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Lake Views—May 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

May 2017

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Character Matters

Respect

The true measure of
an individual is how
they treat a person
who can do them
absolutely no good

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From the Principal's desk...

The month of May is upon us and hopefully warmer temperatures and lots of sunshine! Many exciting learning opportunities are happening at Lake Wilcox! Our staff are engaging in professional learning sessions about Mathematics and Modern Learning, two of our Board foci. Students have been immersed in many engaging activities (Swim to Survive, Me to We, Basketball, Music Alive, Healthy Schools, Junior Achievement, V.I.P., ECO-Club to name a few) and achieved many successes. Congratulations to all students for being committed to your learning, participating in school activities and supporting all that we do here at school. A special shout out to our basketball team, all four have advanced to the regional level competition. With the support of our amazing School Council we recently hosted our Wellness Night on

April 6. Thank you to our Council, the many volunteers and the Student Ambassadors for sharing your time and effort to support such a great event at Lake Wilcox P.S. We will be honouring our incredible volunteers on May 16 here at the school with an Appreciation Tea at 9:45am.

On May 17 and 18 from 12:55 to 1:55pm, we welcome new families to our annual Welcome to Kindergarten event. Parents, please bring your new Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) student! We are excited to welcome our new families to our school! We continue to accept FDK registrations for September. If you are currently registered and are planning on moving or attending another school next year, please contact the office as soon as you can.

Our Provincial Assessment, E.Q.A.O., will commence this

month. A separate letter has already been sent home to our Grade 3 and 6 families. We ask that during the dates of the assessment, you avoid scheduling appointments or withdrawal of your child from school at those times. Their attendance during the assessments is vital to their success.

Throughout May and June, current homeroom teachers, support staff and administration will work together to develop balanced classes for the 2017-18 school year. All class placement decisions are made after extensive planning, preparation and discussion on the part of many people. Our primary goal is to create balanced classes that reflect the diversity of our learners, and allow the variety of interests and talents of our students to emerge.

As always, we value your partnership and support of your child's learning.

Performance Arts/ Music Night

With financial support from our dynamic School Council, Lake Wilcox is very excited to announce that we are having our third Family Arts Night on Thursday, May 4th (6:30-8:30). We are once again able to offer Art Workshops for students accompanied by a parent/guardian.

In the gym (6:30-8:30), a gallery of fabulous artwork, done by the students from every grade, will be on display. Families are invited to begin their evening in the gym where they can view beautiful artwork, listen to a talented musical ensemble and enjoy light refreshments. Our grade 8 students will be selling these refreshments to raise money for their graduation.

DATE FOR GRADE 8 GRADUATION:

Our grade 8 graduation ceremony will be held at Richmond Green High School starting at 5:00 pm. On Wednesday June 28th. The after party will be held at Lake Wilcox P.S.



**Grade 3 and 6
EQAO**

EQAO

Each year, students in grades 3 and 6 undergo a set of Ministry of Education assessments in reading, writing and mathematics. During the month of May and June, students in grade 3 and 6 will participate in province wide EQAO testing. These assessments provide beneficial information for the government, teachers, students and parents on the achievement levels of students in Ontario. They also provide valuable information for improving stu-

dent learning and can enhance instructional planning.

It is very important that all students in these grades are available to write the tests. This year, EQAO testing for both grade 3 and 6 will run between May 23 and June 1. We ask that you do not schedule appointments for your child during this time so we can minimize disruptions and distractions as well as avoid any makeup session for stu-

dents. Absent students are recorded in our scores and can greatly skew the results.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Additional information about the EQAO test is available at www.eqao.com. Parents of children in Grade 3 & 6 will receive more information in the month of May.



**Kindergarten Orientation
Wednesday May 17
Thursday May 18**

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 the 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)

tion time have been scheduled for **Wednesday, May 17 and Thursday May 18**. We look forward to welcoming our eager young learners in September!

Special Kindergarten Orienta-



Dress Code



During the warm weather months, children are to come to school dressed modestly yet comfortably, in a clean and appropriate manner respectful of self and others. Clothing must be appropriate for a school environment. No bare midriff, no visible undergarments, no short shorts (arm's length including fingertips is a good measure), no revealing tops, no spaghetti straps or low cut tank tops.

Straps should be 3 fingers wide.

Flip flops do not adequately protect feet, and are not recommended footwear for school.

Hats/bandanas are not allowed to be worn inside the school.

Clothing printed with inappropriate words/slogans or pictures are not allowed.

Summer Institute

The York Region 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 11.

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



Grade 8 Graduation



**Lake Wilcox Grade 8
Graduation
Wednesday, June 28
5:00 pm
Richmond Green S.S.**

A formal graduation ceremony, organized by Lake Wilcox staff, will be held at **Richmond Green Secondary School on Wednesday, June 28rd at 5:00 pm.** We look forward to presenting each of our graduates with an elementary school diploma and wishing them well as they venture forth into their secondary school years. On this special evening, many students will also be recognized for excellent achievement in a variety of areas including academics, arts, athletics and dedicated service. The "Outstanding Academic Achievement" Award, which is presented to the student with the highest overall standing, is considered to be the most prestigious academic award. The winner of this award will be excluded from winning any of the other individual subject awards. Of further note, any one student is limited to winning no more than two individual subject awards.

The Valedictorian will be selected by peers in early May.

Academic Awards

Outstanding Academic Achievement
English
Mathematics
French
Science
History
Geography
Honour Roll

Individual Achievement Awards

Visual Arts
Music
Physical Education
Athlete of the Year (male & female)
Leadership
Most Improved Student
Student Leadership
Citizenship
Inclusion
School Letter
Ontario Principals' Council
Valedictorian

Bus Eligibility



In accordance with Board Policies, transportation is provided for students who live within their Home School attendance area and outside their grade appropriate Non-Transportation Zone. As indicated below, transportation eligibility will change throughout a student's school career:

All YCDSB and YRDSB students in grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are **not eligible** for transportation.

All YCDSB and YRDSB students in grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are **not eligible** for transportation.

All YCDSB students in grades 9-12 who live within 4.8 km of their school in a transit served area are **not eligible** for transportation.

Parents of students entering grade four are encouraged to determine their child's transportation eligibility and to make the necessary arrangements should their child no longer qualify for transportation.

If you wish to reconfirm bus stop service for September, please access www.schoolbuscity.com beginning the third week in August.

Health and Safety Monthly Message

The Bugs of Summer

Working in the great outdoors can mean being exposed to biting insects such as ticks and mosquitoes.

Hazards associated with mosquitoes and ticks:

- West Nile Virus: can cause serious illness in humans. It can be passed to humans through a bite from an infected mosquito.
- Lyme Disease: an illness caused by a bacteria that is spread through the bite of a black legged tick (deer tick).
- West Nile and Lyme are not spread from human to human contact.
- Although the risk of contracting a vector-borne disease (such as lyme or west nile), is low, self protection is the best way to stay safe outdoors, see Reduce the Risk below for safety tips.

Mosquito example that can carry west nile virus



Black legged tick (or deer tick) can carry lyme disease. Ticks are very small, about the size of a sesame



Reduce the Risk

Follow these safety tips when outdoors

- Clean up standing water where mosquitoes like to breed. See YRDSB, [Q&As regarding West Nile Virus](#) for information.
- Wear insect repellent when working outdoors, ones containing DEET are effective against mosquitoes and ticks.
- Wear pants and long sleeve shirts when working outdoors. Check clothing for ticks and brush any off before going back inside. Do not crush ticks with your fingers.
- Choose closed footwear and tuck your pants into your socks.
- Search your body for ticks, especially the groin, scalp, back and underarm areas.
- Remove attached ticks from your body as soon as possible and keep for identification. Instructions to do this safely and where to submit for identification are available at York.ca/lymedisease

The Regional Municipality of York monitors West Nile and Lyme disease activity. Updates on monitoring activity is posted on York Region Health Services website.

For more information contact York Region Health Connection 1-800-361-5653

York Region Public Health Immunization Information

In the 2017/18 school year, York Region Public Health will visit all elementary schools to provide school immunization clinics to Grade 7 students. The clinics offer vaccines for Hepatitis B, Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and Meningococcal A, C, Y, W-135 at no cost.

Under the Immunization of School Pupils Act, meningococcal vaccine is required for school attendance, unless an exemption is filed with public health. Hepatitis B and HPV vaccines are recommended, but not required for school attendance.

Parents of students entering Grade 7

in fall 2017 will receive consent forms in the mail in June. Please complete the consent form and return it to York Region Public Health to allow your child to participate in the immunization clinics. Detailed instructions can be found on the forms and accompanying letter. If the consent form is not completed, your child will not be able to receive vaccines at the clinic.

Parents and guardians who do not consent should still complete the forms and return them, indicating that you do not authorize York Region Public Health to immunize your child.

Visit york.ca/immunizations and click on School Immunization Clinics for more information.

Did you know? If your child has missed a required vaccination on Ontario's routine immunization schedule, he/she can receive the vaccine at one of York Region Public Health's Community Immunization Clinics. These evening clinics are offered throughout the summer, giving students the opportunity to catch up before returning to school. Visit york.ca/immunizations and select Community Immunization Clinics to learn more.



YRDSB Survey for Parents/Guardians

Parents/guardians are invited to participate in a survey before May 19. This survey provides an important opportunity for parent/guardian voice. Results will be used to guide planning to support student achievement and well-being.

The English version of the survey is available online. Paper surveys are available in English, Simplified

Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Farsi, Gujarati, Hebrew, Korean, Punjabi, Russian, Sri Lankan Tamil, Urdu and Vietnamese. Please contact the school to request a paper copy.

YRDSB School Climate Survey for Parents/Guardians

We value your input and encourage you to complete the survey.

The information you provide will be anonymous, considered confidential and kept in strict accordance with all relevant legislation. Please contact the school if you have any questions.



"Three Wishes" Bracelets Fundraiser

The FDK students in Room 137 were inspired by our buddies in Mr. G's Grade 5 class (selling lemonade for \$.25 to raise money for SICK KIDS Hospital), and we decided that we want to help one of our JK friends who has childhood Leukemia, by making "THREE WISHES" bracelets. We will be paying it forward by selling the bracelets for \$2.00 each to help raise money for our friend and SICK KIDS HOSPITAL. Our bracelet message is to "Make three wishes as you tie your bracelet on", and we will be giving our

three wishes to our JK friend. Please support this incredible Random Act of Kindness and FDK initiative. We will be busy making bracelets, creating posters, writing announcements, building character, and selling our amazing bracelets school-wide. **Sales start Monday, May 1st, so please send in a "Toonie or Two" with your child to show your support and help spread kindness.** We now have a very generous Grade 8 student who has been making bracelets for a year, willing to collaborate with us and donate all of her pro-

ceeds to our cause. It's incredible how easy it can be to spread kindness and help others.

Thank you very much for your continued support,
Mrs. Meredith & Mrs. Kurts' FDK Class



School Council Newsletter-May 2017

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.

2016/2017 Parent Council Members

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

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.

Monday, May 1
Monday, June 5
All meeting start at 6:30 pm

Volunteer Highlights:

We would like to introduce you to some of the fabulous volunteers from our community. They share their time and talents, daytime and nights. Here are a few of the many volunteers who provide time, a caring hand and a great attitude to help enrich our students learning.

Christine E. and Lisa T. these ladies are the co-chairs for our School Council, they both put in endless hours helping to organize events, attending meetings and looking out for the best interest of all of our students.

Anne Marie K. and Mehran R. are the Treasurer and Secretary of our School Council, they both attend all school council meetings and put in many hours working on council budget and keeping track of all of the wonderful things that our council undertakes.

A VERY large thank you to all of the families who have brought in toys, gift cards and prizes for our upcoming Tootie Toss. These prizes will help make this fundraiser a success. We are still looking for more prizes. If you are able to donate a new and unused item it would be appreciated.

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

Hello, from LWPS Council!

We are well into spring now, and everyone has left their cold-weather gear behind them for another season.

We'd like to thank everyone who came out to our **'Wellness Night'** on April 6th! We all had fun, and we learned some valuable wellness lessons. A special thanks to our student 'Wellness Ambassadors'. You all did a fantastic job of promoting our message, thank you!

As well, thanks to all who wore blue to support **World Autism Awareness Day**. Also, a big thanks to the team of students and teachers who put the autism assembly together. Well done!

Important dates in May, 2017

May 04-- FAMILY ARTS NIGHT--6:30pm to 8:30pm.















This Thursday, May 4th event is always a welcome one at Lake Wilcox! Age-appropriate art workshops are available for students accompanied by a parent/guardian. As well, there will be a student art-display set up in the gym, with live music!! There are space limitations for the workshops, so make sure to sign up asap. Look for the sign-up sheet that was sent out to all Lake Wilcox families (on April 11th).

May 14-- MOTHER'S DAY May 22-- VICTORIA DAY

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!

Have a beautiful month. Be safe and have fun!

May 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Day 1 School Council Meeting 6:30 in Library Parent Survey	2 Day 2 	3 Day 3 Jr. Girls Basketball Regional Tournament Yogurt Sales \$2.00 	4 Day 4 Jr. Boys Basketball Regional Tournament ARTS Night Hot Lunch Pizza 	5 Day 5 Grade 4—6 Crime Stoppers Presentation
8 Day 1	9 Day 2 VIP Presentation Grade 3's 	10 Day 3 Gr. 3's to Pioneer Village Gr. 7's Hep B Vaccinations Gr. 8 HPV Vaccinations Yogurt Sales \$2.00 	11 Day 4 Hot Lunch Greek 	12 Day 5 Music Sharing Assembly VIP Program Grade 6
15 Day 1 TWOONIE TOSS Lunch time in the Gym	16 Day 2 TWOONIE TOSS Lunch time in the Gym Volunteer Tea in the Library 9:45 to 10:15 am 	17 Day 3 TWOONIE TOSS Lunch time in the Gym Yogurt Sales \$2.00 	18 Day 4 TWOONIE TOSS Lunch time in the Gym Hot Lunch Pasta 	19 Day 5 TWOONIE TOSS Lunch time in the Gym
22 Victoria Day	23 Day 1 Grade 3 EQAO 	24 Day 2 Grade 3 EQAO Yogurt Sales \$2.00 	25 Day 3 Grade 3 EQAO Hot Lunch Pizza 	26 Day 4 Grade 6 EQAO
29 Day 5 Grade 6 EQAO	30 Day 1 Grade 6 EQAO 	31 Day 2 Grade 6 EQAO Kindergarten's to Brooks Farm Yogurt Sales \$2.00 	June 1 Community Character Assembly 1:00 pm	June 2 P. A. Day