## SIR WILFRID LAURIER PUBLIC SCHOOL

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# APRIL 2017



### **Administrators' Message**

April 2nd, 2017 marks the 9th anniversary of the very first World Autism Awareness Day. In 2007 this date was declared by the United Nations General Assembly, in order to bring the world's attention to Autism, a spectrum disorder that affects tens of millions globally.

At Sir Wilfrid Laurier Public School, staff showed their overwhelming support for World Autism Awareness Day by wearing Autism Speaks Canada Light it up Blue t-shirts on Monday April 3rd! We are so proud to be part of this amazing inclusive, supportive team.

Students also wore blue to show their support and build awareness to Autism. One student stated what it meant for her to wear blue on World Autism Awareness Day.

"On Monday, April 3rd, 2017, our school wore blue to create awareness for World Autism Day. This day means a lot to me because there are so many people in the world who are affected by this condition. By wearing blue I was able to express my support for World Autism Day. Autism isn't something to be sad about. Everyone should be celebrating all the wonderful people in the world who face this condition on a daily basis. By wearing blue on Monday, I hope all the people living with autism can see the support they have from their communities and peers and know that they were being celebrated all around the world!" ~ written by Serena C. in Grade 8

We are so proud. Way to go Lynx!!!



Deborah Joyce

Principal

Kathryn Gravill Vice Principal

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Superintendent:

Peter Tse (905) 940- 7800

Trustee: Billy Pang

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### **School Planning**

### Are you moving?

In order to plan for September 2017, it is important to have accurate enrolment projections. If your family is planning to move, and you have not already done so, please inform the office. It would be helpful if you could provide us with your new address and the name of the new school.

### **Contact Information**

If any of your contact information has changed (e.g., phone numbers, address, email address) please ensure you have provided the office with updated contact information. Thank you.

### **Vulnerable Sector Screening — YRP**

Volunteers assume an important role within a school. A requirement of the York Region District School Board in ensuring a safe environment for students and staff is the completion of a **Voluntary Sector Screening (VSS)** and the signing of a **Confidentiality Agreement**. If you wish to volunteer in the school or on a field trip, please ensure you have a VSS completed with York Regional Police. A letter will be provided by the office that is presented to the York Regional Police Community Resource Centre located at 10720 Yonge Street in Richmond Hill.

If you have completed a VSS and submitted it to the school in a previous school year, an **Annual Offence Declaration Form** and **Confidentiality Agreement** are required. Please complete these forms and return them to the school. Forms are available through your child's teacher or the school office.

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers!

### **We are hiring School Lunch Assistants**



We have job openings for School Lunch Assistants at Sir Wilfrid Laurier P.S. This is a paid position. The hours are from 12:20pm-1:20pm. If you are interested in applying for this position to support our school, please contact the school office at 905-927-1452.

Thank you to our parent community for your continued support.

### **Dental Screening**

Public Health has completed dental screening for our grade 2's and grade 8's on Monday, April 3rd and Tuesday, April 4th. Dental screening consisted of a quick look in the mouth using a separate, sterilized mirror for each child.

You will be notified if your child needs to see a dentist for treatment.



### **Grade 3 Presentations**

The Grade 2/3 students in Mme Ly's class have been busy researching, writing and presenting projects on a topic that interests their learning. The students are learning a lot from each other on a wide variety of subjects.

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### **PRESENTATIONS**

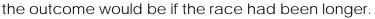
### **Spring Fling Dance**

The Friday before March break, students from Grades 6-8 were invited to attend Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Spring Fling dance. The dance was filled with excitement; between the lights, decorations, music and delicious snacks. Thanks to the students' participation we had an amazing time and the Spring Fling Dance was a SUCCESS!!!!. Money raised was donated to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. Great job les Lynx! On behalf of the teachers and the Student Council we would like to thank everyone who participated and helped support us. What a great way to celebrate our last dance of the year!

-Gabrielle T., Megan T. ~ Student Council

### **Grade 3 Science Projects**

Students in M. Perret's grade 3 class are working on a car's ¼ mile race video for a Science project. The purpose for the students was to understand and explain the position of each car using science forces vocabulary. Terms such as mechanical forces, friction, gravity etc. were applied to a real life situation. Students came to a logical explanation that would prove and justify how each car came in that position at the end of the race when passing the finish line. Students also calculated what

















### **Student Assembly**

Last month, it was time to say Goodbye to Term 1, and Hello to Term 2! What a FANTASTIC way to recognize the intermediate students for having a growth mindset and learning attitude so far. To celebrate, teachers and student council organized an assembly to congratulate the students' outstanding achievements in learning skills and character matters. There was lots of positive school spirit and energy coming from all of the intermediate students! During the assembly, we were able to recognize the participation and achievement in our school clubs and sport teams. To finish off our assembly, students from each classroom participated in a "Minute to win it" competition. The whole assembly allowed us to look back at what we've learned and improved on.

-Kirsten D., Rachel C. ~ Student Council





### **Higher Order Thinking Math Questions**

On behalf of S.W.L. Math Department, we would like to congratulate the following students on their achievements and remarkable success in solving the Higher Order Thinking Questions for the Intermediate and Primary levels for the month of March.

The Intermediate winners of the best solution are: Ivy and Roselyn





The Primary winners of the best solution are: Supreeth (Junior), Kara, Alina, and Taylor.







Congratulations and all the best! M. Messiha

### **Bon voyage to our Grade 8 Students**

### Bon voyage!

Our Grade 8 students will be visiting Ottawa from April 19 to April 21, 2017. We wish them a fun, safe and educational trip. Congratulations! You deserve to celebrate your successes!

Get ready to embark on a new adventure as you prepare for grade 9.





### **Healthy Snacks Program**



At the end of April, we will begin to have a Healthy Snack available daily for students who find themselves hungry throughout the day. This snack is not in tended to replace snacks that families send to school with students, but is rather meant to compliment it.

If a child finds themselves feeling hungry throughout the day, they will be able to come to the bin of snacks located just outside of the office and help themselves.

We will make announcements at the school as well so that students realize that the snack is available for them. We have been given a small grant to fund this for the remainder of the year.

We will monitor the program and based on its popularity, we will make plans for the Fall.

### **Math Night at SWLPS**

On Wednesday March 29th SWLPS hosted a Fun Family Math Night. The whole family was invited to participate in our Fun Family Math Night hosted by Jump2Math. Students explored math through a multi-sensory, kinesthetic approach while learning co-operatively.

Families participated in activities that used curriculum and learned fun ways to deepen our student's understanding of math concepts at home. Thank you to all our volunteers and guests. It was a wonderful event for our school community.































































### **ECO-Club — Boomerang Lunch Program**

The daily **Boomerang lunch** program at Sir Wilfrid Laurier will continue until the end of the year. We believe that engaging students and the school community in small environmental initiatives can have a big impact on our environment.

### **HOW IT WORKS:**

- · All materials in the lunch box that come to school go home!
- · Uneaten food and waste material is returned home in your child's lunch bag
- · Recyclable materials can be disposed of AT SCHOOL

### **BOOMERANG LUNCH GOALS:**

- · Reducing the amount of waste we create from school lunches
- · Encouraging healthy and nutritious lunches (many pre-packaged lunch items contain significant amounts of sugar, sodium, preservatives and fat)
- · Creating awareness around recycling and composting
- · Encouraging and promoting the use of **reusable containers** and discouraging the use of disposable containers
- · Providing parents with information about what their child is or is not eating for snack and lunch.

### WASTE FREE SNACK/ LUNCH TIPS:

- · Use reusable lunch bags and containers.
- · Use reusable drink bottles or a thermos.
- · Use a cloth napkin and reusable utensils.
- · Avoid using plastic wrap and "Ziploc" baggies.
- · Get your children to help pack their snacks/lunches with healthy foods.
- · Only pack as much food as your child will eat.
- · Label all containers with an initial or special symbol.

We look forward to your continued support and hope you will join Sir Wilfrid Laurier in teaching our students how to be environmentally responsible citizens.





### **Parent Engagement & Network Workshop**

# Parent Engagement & Network (P.E.N.) **Workshop Series (Mandarin & Cantonese)**

### Workshop 6

Raising Resilient and Assertive Children

建立孩子的逆境韌力及積極坦率表達想法的技巧

What is resiliency? 逆境韌力

What is assertiveness? 怎样才算是積極坦率地表達自己

How to foster resiliency and assertiveness? 如何培養孩子的逆境韌力及創造

積極坦率表達想法的環境

Date 日期: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 4月4日(星期二)

Time 時間: 6:00—8:00pm 下午6時至8時

Language 語言: English and Cantonese (translation will be provided in Manda-

rin) 英语及廣東話 (提供普通話翻譯)

Location 地點: Markham South Welcome Centre 南萬錦迎新中心

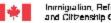
7220 Kennedy Road, Unit 8, Markham, L3R 7P2

Registration 网上報名: https://goo.gl/iTrr1q (請於4月3日前報名 Please register before April 3)

Inquires 查詢: Jean Wang (School Settlement Worker 王姑娘) 416-662-5416

Cathy Ng (吳老師) cathy.ng@yrdsb.ca

This program is organized & facilitated by:



Inmigration, Refugees Immigration, Réfugiès and Citizenship Canada et Citoyenneté Canada United Way









### **Summer Institute**





The York Region District School Board **Summer Institute** is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Programs are offered at in Richmond Hill, Markham, Stouffville, Newmarket, Woodbridge, Vaughan and Georgina from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

YMCA Before and Aftercare programs available at all locations

### YMCA Before and After Care Registration

### Weekly Sessions July 4, 2017 to August 11, 2017

For registration information and to see what types of exciting programs are being offered this summer, please visit <a href="www.yrdsb.ca">www.yrdsb.ca</a> and select programs and services.

### **Summer Institute Site**

Armadale S.I.

Crosby Heights S.I.

Discovery S.I. (located at Teston Village P.S.)

Lakeside S.I.

Lake Wilcox S.I.

Maple Leaf S.I. (located at Glen Cedar P.S.)

Milliken Mills S.I. (located at Highgate P.S.)

Oscar Peterson S.I.

Sixteenth Avenue S.I.

Unionville Meadows S.I.

Woodbridge S.I.

### **Address**

11 Coppard Ave., Markham

190 Neal Dr., Richmond Hill

80 Murray Farm Lane., Maple

213 Shorecrest Rd., Keswick

80 Wildwood Ave., Richmond Hill

915 Wayne Dr., Newmarket

35 Highgate Dr., Markham

850 Hoover Park Dr., Stouffville

400 Sixteenth Ave., Richmond Hill

355 South Unionville Ave., Markham

60 Burwick Ave., Woodbridge

For additional information please email performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca or call 905-884-2046 ext. 240.

### **Summer Institute**





### Simplified Chinese

约克区教育局的暑期学院是一个提供学术,休闲娱乐和体育活动的课程,它是本着安大略省幼儿 园到8年级的儿童和青年课程所特意连接开设的。

从 2017 年 7 月 4 日至 2017 年 8 月 11 日,地区内 11 所小学每周都提供课程。

课程计划和注册信息均可在约克区教育局网站

http://www.vrdsb.ca/Programs/summer/si/Pages/Summer-Institute-Registration.asox 查看。

如需要更多資料可电邮到 performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca 或致电 905-884-2046 暑期学院办公室分机 240 查询。

#### Hindi

यॉर्क क्षेत्र के जिला स्कूल बोर्ड के ग्रीष्मकालीन संस्थान एक कार्यक्रम है जो बाल विहार से ग्रेड 8 के बच्चों के लिए ओटारियो पाठ्यक्रम के साथ लिंक, शैक्षिक, खेल-कूद और पुष्ट कार्यक्रमों और गतिविधियों को प्रदान करता है।

साप्ताहिक सत्र पूरे क्षेत्र के 11 प्राथमिक विद्यालयों में 4 जुलाई 2017 से 11 अगस्त 2017 को पेशकश किए जाये गै।

बीष्मकालीन संस्थान कार्यक्रम और पंजीकरण के बारे में सूचना YRDSB वेबसाइट पर कार्यक्रमां और सेवाओं के तहत उपलब्ध है।

http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/summer/si/Pages/Summer-Institute-Registration.aspx

अधिक जानकारी के लिए ईमेल: performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca या 905-884-2046 ext 240 पर ग्रीष्मकालीन संस्थान कार्यालय से संपर्क करें।

### <u>Tamil</u>

யோக் பிராந்திய கல்விச்சபையால் மழலையர் முதல் தரம் எட்டு வரையான மாணவர்களுக்கான கோடைகால வகுப்புக்கள். இதில் கல்வி, பொழுதுபோக்கு, மற்றும் விளையாட்டு நிகழ்ச்சிகளுடன் ஒன்டாரியோ பாடத்திட்டத்திற்கமைய நடாத்தப்படும்.

ஆடி 4 2016 முதல் ஆவணி 12 2016 வரையுள்ள காலப்பகுதியில் வாரந் தோறும் 11 ஆரம்பப் பாடசாலைகளில்

### இயங்கவுள்ளது.

பதிவு தகவல்களை பெற விரும்பினால் யோக் பிராந்திய கல்விச் சபை இணையத்தளத்திற்கு சென்று திட்டங்கள் மற்றும் சேவைகள் பகுதியை பார்க்கவும்.

http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/summer/si/Pages/Summer-Institute-Registration.aspx

ஏதேனும் கேள்விகள் இருப்பின் மின்னஞ்சல் மூலமாகவோ அல்லது தொலை பேசி மூலமாகவோ தொடர்பு கொள்ளவும<sup>்</sup> மின்ன ஞச் ல்: <u>performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca</u> 905-884-2046 ext. 240.

### **French Summer Camp**



### **Community Living Think Autism Parent Workshop**











Social Skills??



Communication??



Anxiety??



Behaviours??

Do you want to learn more about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)? Come to this informative presentation to learn the basics about Autism, gain knowledge and learn strategies for common challenges. This is a great first step in your journey to becoming an Autism 'expert'! This year, we are going to facilitate sessions at Markham Village Library in English and Chinese (Cantonese & Mandarin)

Come find out on:

Thursday April 20, 2017 from 10:00 am to 12:00pm! Where?

Markham Village Library (6031 Highway 7 East, Markham, ON L3P 3A7) \*Please park at the back Speakers

Michael Morris-Kerry's Place Autism Services Ellen Chan & Annie Zhang-Community Living York South Cathy Ng (Teacher Liaison) - Inclusion School and Community Service, York Region District School Board

For further information and/or registration, please contact Annie Zhang: 905-884-9110 EXT. 382 or Email: azhana@communitylivingvorksouth.ca Please indicate what language you prefer (English/Chinese)

### **Community Living Think Autism Parent Workshop**











社交技能??







佐康??



行為問題??

您想了解自閉症嗎?請參加由 Community Living York South, Kerry's Place Autism Service 與約克區教育局舉辦的自閉症專題講座。在講座中,您可以了解自閉症的基本知識,學習處理自閉症的策略。這是您成為自閉症"專家"的第一步。今年,我們會在萬錦圖書館舉行自閉症專題講座(英文,廣東話和國語)

日期與時間:

2017年4月20日(禮拜四) 早上10點到12點! 地點?

萬錦市圖書館 (6031 Highway 7 East, Markham, ON L3P 3A7)
\*請將車泊在圖書館後面

議員

Michael Morris-Kerry's Place Autism Services 陳太 & 張姑娘-Community Living York South

吳老師 (華人社區聯繫老師) - Inclusive School and Community Services, York Region District School Board 約克區教育局共融校園及社區資源部

如有任何問題及報名, 請聯絡張姑娘:

電話: 905-884-9110 內線. 382 or 電郵: <u>azhang@communitylivingyorksouth.ca</u> 請告知您需要的語言(廣東話/國語)

### **Multicultural Week**

Last month, many performers came to show us what they do in their culture. They sang, they danced, and they also gave us an interactive experience on how First Nations people were treated long ago. My favourite performance from SWL's Multicultural Week was the Spanish dancers because it was nice to hear different music from another part of the world and to see a different type of dance. I also learned many things such as how old Japanese drums can last, and that people can communicate a story through dance. All in all, it is very important to have Multicultural Week in schools so that kids and teens can understand and learn how to value and respect other cultures. By Cassidy R.

I thoroughly enjoyed all of the multicultural performances at SWL because of their differences. I got to experience the ethnical diversity of the world we live in today by discovering different cultures' styles, art, and language. The decorations and stunning displays in the foyer depicted landmarks from around the world and parts of different cultures. In the presentations, we were all awed by the strength of the taiko drummers, the grace of the Spanish dancers, the energy of the Creole ballet, and the power of the "Sharing Circle." During the performances I also learned the importance of respect. If the performers didn't respect each other, they would not be able to cooperate fluently and efficiently. For me, Multicultural Week is important because it gives students and staff and opportunity to gain respect for each other, appreciate our diversity, and admire the many cultures around the world. By Rena L.

































### **Multicultural Week**

















































# School Council April 2017 News



# Our Annual Funfair is on Thursday June 1st (Rain Date June 8th)!

FREE Event! Come celebrate the end of the School Year with us!
Stay tuned for more details to follow...







### HELP WANTED ...

Contacts for Lunch Programs: Pizza: joyceakacj@gmail.com,

Lunch Lady Fun Lunches: helen@thelunchlady.ca

Subs: elisalau.intl@gmail.com

Interested in getting a Healthy School Program started SWL? Let us connect you with a Teacher Champion or group of like-minded parents to start the discussion! Email us at

sir.wilfrid.laurier.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca and sir.wilfrid.laurier.ps@yrdsb.ca

Interested in helping out with the Fun Fair or know any high school students who would like to earn their volunteer hours? Please contact Joyce at <a href="mailto:joyceakacj@gmail.com">joyceakacj@gmail.com</a> to help make this event bigger than ever!



Movie Night was a success! Thank you for making it a wonderful community event! SWL hosted its first Movie Night this year with almost 300 viewers!

Thank you for coming out to our Math Night and making it a successful fun and learning event for our students. There were over 200 participants at this event. It was made possible by the Parent Reaching Out (PRO) grant.



Multicultural week was a hit! Students experienced many cultural performances and participated in games, activities and crafts with a cultural theme! Thank you to all the volunteers, organizers and especially the Administration for incorporating it into the school curriculum. Special thanks to School Council for providing a budget to make the performances possible!

This year our proceeds from our in School Lunch program and other fund raising activities has reached \$30,000. Do you have ideas on where to invest in the school?

Let us know your ideas at: sir.wilfrid.laurier.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca

Where should \$30,000 be invested in our School?

### Fundraising Updates!

Donate to the School Investment in Education online anytime!

https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/



Our next School Council Meeting is Wednesday, May 24th at 7:00pm in the school library.

We hope to see you there!

# APRÎL 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Day 3 Wear Blue for Autism Awareness 10:40-3pm YR Public Health Dental Screening Gr 8 then Gr2 Conference Rm 12:45pm Jr Boys Basketball Practice	4 Day 4 9:30-3pm YR Public Health Dental Screening Gr 8 then Gr2 Conference Rm 10:10am Jr Boys Basketball Practice 12:45pm Jr Girls Basketball Practice	5 Day 5 Pizza Lunch  12:45-1:20pm Int. Badminton  School Council Meeting 7-8pm	6 Day 1 Lunch Lady  12:45-1:20pm Int. Badminton	7 Day 2 Sub Lunch  9:00-9:45am Primary Recognition Assembly  10:10am Jr Boys Basketball  12:45pm Jr Girls Basketball Practice	8
9	10 Day 3  12:45pm Jr Boys Basketball Practice	11 Day 4  10:10am Jr Boys Basketball Practice  12:45pm Jr Girls Basketball Practice  3:00-4:30pm Jr Boys Basketball Game vs SJAM	12 Day 5 Pizza Lunch 9:00am Gr6 VIP  ECO-Club Aluminum tab Collection Starts  12:45-1:20pm Int. Badminton	Day 1 Sub Lunch  12:45-1:20pm Int. Badminton	14  GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL	15
16	17 EASTER MONDAY NO SCHOOL	18 Day 2 8:45-9:15am Junior Recognition Assembly 10:10am Jr Boys Basketball Practice 12:45pm Jr Girls Basketball Practice 3:00-4:00pm Jr Boys Basketball Tournament @ Ashton Meadows PS	Pizza Lunch  12:45pm Jr Boys Basketball Practice  Grade 8 Ottawa Trip Depart SWL @ 7am	20 Day 4  Lunch Lady  10:10am Jr Boys Basketball Practice  12:45pm Jr Girls Basketball Practice	21 Day 5 Sub Lunch ECO-Club Aluminum tab Collection Ends 12:45-1:20pm Gr7 Badminton Grade 8 Ottawa Trip Arrival at SWL @ 7pm	22
23	24 Day 1  12:45-1:20pm Int. Badminton  9:30-12:30pm Senior Band - Music Alive Festival @ Unionville Montessori School	Jr Girls Basketball Area Tournament @ SWL	Pizza Lunch  Jr Boys  Basketball Area  Tournament @ SWL	27 Day 4 Lunch Lady  1:20 -2:20pm Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off Assembly	28 Day 5 Sub Lunch  12:45-1:20pm Int. Badminton	29
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