

SIR WILFRID LAURIER PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Administrators' Message

We wish everyone the joy and wonder of the season and that your holiday will provide the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends.

Ms. Williams will continue as Principal on assignment for Sir Wilfrid Laurier P.S. until January 27, 2017. As we finish out the calendar year, we look forward to 2017 and the opportunity to continue to recognize the great work that staff and students do throughout the school year.

Over the past four months we have come together to support the academic, social and emotional growth of the children in our community. We have developed a strong and positive learning environment where we respect and care about each other.

We continue to hold Recognition Assemblies which are hosted by classes and staff. This provides an opportunity to formally recognize many of our students for achievements in the areas of academics, citizenship and French language. Furthermore, the assembly is a time for students to acknowledge the contributions of the many staff who commit time towards providing high quality and effective instruction.

Our Holiday Concert was quite amazing and well attended. Our students and staff worked very hard to provide a wide variety of excellent performances and their efforts are greatly appreciated. As well, thank you to everyone who made donations of toys, clothing and gift cards to our Holiday Hero's Campaign. It is a campaign the York Regional Police launched to support children in our community who are in need during the holiday season.

Now that we are near the end of term one, we recommend that you please keep in touch with your child's teachers regarding any inquiries related to achievement and progress. Please peruse your child's agenda, and feel free to include any comments or questions you may have so that your child's teacher may have an opportunity to get back to you. Our school's website is another valuable tool for school-home communication.

In addition, we continue to request that all parents/guardians and visitors please check in at the office when entering the school, sign in (and out) and wear a visitor's badge. In order to protect valuable teaching/learning time, we ask that all visitors make prior arrangements with teachers before visiting classrooms. Appointments, interviews and discussions with teachers can be arranged over the phone or via email to the classroom teacher to take place during non-instructional time at a mutually agreeable opportunity.

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A message from our Trustee

As we near the end of 2016, I hope everyone has had a great school year so far and found opportunities to get involved with the life of the school.

It is wonderful to have opportunities to see not only what our students are learning, but to see how they are learning – collaborating and problem solving, using technology in exciting new ways, and engaged in hands-on activities.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the dedicated staff members, students, families and community members across our Board. Thanks to all of the great people we have in our system, we continue to advance student achievement and well-being.

Our Board continues to have a strong commitment to creating welcoming, inclusive learning environments that enable all of our students to thrive. Engaging families in your child's education and the school community is in an important part of creating that environment.

There are resources for families available on our Board website at www.yrdsb.ca/parents, including information on Board programs and supports, and tips for parents to support your child's learning at home and at school.

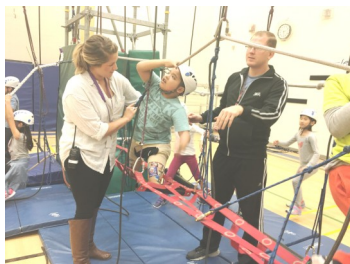
Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful start to 2017. I hope you are able to enjoy time with family and friends.

Billy Pang

Jungle Sport



At the end of November and early December students enjoyed sessions with Jungle Sport. Junglesport is a climbing course structure in our school gymnasium with range of climbing ropes and course activities. Fun was had by all. Students wore safety harnesses and embarked on an exciting climbing adventure.



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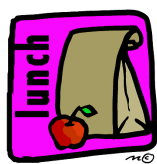


Zoo Trip

Grade 2 students visited the Toronto Zoo on December 12th and 13th. They had an amazing time! They saw many different animals: pandas, white tigers, polar bears, giraffes, orangutans, snakes, birds and fish. They saw first hand how animals adapt to their environment. Thank you to the Parent Volunteers who made this trip possible!



Student Lunches



We have a number of students that come to the school office asking to call home for their lunch. We encourage families to pack lunches the night before or in the morning to avoid delays during the school day. Students miss outdoor play and time with their friends when they have to wait for lunches to be dropped off. Lunch time is at 12:20pm. If you have to drop off lunch, please drop off lunches on the lunch drop off table in the front foyer. Please attach a Drop Off slip to the lunch bag, filling in your

child's first and last name, grade, their teacher's name, and the room #. We have a handy chart with teacher names, grades and room numbers for your convenience.

Winter Fun

Sir Wilfrid Laurier students are really enjoying the snow! Look at their creativity while playing outside. We have an array of snow forts and snowmen. It's wonderful to see the "cool" teamwork!



Inclement Weather — School Bus Cancellation Notice

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

- a decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- **school bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be affecting all municipalities in York Region.** Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- when bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.
- unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.**

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
1540 AM	1580 AM	88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM
94.9 FM	95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM
101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	107.1 FM	



TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CTV Toronto CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1- 877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB on twitter.

Please call the school attendance line if your child will stay home due to a bus cancellation.

The number is 905-927-1452, press 1. In your message, please include your child's first and last name, grade, teacher and the reason for the absence. Thank you for your assistance!

Student Drop off and Pick up

When dropping off your child after the 8:30am morning bell, please bring your child to the office for an admit slip. This will allow office staff to update attendance records.

When picking up your child, please ensure the teacher and student are aware. Writing early pickups in the agenda is very helpful for the teacher and student so they are prepared at pickup time. This will help decrease the amount of interruptions to the class when the office calls for the student. We encourage students to remain in their classrooms for the instructional time.

Milk Program

The milk program is being enjoyed by numerous students at Sir Wilfrid Laurier. If your child would like to join it's not too late! Just send an email to sir.wilfrid.laurier.ps@yrdsb.ca, giving us your child's first and last name and the name of his/her teacher. The office will send home a form with all the information with your child.



Vulnerable Sector Screening — YRP

Volunteers assume an important role within a school. A requirement of York Region District School Board is to assist in ensuring a safe environment for students and staff is the completion of a **Voluntary Sector Screening (VSS)** and the signing of **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 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 our wonderful volunteers!



Safe Arrival

Our check of your child's attendance is an important part of our daily routine. In the interest of ensuring that your child's safe, we ask you to cooperate with us by following the steps below if your child is absent or is expected to be absent or late in the near future:

- If a future absence or late has been planned, please inform your child's teacher by note, please include, the date and length of time of the expected absence and the reason for the absence.
- In all other cases, please call the **school attendance line at 905-927-1452, press 1**, to inform the office of your child's absence or late. Clearly leave your child's first and last name, grade, their teacher's name, the reason and the duration of the absence.

If a child is not in school by the 8:30am start of school, and the school office has not received any notification from the parents, the school will take the following steps:

- Call the student's home
- If we do not reach you at home, we will call your work and/or cell phone numbers.
- If we cannot reach you at work we will call your emergency contact numbers.
- If we are not able to obtain information from your emergency contact regarding your child's whereabouts, we will speak to a sibling, if one is in the school.
- If we are not able to obtain any information, we will consider your child missing and will contact the York Regional Police.

Dress for the Weather

With the colder weather and snow upon us, please dress your child(ren) warmly and in layers. Hats, mittens, boots, and snow pants are recommended. Please label all items to prevent your child from losing them. We encourage students to bring indoor shoes.



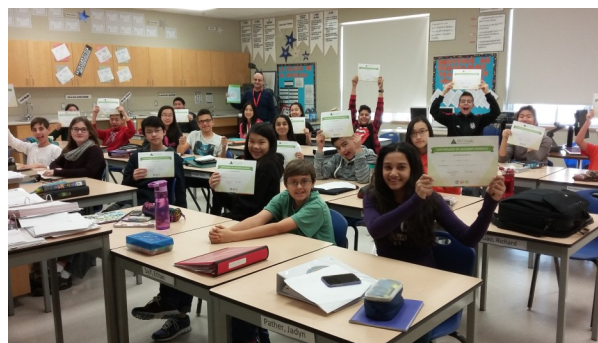
Junior Achievement Canada

Economics for Success

On December 7, 2016, all Grade 8 students participated in "Economics for Success" program. JA Canada has developed "Economics for Success" to help students plan for their future. The volunteers from BMO have experience in various fields of work and shared with students their ideas and personal experiences.

Through the delivery of cutting-edge, experiential learning in financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship, JA Canada expands the potential for young people to engage in their own economic development and contribute to the strength of their families, their communities, and Canada's economy.

We wish all our Grade 8 students all success as they plan for THEIR FUTURE!



French Immersion Information Sessions & Registrations

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools on January 19, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2017 (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx>) to find the FI program location for your elementary school location.

FI registration will begin January 20, 2017. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2017, and wishing to enroll in the FI Program, can visit or call the school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to the designated FI program location to register between January 20 and February 10, 2017.

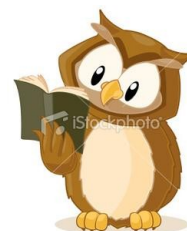
This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.

From the Library

Our French Book Fair was a success during the week of November 21 to 25th. Thank you for supporting the Learning Commons program and enriching our library collection. Our school received \$3631 in product rewards. Congratulations to the winners of the family draw "**Tirage de la fête familial**" the students received \$25 in book value to take home; Jehno Bailey (Primary), Lauren Lee (Junior) and Nicholas Tan (Intermediate).

Their homeroom teachers also received \$25 for their classroom libraries. I would like to extend a warm merci to parents who participated by "granting a wish" and purchasing a book their child's classroom.

Happy Reading!



Immunizations

On Jan 27th, the Community and Health Services Department, Public Health Branch will be at Sir Wilfrid Laurier for Round 2 of vaccines for Grade 7's. It is the Meningococcal vaccine ACYW 135. These vaccines will be given at the school.



Dental Screening

Dental health contributes to our general health and well-being. Dental screening will be conducted at Sir Wilfrid Laurier by registered dental hygienists for all children in Grades JK, SK, 2, 8, possibly Grades 4, 6 and others, as required by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Program under the Ontario Public Health Standards and Protocols. Dental screening consists of a quick look into the mouth using a separate, sterilized mirror for each child.

Information has been sent home with your child. Dental Screening dates are coming soon, look out for more information.



Hour of Code



December 5th-11th was Computer Science Education Week. In honour of this week, schools worldwide, including Sir Wilfrid Laurier participated in the **Hour of Code**. Students from Grades 2-8 participated by working on a variety of coding-based activities. Learning about programming and coding helps develop students' problem-solving, critical thinking and innovation skills. Students begin with learning about blocks of code, to writing actual codes. It was amazing watching students of a variety of ages experiment and problem-solve with coding!

To continue the learning at home, we encourage you and your child to visit the following website:
<https://code.org/learn>.

Holiday Concert

On Holiday Concert was held on December 14th. What a great turn out! Students, Staff and Parents had a wonderful time. We have some great talent in our school. Thank you to all families that joined us and showed their support. Thank you to the Staff and Students that worked tirelessly to put on a great show. Congratulations on a job well done! You have made Sir Wilfrid Laurier P.S. so very proud!

We are so very proud!!



Youth Wellness Program

The Youth Wellness Program aims to enhance knowledge, attitudes and skills regarding the promotion of mental, emotional and social well-being. We do this through providing workshops in elementary and secondary schools and communities in our regions, as well as through facilitating groups and one-to-one counselling and support.

Did you know that:

- 1 in 3 will experience a mental health problem in their lifetime
- 1 in 5 will experience a mental health problem this year
- Anxiety is the #1 diagnosed mental illness amongst young people
- Stress immobilizes young people unless they have solid coping mechanisms

The grade 7 and 8 students will be taking part in two workshops:

January 31: "Mental Health Myth Busting". This workshop challenges students to identify stigmatizing language and a game of True or False to help separate Fact from Fiction

February 8: "Tackling Stress & Anxiety – Health and Wellness Strategies for Empowered Young People" Because anxiety is the #1 diagnosed mental illness amongst young people it is important understand what it is, learn your stress triggers, and become aware of how to deal with them.

madd Canada Presentation

On Monday, January 16, the grade 7 and 8 students will be attending the MADD Canada School Assembly entitled "**24 Heures**". MADD Canada's *School Assembly Program* is an all Canadian production shown on a large HD screen. The School Assembly Program is an on-screen fictional re-enactment of the trauma that can result when someone makes the choice to take drugs or alcohol and get behind the wheel. The presentation also includes interviews with people who have been injured and/or lost a loved one(s) as a result of impaired driving. Innocent people are injured and killed every day. Friends and family will forever feel the pain of losing a loved one. It presents a message your child won't soon forget, all delivered with a state-of-the-art sound system, HD projector and screen.

The key messages are:

- Peer pressure
- Dangers of binge drinking
- Realities about impairment caused by smoking marijuana
- Mixing marijuana and alcohol
- Accepting rides from alcohol or drug impaired drivers
- Importance of planning ahead
- The real life changing consequences of one wrong decision
- Student empowerment



We are looking for Lunch Assistants

We have openings for Lunch Assistants at Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The hours are from 12:20-1:20pm. 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.



Mega Hoops Basketball

Sir Wilfrid Laurier students will be participating in the **Mega Hoops** Basketball program during physical education classes the week of January 23 to 27, 2017.



Mega Hoops is Ontario Basketball's flagship community program designed to teach fundamental movement and basic skills while developing physical literacy in young athletes. The program provides age and stage appropriate instruction in line with the Sport 4 Life's Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model principles.

This program aligns with the Ontario Physical Education overall curriculum expectations:

- Participate actively and regularly in a wide variety of physical activity, and demonstrate an understanding of the value of regular physical activity in their daily lives
- Perform movement skills, demonstrating awareness of the basic requirements of the skills and applying movement concepts as appropriate, as they engage in a variety of physical activities.

Holiday Heros

This Holiday Season is going to be extra special for many, many children and families thanks to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents, Students and Staff. We are so proud to announce that with our generous donation of Toys, Warm Clothing and Gift Cards, we will bring smiles to many faces and create happy memories for a lot of families. Holiday Heros is a charity organized by the York Regional Police. All donations have been picked up by police and have gone to families in need across York Region for the Holidays.



*A Huge Thank you to
our Parent Community
for supporting us in our
Holiday Heros initiative!!*



Remote Control Car Club

Our School Remote Control Car Club is looking for any donations of parts, transmitters, unwanted RC cars. Even if the RC car is broken we can make use of it. If you have any donations please hand them into the school office, attention M Perret. Thank you for your donations!





School Council Dec'16/Jan'17 News



Get in touch & stay in touch...

Still want to order pizzas or subs? Contact Joyce for Pizza: joyceakaj@gmail.com and Elisa for Subs: ElisaLau.intl@gmail.com

Check out our latest meeting minutes: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/sirwilfridlaurier.ps/SchoolCouncil/Pages/Agendas.aspx>

Stay in the know and tell us how we are doing! Email us at sir.wilfrid.laurier.ps@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca

Healthy eating starts with healthy choices. Find out more about PPM 150: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/extra/eng/ppm/150.html>

Stay tuned for...

Our exciting and interactive "Math" Night event during term two!

International week in March. For the whole week we will celebrate diversity and promote equity and inclusivity.

Heads-up! Fun Fair is June 1st (8th rain date)

Resources:

Online Library for parents!

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/sirwilfridlaurier.ps/SchoolCouncil/Pages/Parent-Resource-Library.aspx>

Keep your kids safe on the Internet! <http://teens.webmd.com/features/teen-internet-safety-tips>

Donate anytime on: <https://schoolcashionline.com/>

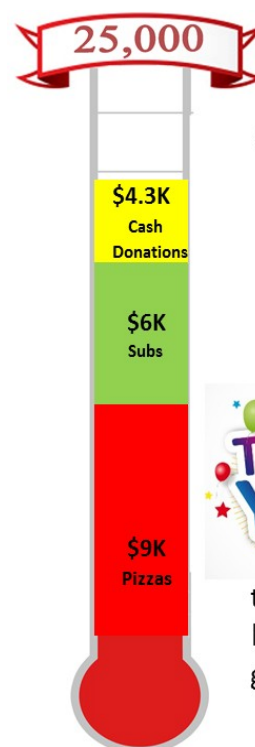
Over 80% of kids are bussed in. Check www.Schoolbuscity.com for bus delays and cancellations!

Fundraising Updates!

Holiday Cookies were a hit!



Donate to the School Investment in Education online anytime!
<https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>



Based on estimated forecast, we will be at

77%
of our Goal!

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to all who helped us get there!

JANUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Winter Break 	3 Winter Break 	4 Winter Break 	5 Winter Break 	6 Winter Break 	7
8	9 Day 1 Math & Computer Club 12:45-1:20pm Rm 205	10 Day 2	11 Day 3 Pizza Lunch VIP Program Gr 6 9:00-10:00am in Gym Intramurals Floor Hockey Gr 4&5 10:10-10:40am in Gym	12 Day 4 Senior Band 12:45-1:20pm	13 Day 5 Sub Lunch	14
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