

SIR WILFRID LAURIER PUBLIC SCHOOL

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MARCH 2017



Administrators' Message

I am so happy to have joined the Sir Wilfrid Laurier P.S. community! We look forward to partnering with you and staff to support our students' achievement and wellbeing.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and restful Mid-Winter Break. We hope all of our families have a restful time and look forward to a fresh spring start back on the 20th.

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Principal

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Vice Principal



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A Message from our Trustee

With spring approaching and the hours of daylight increasing, now is a good time to enjoy the outdoors and our natural environment. Did you know that our Board has five [outdoor education centres](#), and students have opportunities to visit them and other outdoor learning spaces throughout their schooling? This is part of our commitment to giving students an opportunity to learn in and about the natural world. This learning supports students in gaining a deeper appreciation for nature and the importance of environmental sustainability.

"Modelling continuous environmental sustainability" is one of the goals outlined in our [Board of Trustees' Multi-Year Plan](#). We believe that we all have a role to play in reducing waste and protecting our environment. Our students, staff members and families continue to show leadership when it comes to supporting student learning and initiatives to reduce our ecological footprint.

Spending time outside as a family also provides a great opportunity to support and enhance your child's learning outside of school. Whether visiting a park or museum, reading with your child in your home language or asking questions about their day at school - know that there are many ways you can support their education and that you are making a difference.

I hope you all have a happy and safe March Break and enjoy the warmer weather ahead.

Pink Shirt Day



On February 23rd, 2017, all students were happy to support the Pink Shirt Day school-wide initiative against bullying.

Students proudly wore pink to show their support against bullying!



Student Drop off, Pick up and Parking Lot Safety

Reminder to parents that morning student supervision starts at 8:15am. Please do not drop off your child(ren) before 8:15am as there is no staff on duty at that time.

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.

Parents/Guardians when driving in our parking lots please drive safely and obey all traffic signs.



Intermediate Girls Basketball Area Tournament

The Intermediate Girls Basketball Team had a phenomenal run! Over the course of the season the Lynx players grew and flourished. The girls always played as a team, defended hard and fought to get every point!

With the Tier II Area Tournament on home court, the girls were in their element. The team played 4 games, in which they won 3 and tied one. They won the pennant for SWL, and we couldn't be more proud!



Intermediate Boys Basketball Area Tournament

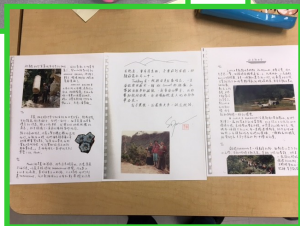
On February 21st, the Intermediate Boys Basketball team participated in the Areas Tournament.

They worked hard in practices in preparation for this big tournament and won all 4 of their round robin games, and came in first in their pool. They played great defense and scored some amazing baskets! They then moved on to the semi-finals against Lincoln Alexander. It was a close game, but they lost and then came in 3rd place in the Areas Tournament. Their coaches are very proud of their improvement, sportsmanship and perseverance!



Reading the Everest Trilogy

In M. Perret's grade 3 class they read the book trilogy Everest by Gordon Korman. The books are about a group of teenagers attempting to summit Mount Everest. A volunteer from our community came in to share her personal experience of reaching the base camp of Mount Everest in her travels. This allowed students to connect the fiction book with a real life experience. Thank you to our volunteer!



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

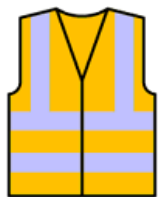
Volunteers assume an important role within a school. A requirement of the York Region District School Board in ensuring a safe environment for students and staff is the completion of a **Voluntary Sector Screening (VSS)** and the signing of a **Confidentiality Agreement**. If you wish to volunteer in 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 Lunch Assistants



We have openings for Lunch Assistants at Sir Wilfrid Laurier. 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 will be doing dental screening for our grade 2's and grade 8's on Monday April 3rd and Tuesday April 4th. Dental screening consists 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.

If you wish to have your child excluded from dental screening, notify the Dental Program immediately, in writing including your child's full name, school, date of birth and grade to The Regional Municipality of York, 22 Prospect Street, Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 3S9 or call 905-895-4512 or 1-800-735-6625 extension 74395.



From the Library

Our **English Book Fair** with Scholastic was a success! We sold a total of **\$7,517.50** during the week of February 13th to February 17th. Your support towards the Learning Commons program and enriching our library collection is very much appreciated. Our school received product rewards in books for the amount of **\$1,797.00** and **\$1,300.69** in cash.

Congratulations to the winners of the "**Family Door Prize**". The students who received \$25 in book value to take home are; Darren W. (Primary), Sophie T. (Junior) and, Nick S. (Intermediate). Their homeroom teacher's also received \$25 for the classroom library.

I would like to extend a warm **THANK YOU** to our school community and all volunteers.

We are so glad you enjoyed this Literacy event! Happy Reading!

Francis Hamelin

Teacher-Librarian



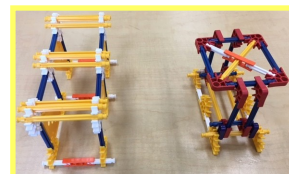
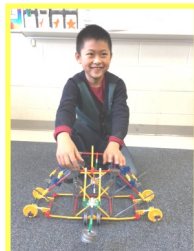
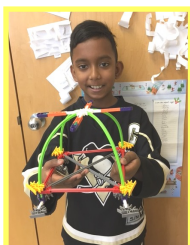
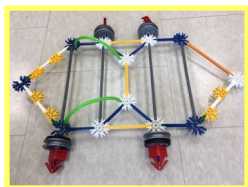
100th Day of School

This month students created colourful 100-shaped glasses to celebrate our 100th day at school!



Building Structures with K'NEX

The grade three students in Mme Ly and M. Chérette's class have been busy designing their own structures using K'NEX. The students have been working with M. Hamelin. Their goal was to apply some of the elements of stability to build a stable structure that has a function and is able to hold weight. It was a big success!



Earth Hour 2017



YRDSB will be observing Earth Hour in our schools and workplaces on **Friday March 24th, 2017**. Our goal is to get as many individuals and businesses as possible to turn off their lights for one hour to raise awareness about climate change and demonstrate that people are ready to take personal action.

Participating in Earth Hour is a simple way to show that you want to be a part of the solution and sends a powerful message to others that, together, our small actions can make a big difference.

Take this opportunity to spend time with family and friends celebrating Earth Hour. Find creative ways to spend an hour in the dark. For more information and ideas visit www.WWF.ca/events/earthhour/

Let's support the efforts of the World Wildlife Fund Canada!

World Autism Awareness Day

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.

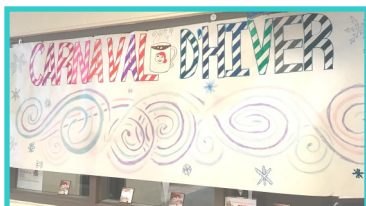
The YRDSB will be celebrating World Autism Awareness Day on **Monday, April 3rd, 2017**.



Sir Wilfrid Laurier P.S. will be wearing Blue on Monday April 3rd to show our support!

Carnaval d'hiver

The grade 2, 3 and 4 students had a wonderful wintery afternoon celebrating the winter carnival. They were involved in some outdoor and indoor activities such as Bingo, hockey, and relay races. Thank you to our parent volunteers for the hot chocolate treat!



Caribou Contests

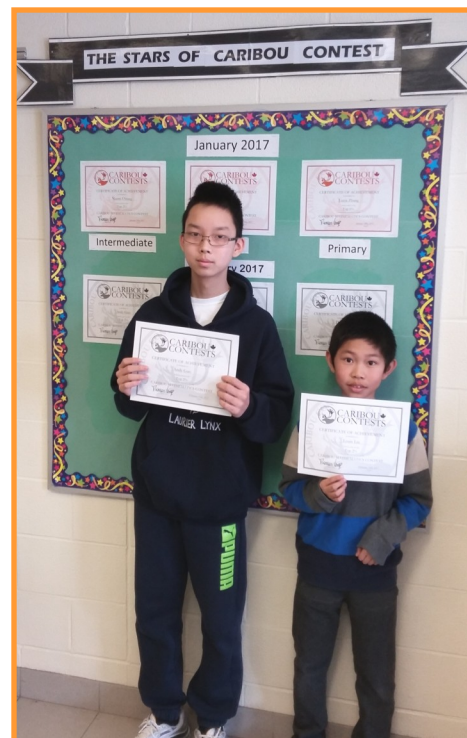


The **Caribou Mathematics Competition** is a worldwide online contest that is held six times throughout the school year. Each of these days, six contests are offered, one for each of the grade levels 3/4, 5/6, 7/8

For the month of February 2017, our congratulations go out to:

- Andy – Rank: 76th out of 6495 (top 2%)
- Louis - Rank: 102nd out of 6826 (top 2%)
- David - Rank: 51st out of 5110 (top 1%)

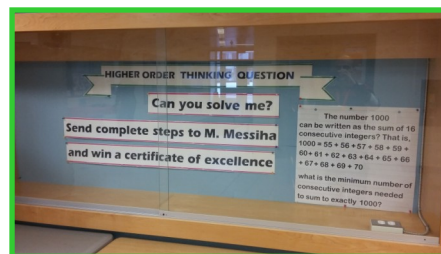
Congratulations, you have made Sir Wilfrid Laurier so proud!



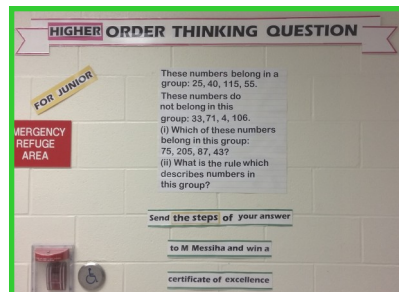
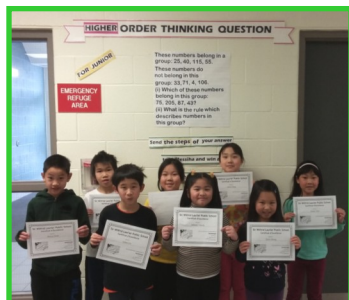
Higher Order Thinking Math Questions

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 February.

The Intermediate winners of the best solution are: Ivy and Samad.



The Primary winners of the best solution are:
Ethan, Alina, Lucia, Karis, Naomi, Ezekiel, Julianne and Marcus.



Congratulations and all the best! M. Messiha

Shaun Boothe Presentation

We would like to thank critically acclaimed hip hop artist Shaun Boothe, who has given an extremely motivational presentation about Black History Month at Sir Wilfrid Laurier Public School. He has created several unauthorized biographies, where he talks about the prominent people in recent history who decided to speak out against the "rules and regulations" the society set upon them.

During his performance, he sang 3 thought-provoking songs accompanied by a slideshow about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Malala Yousafzai and Muhammad Ali.

We are very grateful to have experienced his talent when he presented his amazing songs to us. He wrote such fascinating informational raps, educating us on these idols.

To us, he did far more than just write a song, Shaun inspired everyone listening, and ultimately told us that anyone no matter the circumstances can do anything, as long as they are not afraid to speak out. They each have a louder voice than they believe, and can use it no matter what age, size, race, gender or culture.

Thank you Shaun Boothe for giving such an inspirational speech; you have helped us all believe that each and every one of us can make a difference!



YRDSB School Climate Survey for Students

Students in Grades 5 to 12 at the York Region District School Board will be invited to participate in a survey between **March 20 and April 28, 2017**. **The survey is voluntary, anonymous and confidential**, and will take place at school.

The YRDSB survey fulfills the Ontario Ministry of Education's requirement for schools to conduct student surveys and is aligned with the YRDSB's Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-Being. Survey questions will address topics related to Math, Modern Learning, Mental Health and Well-Being, Equity and School Safety.

This survey provides an opportunity to hear directly from students and the results will be used to identify student needs and plan strategies to support student achievement and well-being. If you have questions, please contact the school office.

If you do not wish your child(ren) to participate in the survey, please contact the school by March 10, 2017.

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.

Classes for Adults

Would you like to upgrade your skills in English, Math or Computers? Are you seeking employment? Applying for college, second career or an apprenticeship?

We offer free classes to help you prepare for work or further your education in order to achieve your goals.

Our program is offered at no cost to Ontario residents aged 19+ by the York Region District School Board with support from the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development.

Classes are offered at three convenient locations:

Uplands Community Learning Centre

8210 Yonge Street, Thornhill, ON L4J1W6

Yorkworks Stouffville

111 Sandiford Drive, Stouffville, ON L4A 0Z9

Participation House (adults with special needs)

9 Butternut Lane, Markham ON L3P 3M1

Call [905--731-9557](tel:905-731-9557) for more information or to book your assessment today! Get started on your path to success!

From the list below, select what you need help with in order to find or secure sustainable employment:

<input type="checkbox"/> Finding and using information	<input type="checkbox"/> Using digital technology (computer skills)
<input type="checkbox"/> Communicating ideas and information	<input type="checkbox"/> Managing your learning (goal setting and action plans)
<input type="checkbox"/> Understanding and using numbers (math)	<input type="checkbox"/> Engaging with others ("soft skills" such as customer-service)



DESIGN YOUR PATH TO SUCCESS



The iWIN Program is offered at no cost to eligible learners by the York Region District School Board, with support from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

Book your assessment today!

Date: _____ Time: _____

This program is right for you if you are a resident of Ontario (19+) and need to:

- Enhance your employability skills
- Gain or upgrade computer skills for the workplace
- Prepare for college, university or apprenticeship programs
- Prepare for a High School Credit program or GED
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Swan Lake Outdoor Education Centre

The grade two, four, and seven classes had the opportunity to visit Swan Lake Outdoor Education Centre this month. We had fun while learning in a beautiful outdoor classroom. Some activities included hiking, snowshoeing, orienteering, and playing Inuit games.



The Grade 4 students at SWL had a great time at Swan Lake Outdoor Education Centre this February. We played a game which involved reading a map to find the different stages of the rock cycle. We also performed some tests on mineral samples to help us identify them. We even found out that some minerals conduct electricity! In the afternoon, we learned about Ephemeral Art. We made artistic creations using snow, branches, leaves and plants. We now know that *ephemeral* means *impermanent*. Luckily, we took photos of our creations!



Math Night at SWL**S.W.L. Fun Family
Math Night****What ?**

The whole family is invited
to participate in
a fun Family Math Night
hosted by



When?
March 29, 2017
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Where ?

Sir Wilfrid Laurier P. S.

Why?

To explore math through
a multi-sensory, kinesthetic
approach while learning
co-operatively!

To have families participate
in activities that use curriculum
and learn fun ways to deepen your
child's understanding of math
concepts at home.



Math Night at SWL



**Sir Wilfrid Laurier
Public School**



Please complete and return the registration form below no later than March 21st, 2017

We plan to attend Fun Family Math Night March 29th, 2017

Parent/Guardian

Child(ren) Name(s)

Grade(s)

Please let us know if you have any comments or require additional support to attend this event.

FUN FAMILY MATH NIGHT





School Council March 2017 News



Family Math Night is on **Wednesday March 29th** at 6pm!

Don't forget to register for this FREE event!

Check out this site: www.jump2math.ca for a glimpse of what to expect!

Volunteers are needed! Please contact Elisa: elisalau.intl@gmail.com



Get in touch & stay in touch...

Contacts for Pizzas: joyceakacj@gmail.com, Lunch Lady Fun Lunches: helen@thelunchlady.ca and for Subs: elisalau.intl@gmail.com

Come to our next School Council Meeting on Wed April 5th @ 7pm SWL Library! Email us agenda items to discuss or feedback at sir.wilfrid.laurier.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca



SWL Cultural Week March 20-24. For a whole week students will celebrate diversity and promote equity and inclusivity at school!



There will be cultural guest speakers, performances, hands-on workshops and activities! Interested in helping out? Contact Jerica Lin at wintercity@gmail.com

Stay tuned for...

Our annual Fun Fair is Thursday June 1st (8th rain date)

Fundraising Updates!

Donate to the **School Investment in Education** online anytime!

<https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>



\$4.8K
Cash
Donations

\$8K
Subs

\$14K
Pizzas

Based on projected March forecast, we reached

107%

of our
Goal!
A Big



to all who
helped us
get there!

MARCH 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Day 5 Pizza Lunch ROM Grade 4s 12:45-1:20pm Int. Badminton Tryouts	2 Day 1 Lunch Lady 12:45-1:20pm Int. Badminton Tryouts	3 Day 2 Sub Lunch 10:10am Jr Boys Basketball Tryouts 12:45pm Jr Girls Basketball Tryouts	4
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19	20 Day 3 12:45pm Jr Boys Basketball Practice 12:45pm Senior Band Multicultural Week	21 Day 4 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination Scientist in the School 7A, 7B Rm 208 10:10am Jr. Boys Basketball Practice 12:45pm Jr Girls Basketball Tryouts	22 Day 5 Pizza Lunch 12:45-1:20pm Int. Badminton Scientist in the School 7C, 7D Rm 208 3:00-4:30pm Jr Boys Basketball Game @ LAPS	23 Day 1 Lunch Lady 12:45-1:20pm Int. Badminton	24 Day 2 Sub Lunch Cultural Clothing Day: Wear Traditional or Canada Colours or SWL Wear 12:45pm Jr Girls Basketball Practice	25
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