm

Where: Wilson Elementary Gym

Who: All girls and their VIP (Very Important Person)

Cost: \$10 per family

Theme: Western!

Register by 11/15: <https://www.wilson-pto.org/packet/16500>

(You must log into Wilson PTO website, click on STORE and click on GIRLS VIP EVENT)

Don't miss out on this amazing evening—round up your VIP and join the fun!

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!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Fall conferences are scheduled throughout the day on November 4. Registration for conferences is now open. To sign up for a conference, please visit www.myconferencetime.com/wilson.

Picture Retakes and 6th Grade “W” Picture

Picture retakes are scheduled for October 21. Our 6th Grade “W” picture will be on October 21 as well. The “W” picture will be taken at 9:30 am.

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

Snow flakes may be far from our minds but Ski Club passes are now available! 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. Starting in January, we encourage Wildcats and their families to hit the slopes together and ski on Wednesdays! If Wednesday doesn't work for your Wildcat/family you can still buy a pass and ski a different day.

Sign up now to receive a 30% discount off passes. After November 3rd the discount drops to 20%. The first day at Perfect North for the Wilson Ski Club is Wednesday, January 8th.

1. Fill out the ski club google form [HERE](#)
2. Purchase your ski club pass by November 3rd [HERE](#).
Login = wilson. Password = catwalk.
3. Fill out the PTO Medical Emergency Form [HERE](#) -If you already filled out the medical form it will not be available.
4. Ski Club Gear is now available [HERE](#)

Ordering by November 5th entitles you to a 30% discount off any pass.

Choose one 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. PASS IS AVAILABLE FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

*** 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 October

Please see the lunch menu below for October. Our cafeteria staff work super hard each and everyday and we appreciate all they do for our Wildcats! [OCTOBER 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.

[Lunchroom Volunteers Sign Up Link: October](#)

Restaurant Nights

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

Thursday, Oct. 17: Raising Cane's (2-9pm)

Monday, Oct. 28: Kitchen 1883 (all day!)

Before / After-School Enrichment Programs

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

Jewelry Making: Learn how to make jewelry! Supplies provided.

Sewing: Learn the basics of sewing! Supplies provided.

Pickleball/Tennis: A second chance to learn the basics of both racquet games!

District Information

FHSD's Annual All In Food Drive to Support IPM Food Pantry

The All In Food Drive is BACK! All buildings will be collecting donations of personal care items, hygiene supplies or non-perishable food (no glass containers) from October 15-18. Any donation, big or small, is a huge help to families in need in our area, and we hope you will consider sending items in with your student next week! Additionally, AHS student volunteers have been collecting donations each weekend at the Kroger in Anderson Towne Center. This helps support their annual Freshman Day of Service, where the 9th grade class assembles Power Packs that are donated to IPM Food Pantry. Thank you to the Forest Hills Council of PTOs for leading this truly valuable effort! Thank you, also, to our families and community members who support this work.

If families are not able to bring in items to school the week of October 14 but would still like to contribute, below are some alternative ways of donating:

- [Donate directly to IPM Food Pantry](#)
- [Contribute to Anderson's Power Packs with its Amazon Wish List](#)

October is School Safety Month in Ohio | School Bus Safety

In recognition of Ohio's School Safety Month, FHSD wants to share important information with families across a variety of topics. School bus safety is such a crucial topic for students, family members and the entire community to be aware of. Please take a moment to [review this helpful brochure](#) from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce to learn about safety tips, when to stop for a school bus and much more!

Safety Message for Outdoor Spaces

FHSD is aware of an increased number of bees at multiple schools this fall. Please know that we take the safety of students, staff and visitors extremely seriously, and we're working diligently to address this issue. We have had pest control services on site at all 12 district properties to evaluate and treat the problem areas. Our understanding is that two mild winters in a row is contributing to this problem across our region, so it is not something unique to our schools. Our custodial teams are washing all garbage cans, spraying areas with bee spray and adjusting our recycling schedule in response to these challenges.

REGISTER NOW: FHSD Parent Academy Returns October 22

Our popular Parent Academy series returns on Tuesday, October 22 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!

Village Connections: All About Transition

Families of students with special needs are encouraged to attend this session at the October 22 Parent Academy Night. Village Connections is a special education information and support community that connects families with each other and with important resources throughout the region. All About Transition will include a panel of past graduates' parents who can share insight on having a child with autism attend college classes away from home, UC's TAPP Program and how it can prepare students for work and adult life, and things to know before exploring living and day programs. The evening will also include Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services Transition Navigator Brianne Riffle. [Click here to register now!](#)

Get Your Tickets for the Fall Theatre Productions!

The Anderson and Turpin theatre programs are once again collaborating on their fall theatre and film productions! First up is **Chicago: Teen Edition**, which runs Oct. 25-27 at AHS, and features the famous songs and story from the longest-running show revival in Broadway history. **Lord of the Flies**, which runs Nov. 1-3 at THS, is a stage adaptation of William Golding's classic novel that tells a chilling tale of schoolboys stranded on an island. We hope to see you there!

- [Chicago: Teen Edition Tickets](#)
- [Lord of the Flies Tickets](#)

Forest Hills Foundation for Education

The Denim & Diamonds Fundraiser and Party at Belterra Park featuring entertainment by the Naked Karate Girls will be a blast! We are raffling off 4 Club Level seats to the Bengals vs. Browns game on 12/19/24 with VIP sideline passes! Details on how to purchase Early Bird tickets to the party and raffle tickets for the Bengals game are coming very soon. Save the date: Saturday, November 16, from 7:30-11 p.m.

Elementary Hearing and Visions Screenings Notice

FHSD is partnering with Xavier University to administer vision and hearing screenings for all students in preschool, kindergarten, first, third, and fifth grades this fall. Wilson Elementary will have vision/hearing screenings on October 22nd. These screenings are required by law. For more information about the screenings, including how to opt a student out, please [click here](#).

Community Events

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

- Anderson Middies Lacrosse is hosting an open field practice on Sunday, October 20 for girls in grades 3-8! The practice will be held at 2:30 p.m. at Turpin High School. [Click here for details.](#)

- Support the Assistance League of Greater Cincinnati! This organization is collecting donations of home goods (blankets, sheets, kitchen items etc.) to provide to women and children leaving local shelters for permanent housing. [Click here for more information and to learn how to donate!](#)
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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](#)

Upcoming Events

K-4 Unified Arts Friday Rotation

Friday, October 18 will be a “Monday.”

Friday, October 25 will be a “Wednesday.”

Oct.14

- No School (Fall Break)

Oct. 15 All in Food Drive

Oct. 16 All in Food Drive

Oct. 17 All in Food Drive

- Wilson Way Teams Meeting 10:10 am to 10:55 am

Oct. 18 All in Food Drive

- End of the First Quarter