

September 27, 2024

Wildcat Families,

While we were very excited to host the Walkathon today, unfortunately Hurricane Helene had different plans for us. Our thoughts are with all those impacted by the storm. With today's weather, we have postponed the Walkathon until next Friday, October 4. We will still follow the original schedule for walk times, so we hope you'll still be able to cheer our Wildcats as they walk down Montchateau next week. We apologize for the inconvenience and certainly appreciate your understanding.

The buildup to Walkathon is always an exciting time. A special thank you is also in order for those who showed up each and every day to count the donations. Of course, the extra special thank you goes to each of you for your donations. We know a donation to school can stretch the monthly budget, but please know how grateful we are for your continued generosity. We're able to do some really amazing things for our kids because of your willingness to support Wilson. Thank you so much!

Despite the postponement of Walkathon, **we are still planning to host Fall Fest on Sunday as originally planned.** We hope you'll be able to join us from 5:00-7:00 for some Wilson Wildcat fun. More information for the event can be found below.

It's hard to believe that we're already closing in on our first round of parent-teacher conferences. Conferences are scheduled for the evening of October 10 and throughout the day on November 4. To sign up for a conference, please see the information below.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Erin and Brian

## Building Information

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### Fall Fest Volunteers

Fall Fest is Sunday, September 29th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm and relies on our Wilson volunteers to make the event a success! Thank you for considering helping out with Fall Fest.

[Volunteer Sign Up Link](#)

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### Fall Fest 2024

We hope you can join us at Wilson on Sunday, September 29th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm for our annual Fall Fest! A shuttle bus will be available at Clough United Methodist Church (2010 Wolfangel) to help with the limited parking on campus. Please see the link for more information! [LINK](#)

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### Morning Drop Off

In order to best maintain the flow of traffic, please remain in your vehicle. If your Wildcat is having a difficult time unbuckling let one of our staff know and we'd be happy to help.

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**Counselor's Corner: Jean Bode**, [jeanbode@foresthills.edu](mailto:jeanbode@foresthills.edu)

**Wilson has a new author!** [Check this out.](#)

**Resource to share:** Love and Logic article [Why Lecturing Isn't Working – And What to Do Instead](#) Check out [Love and Logic](#) for many more resources, this is my top resource to share with families!

**Mindful Music Moments:** We are excited to once again partner with [The Well](#) who provides Wilson with [Mindful Music Moments](#) each morning. Anyone in the Wilson community can log on to access resources and participate in MMM anytime. [Link to MMM](#), the password is mindfulwilson. Our whole school spends the first 4-ish minutes each morning in a calm way. There is a lot of research available on The Well website.

**Just ask!** Please reach out to me if I can do anything for your family. [See link](#) for ways I can support your family. There will be different offerings throughout the year, right now I have LOTS of donated **school supplies** if you need some for your kids either at school or home.

Anything else I can do? Just ask! Smiles 😊 Jean Bode  
[jeanbode@foresthills.edu](mailto:jeanbode@foresthills.edu)

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### **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!

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## **School Fees**

School fees for the 24-25 school year are **due by September 30 (This Monday)**. School fees are \$50 and ALL students must pay a technology fee of \$75 per student.

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## **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Fall conferences are scheduled for the evening of October 10 and throughout the day on November 4. Registration for conferences is now open. To sign up for a conference, please visit [www.myconferencetime.com/wilson](http://www.myconferencetime.com/wilson).

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## **FHSD School Connection Survey – Voluntary Student Survey**

Between September 23-October 7, all Forest Hills students will have the opportunity to participate in our FHSD School Connection Survey. Student feedback from this survey will help our teachers, counselors, and administrators gain insight into the 'student experience' with the goal of addressing present needs, while planning for our students' future success. The survey will take approximately 20 minutes, is completely voluntary, and will be administered during school hours. Additionally, there are no consequences for students who do not participate, and no information obtained will be stored on a third-party server. To request that your student NOT participate in the survey and to learn more, visit the [Student Connection Survey Opt Out Form](#).

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## **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.

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## **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](#)

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## **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](mailto:wearewilsonpto@gmail.com)

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### **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](#)

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### **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](#)

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## **Restaurant Nights**

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

Monday, Sept. 30: Chipotle @ Beechmont Town Center (4-8pm)

Tuesday, Oct. 8: NVT Pizza & Brew (4-8pm)

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

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## **Before / After-School Enrichment Programs**

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

Cool Critters: Learn about and pet all kinds of animals!

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!

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## **District Information**

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### **Second and Fourth Grade CogAT Testing**

Ohio's revised standards for gifted education require that all districts offer cognitive testing once during the K-2 grade band and once

during the 3-6 grade band. The Forest Hills School District will be testing in grades 2 and 4 for the 2024-2025 school year. The CogAT Test measures the level and pattern of cognitive development of a student compared to age mates and grade mates. These general reasoning abilities, which start developing at birth and continue through early adulthood, are influenced by experiences gained both in and out of school.

All second and fourth graders in the Forest Hills School District will be taking the CogAT assessment. **Fourth grade will take the assessment September 30-October 3, 2024** with Makeups on Oct. 4, 2024. **Second grade will take the assessment on February 24-28, 2025.** Make ups will take place March 11-12, 2025.

The test is divided into 3 subtests, verbal, non-verbal, and quantitative, which take approximately 45 minutes each. Students will do these subtests over the course of three settings in the classroom. This testing is used to identify students who are cognitively gifted. We use this information as a measure for providing gifted services and support for student learning.

Since this assessment is about how students think, there is nothing you need to do to prepare your child. It is all about how students process information, recognize patterns, and make connections with pictures, numbers, and symbols. The best way to help your child is to make sure they have a good night's sleep and breakfast.

Please visit Forest Hills website at, <https://www.foresthills.edu/departments/student-services/gifted-education/> for details regarding gifted services at all grade bands: K-3, 4-6, 7-8, and 9-12.



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## **iReady Reports**

We are committed to sharing feedback on how your child is doing academically. Yesterday, all students should have come home with their iReady reports. This [letter](#) will also explain the report further. If you have questions, please reach out to your child's teacher.

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## **FHSD Parent Academy Returns October 22 - Register Now!**

Our popular Parent Academy series is BACK for the 2024-2025 school year! Join us at Nagel Middle School on Tuesday, October 22 from 6:30-8 p.m. for a fun-filled, educational evening. Expert speakers will cover a variety of topics like gifted education, suicide prevention, drug prevention and safety, and more! Our featured speaker for this event is:

- Beech Acres Parenting Center presents "Talking to your kids about...Puberty/Human Development/Sex Ed," with practical tips, age-appropriate language and strategies to foster open and honest communication with your children about their changing bodies.

Thanks to generous support from the Forest Hills Foundation for Education, we are once again able to offer light food and childcare for families interested in attending.

- [FHSD Parent Academy Article](#)
- [Full Schedule/Topics - October 22](#)
- [Registration Form - October 22](#)

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**Forest Hills Foundation for Education**

Join us this fall as we go **Full STEAM Ahead** fundraising for Forest Hills students! Our goal is to raise **\$33,000** to support STEAM K-12 education, filling the gap left by limited state and federal funding. A solid STEAM education prepares students for life by encouraging them to think critically, problem solve, use creativity, and collaborate. **Be a part of building their future today.** Thanks to the following alumni for providing matching gifts totaling over \$16,000: **Michael Cash** (Turpin) **Forest Heis Sr** (Turpin) **Chris Colenda** (Anderson) and **Dan Fleming** (Anderson). [Donate now](#) and double your impact for our Forest Hills students.

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### **Update from the Forest Hills Band Boosters!**

Congratulations for the Forest Hills Marching Band for grand champions of the Norwood Competition earlier this month! Make sure to mark your calendars for upcoming events including football games and competition performances. The Forest Hills Bands will be hosting the Band Expo at Turpin HS on Saturday, October 19th. Forest Hills Band Boosters help support the District Band Programs grades 5-12. [Join the Band Boosters](#) and help support these programs district wide.

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### **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](#).

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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**

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

Friday, October 4 will be a “Tuesday.”

### **Sept. 29**

- Fall Fest @ Wilson (5:00-7:00)

**Sept. 30**

- 4th Grade CogAT

**Oct. 1**

- 4th Grade CogAT

**Oct. 2**

- 4th Grade CogAT

**Oct. 3**

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**Oct. 4**

- Walkathon (Rescheduled from 9/27)
- Snowie for Students