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# Lake Views—June 2017

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We unite in our purpose to inspire and prepare learners for life in our  
changing world community

Lake Wilcox Public School

June 2017

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## Character Matters

### Optimism

No one ever injured  
their eyesight by looking  
on the bright side of  
things.  
*Helen Keller*

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## From the Principal's desk...

The month of June is here and it will be a busy month at Lake Wilcox! Students are working diligently to complete culminating tasks and final assessments of their learning. Grade 8 staff, students and parent volunteers are busy preparing for Graduation which will be held on June 28 at Richmond Green High School and then back at Lake Wilcox for the dance and dinner portion of the evening. Preparations are also underway for the Track and Field events which will begin this week.

In the month of May we celebrated the Arts at Lake Wilcox with Arts Night. Students from all grades showcased their artwork and participated in many engaging workshops with their families! We thank our staff for their contributions to the evening, as well as our wonderful families who participated with duct tape, making felt, making puppets, doodling superheroes and creating treasure with found objects! It was such a fun night! We are so happy to see that the warmer weather is on its way after a very

rainy April and May. Please be reminded to practice Safe Sun and use sunscreen on your child so that they are comfortable during their outdoor recess times. Students also benefit from bringing a reusable water bottle to school to use for water throughout the day. We thank our School Council members for their ongoing support throughout the year. We look forward to continued engagement with our community partners in the coming school year. Your involvement in Council and school activities is always welcome! Call the office to see how you can get involved! We have lots of opportunities, big and small available!

Our Spring Music Concert will take place on Thursday, June 15 at 7pm. Please join us to listen to our very talented student musicians! Thank you to Ms. Mary Ridgley for her hard work with all of the musical performances all year long. The last day of school is June 29. Dismissal will be at 11:05 am. If your child is bussed to school, they will be bussed home as usual

on the last day. If you are picking up, please note the early pick up time. We will be sending home our final newsletter of the year later this month. In the meantime, we look forward to many engaging learning experiences for our students here at the Lake and we appreciate your ongoing support of student learning.



<https://twitter.com/lakewilcoxps>

**June 29th, 2017**

**Early Dismissal**

**11:05 am**



**The last day to return  
library books is  
June, 12th.**

## Library News

The last day for book exchange will be Friday, June 9th. There will be a prize awarded to the first class that returns all its books (or pays for lost books).

Please be advised that students who have not returned overdue books or paid for lost books by June 12th will **not be able to borrow books in September from any York Region school or their new high school.**

## Summer Registration

Parents who wish to register their children during July and August may do so at the Community Education Centre Central located at 317 Centre Street East, Richmond Hill (905) 884-4477.

**School will begin on Tuesday, September 5th, 2017.**



## Kindergarten Registration

We are continuing to register new JK and SK students for the upcoming school year. Students eligible for Junior Kindergarten in September would have been born in 2013. Students currently in Junior Kindergarten do not have to re-register for Senior Kindergarten. Next year's Kindergarten Program will again be full day/every day.

The documentation that is required for registration is:

- Birth certificate OR passport and landed immigration papers
- Proof of residency (e.g. utility bill, tax bill or offer to purchase of home)

**Thursday, June 29th is an  
Early Dismissal Day.  
Students leave  
at 11:05 am**

## Early Dismissal in Elementary Schools, Thursday, June 29th, 2017

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to improving student achievement and well-being. On **Thursday, June 29th, 2017** an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to take part in meetings during the afternoon of that day. These meetings will allow for school staff to engage in culminating activities regarding the review and revision of the School's Improvement Plan as well as year-end and transition activities that support student success.

As has been our practice in the past, students will attend school during the morning of Thursday, June 29th, 2017 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at **11:05 am**. Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bussed to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Parents/guardians whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.



## Summer Institute

The York Regions District School Board's Summer Institute is a program that offers academic, recreation and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Weekly programs run from July 4 until August 11th, 2017.

The program returns to Lake Wilcox Public School this summer. Please see the Board's website for more information at: [www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

**Student's bussing eligibility can change throughout their school career**



## Student Bussing Eligibility

Did you know that students' bussing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:

All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are **not** eligible for transportation  
 All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are **not** eligible for transportation  
 All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.

To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca)  
 For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)



**Class Placement Information is shared on September 5th**

## Class Placement

Over recent weeks, Lake Wilcox staff have met in grade groupings to discuss student placement for the creation of next year's classes. While we recognize that there are many benefits to sharing class placement information in June, the movement of families in and out of the community over the summer months invariably impacts school enrolment and cannot be predicted in advance. The primary "hard cap" of 20 will necessitate that classes created now be ad-

justed in early September to ensure compliance with Ministry requirements. We recognize that withholding this information until September is challenging for families wishing to reassure children as well as for teachers who are eager to get set up to welcome their new students. This practice is consistent in all schools in the Central area.

Class placement information will be shared on **opening day (September 5, 2017)**.

Information tables will be set up around the school on opening day for the sharing of class placement. Class placements will remain tentative for the first few weeks of September as we may need to make adjustments to comply with class size guidelines. We regret any inconvenience or anxiety that this process may cause to your family.

## Thank You Parents!

**What a great example you set when you model the character education attributes**

School staff and parents share a common purpose and to reach our goals we must be a strong team and think like a community. Your daily presence in the school, in the classrooms and accompanying classes on field trips helps to remind us that we aren't just teaching students, we are touching the lives of children and their families.

We are very fortunate to have many parent volunteers that are able to donate time, expertise and energy to supporting school activities. There is a

generosity of spirit and commitment to teamwork among the Lake Wilcox volunteers that contributes to the positive school experience for our students. Considerable research exists that touts the tremendous benefits for children whose parents are connected in some way to school life. Your interest in school activities and contributions demonstrate the value you place on education and in helping to shape a bright future for your children.

We hope that you will continue to feel valued and welcomed at Lake Wilcox during your child (ren)'s elementary years. What a great example you set when you model the character education attributes for our students (initiative, perseverance, integrity, fairness, responsibility, respect and commitment).





# ATTENTION PARENTS!

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## ***Message from our Trustee***

As we near the end of the school year, I want to thank you for all that you do to strengthen our schools and communities. This is a good time to celebrate your child's achievements over the past year.

One of our goals in the [Trustees' Multi-Year Plan](#) is to "continuously increase student achievement and well-being through a culture and caring and learning." That includes a culture that emphasizes engagement and positive relationships among all the members of the school community – students, staff members, families and community members.

You, as parents/guardians, are our most important partners when it comes to education. The support you have provided to your child throughout this past school year will help to strengthen our schools and make a difference to your child's learning.

I encourage you to continue engaging your child in learning throughout the summer, and to help them to see the connections between what they are learning in school and the world around them. There are so many opportunities to do this over the summer, whether that's planning a budget with your child, enjoying the natural beauty in York Region, reading a book or visiting local sites. Whatever your plans are this summer, I wish you all a successful end to the school year, and a safe and enjoyable summer.

## Drowning prevention: Splash into safety



Swimming is a popular and fun activity, however, drowning is the second leading cause of injury-related death of children under the age of 14. Minimize your child's risk in and around water:

- Actively supervise. Stay in sight and reach of children at all times and avoid talking on the phone or reading a book. Even children who can swim need adult supervision
- Get trained. An experienced adult who knows how to react in an emergency situation should provide supervision. Caregivers who are weak swimmers should take swimming lessons and learn First Aid and CPR
- Use lifejackets. Put young children and weak swimmers in a lifejacket or Personal Floatation Device (PFD)

Teach kids how to swim. Children under five years of age do not have the physical skills to perform swimming strokes on their own. Children five years of age and older can begin to learn swimming strokes and water skills by enrolling in swimming lessons.

Adapted from Safe Kids Canada, 2010

For health-related information call York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653, TTY 1-866-252-9933 or visit [www.york.ca/healthyschools](http://www.york.ca/healthyschools)



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## Be SUNSMART



One bad sunburn in childhood can double the risk of developing skin cancer (Canadian Cancer Society). Help protect you and your family:

- Reduce sun exposure between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. or when the UV index is 3 or more
- Seek shade or create your own shade
- SLIP! on lightweight clothing that covers your arms and legs
- SLAP! on a wide brimmed hat and UV protected sunglasses with wraparound frames and even shading
- SLOP! on sunscreen and lip balm with SPF 30 or higher and reapply every 2 hours
- Keep babies under one year out of the direct sun

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## Get Active!

Physical activity is something you know you should do every day to better your health. Still, a busy schedule and distractions throughout the day can impact your physical activity choices, your enjoyment of a specific activity, support you may receive from those around you, and even your confidence in participating.

Getting a daily dose of physical activity through “recreational” activities during free time can be a fun way of bettering your health.

One definition of recreation is an “activity done for enjoyment when one is not working”. Recreation is synonymous with pleasure, leisure, relaxation, fun, enjoyment, entertainment and amusement. While the majority of people’s time is spent on their own, in their own homes and communities, recreation can be a personal and meaningful way to fit physical activity and mental well-being into your life and the lives of your family.

Outdoor recreation activities can include something as simple and fun as walking and jogging on trails. You can read through the [Everyday Guide to the York Regional Forest](#) to get ideas as to what trails to try. As well, the [City of Richmond Hill—Community Recreation Guide website](#) offers various types of indoor and outdoor recreation activities for everyone, of any ability.

June, meanwhile, is [Parks and Recreation](#) month where you can increase your awareness, and celebrate the benefits of, recreation and parks with your whole family.

Getting active through recreation doesn’t mean you have to follow the [recommended daily physical activity guideline](#) for your age all at once. Even 10 minutes at one time can benefit your physical and mental health. It can help clear your mind, help you cope with stressful life circumstances, provide you with opportunities to receive and give support, and experience a sense of competence, purpose and belonging.

Finding physical activity in recreation is fun and worthwhile for everyone’s physical and mental health!

## Good bye.....Graduating Class of 2017!

We’d like to say farewell to our graduating students as they move on to the secondary school educational experience. Many of our students have been a part of the Lake Wilcox family since junior kindergarten and have made major contributions to the school and community. You are truly a special group! On behalf of your teachers and staff, we all wish you the very best of luck in your futures, and hope that Lake Wilcox has helped to prepare you for what lies ahead. Good luck!

## End of Year...

As the school year winds down, parents are asked to do the following:

1. Check the Lost and Found by Friday June 16th, at which point all remaining belongings will be donated to a needy organization.
2. Collect all medications and Epi-pens on the last day of school.
3. Advise the office if your child(ren) will not be returning in September.





## School Council Newsletter-June2017

### Our Vision

School Council believes that education is a partnership involving parents, students, teachers, principals, community and school boards.

Our vision is to build community within the school and enhance communication with our students and families.

### Volunteer Highlights:

At this time of the year we wish to extend our thanks to every parent, grandparent, high school student, neighbourhood friend and tutor in the classroom who have so generously given their time and put in so much effort to make Lake Wilcox the best school anywhere. Without all of your valuable hours and extraordinary commitment we couldn't have done it without you.

*"The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your own arm"* (Swedish Proverb)  
Winston Churchill.

### 2016/2017 Parent Council Members

<b>Chair</b> Christine E.	<b>Members-at-Large</b> Tatiana D. Lee M. Christos B. Koren G.
<b>Vice Chair</b> Lisa T.	
<b>Treasurer</b> Anne Marie K.	<b>Administration</b> Ms. D. Dal Bello Mrs. T. Dynes
<b>Secretary</b> Mehran R.	

### Hello, from LWPS Council!

We at council are fully aware that all of you might be a little bit sorry to see the month of June come up on the calendar. To have the whole summer off can be a bit daunting...what will you do with your time when there are no homework assignments and days full of academics? Just kidding! We know that the end of school is always a welcome break.

Important dates in June, 2017.

**June 18-- FATHER'S DAY**

**June 27-- CANADIAN MULTICULTURALISM DAY**

**June 29-- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!! Early dismissal**

We want to wish all Lake Wilcox graduates our congratulations and our best wishes for your next academic chapter. It is an exciting time and some students can be a little nervous transitioning to high school, but the experience will never be forgotten. There are so many roads ahead for all of you. What an amazing time in your life. Go for it!

Thank you to all our wonderful students, educators, and support staff at Lake Wilcox. It is an honour to be part of this school community.




Have a beautiful month. Be safe and have fun!

### School Council Meeting Dates

Please mark your calendars, come, and join us for the upcoming School Council Meetings. We welcome and encourage all parents to attend. It is a great way to know what is happening at the school, meet other parents and get involved.

The school council needs volunteers for our popular Hot Lunch service. Volunteers do not have to commit to every Thursday, and all help is greatly appreciated. Please contact the office if you want to be part of our great Hot Lunch program!

# June 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			<b>1</b> Day 3 Gr. 4's to the ROM Gr. 6-8, Track & Field  Hot Lunch Greek	<b>2</b> <b>P.A. DAY</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>5</b> Day 4 Character Assembly High Jump Competition Last week for Borrow A Book. All books to be returned this week.	<b>6</b> Day 5 Gr. 3—5 Track and Field	<b>7</b> Day 1 Frozen Yogurt	<b>8</b> Day 2  Hot Lunch Pasta	<b>9</b> Day 3 Last day to take out library books SK Graduation Celebration 8:15 am
<b>12</b> Day 4 Library books return day	<b>13</b> Day 5 Intermediate Area Track and Field	<b>14</b> Day 1 Frozen Yogurt	<b>15</b> Day 2 Spring Music Concert 1:00 pm dress rehearsal 7:00 pm concert  Hot Lunch Pizza	<b>16</b> Day 3 Little Red Robin Hood Play Dress Rehearsal all day
<b>19</b> Day 4 Little Red Robin Hood 10:30 am Gr. 4—8 1:15 pm Gr. K—3	<b>20</b> Day 5	<b>21</b> Day 1 Regional Track and Field Frozen Yogurt	<b>22</b> Day 2 Stambolich's class to Heritage School House <b>NO HOT LUNCH TODAY</b>	<b>23</b> Day 3 Olympic Day Gr. 1—8
<b>26</b> Day 4	<b>27</b> Day 5	<b>28</b> Day 1 Gr. 8 Graduation Report Cards go home	<b>29</b> Day 0 <b>Early Dismissal at 11:05 am</b>	<b>30</b> <b>P.A. DAY</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>

Have a wonderful summer vacation, see you in September.