



SIR WILFRID LAURIER P.S.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK . . .

It has been a busy fall here at Sir Wilfrid Laurier Public School. As a school, we have been involved in a variety of activities including Area Cross Country where our Atom girls won a pennant, a successful Terry Fox Run, the start of the Math and Computer Science Club, the election of the Student's Council, the election of School Council, Pizza, sub-lunches and Kids Kitchen being delivered efficiently, Investment in Education Fund on the rise (thanks to our generous parent community), and Educo French Book Fair which offered a selection of French books to many of our students. In classes, students are hard at work on their grade level curricular expectations working individually or in small groups to go deeper with their knowledge and understanding of a topic, apply this understanding and use this knowledge to analyze and evaluate information.

On November 23rd, SWL students will bring home their Progress Report Cards. Progress Reports are an opportunity for teachers to share the development of learning skills and work habits as well as general progress in the subject areas with families, to date. It gives families, teachers and students the opportunity to review their progress so far and to set goals for growth to ensure a successful term. Final marks for all subject areas will be recorded on the Term 1 Report Card which will go home February first. This year, all of our classes from grade 2 to grade 8 will participate in Student-Led Conferences on the evening of Thursday, November 24th and the morning of Friday, November 25th. Look for an interview schedule in the middle of November.

Student Conferences are one of the ways for you to participate in partnering with your child and his/her teacher to support their learning. Before the interview, you may wish to review the progress report card and talk to your child about their learning experiences so far this year.

We look forward to seeing the parents of grades 2, 3, and 4 students during our very first primary celebration assembly on Wednesday, November 2nd, at 8:45 am.

All parents are welcome to attend our Remembrance Day assembly on Friday, November 11th at 10:40 am (Gr.2/3/4) and 11:30 (Gr.5/6/7/8).

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Challenge of Practice:

When engaged our students can demonstrate literal comprehension and work both collaboratively and independently in groups.

Theory of Action:

If we use oral production as a strategy, then we will increase student achievement in critical thinking

Student Achievement!

Students: need to use higher-order thinking skills when communicating their thinking

Staff: are learning how to support student articulation of critical thinking as it pertains to the higher levels of Bloom's Taxonomy

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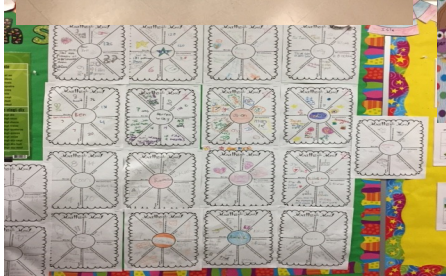
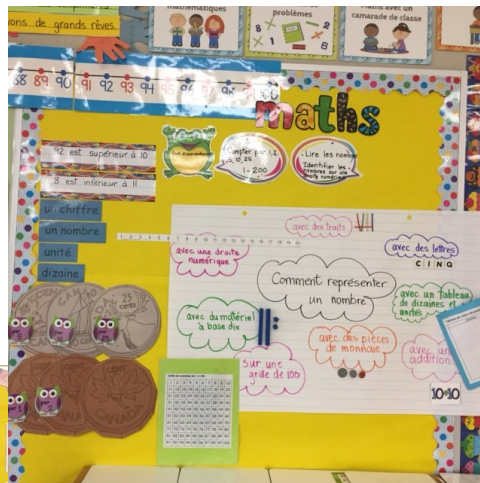


Terry Fox Walk/ Run

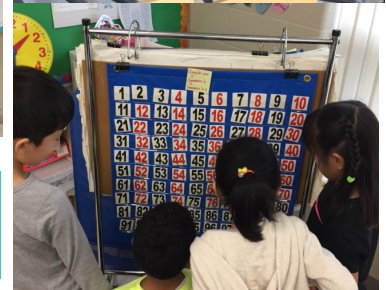
We had an absolutely beautiful day on October 6th for our Terry Fox Walk. The entire school warmed up with the Cha-Cha Slide led by a group of Grade 7 volunteers before leaving as a group to begin the walk. Our primary and junior students participated in a loop that took them around the park and then around the school while our students in grades 6-8 took a route through the neighborhood. Thank you to the family members who volunteered and joined us for the walk! It was a wonderful event and it was made more significant through daily announcements from Terry Fox's brother Fred Fox, the red and white spirit day and the stickers worn by all participants stating who they were running for. We are very proud to say that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier PS community \$ 943.40 for cancer research.



This is how we represent "les nombres en deuxième année!"



BRAVO MES PETITS! FIER DE VOUS!



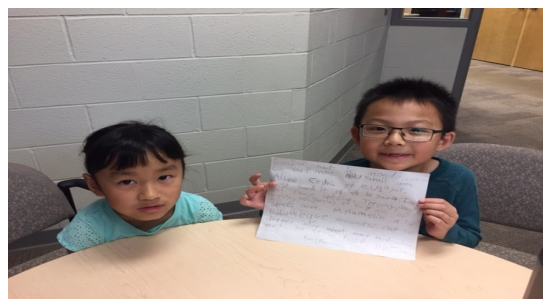


Blue Jays Day @ SWL

Following the win of the Blue Jays on the first of October, we had a Blue Jays Day in support of the team as they played their wild-card game on Tuesday. The students and staff came in big numbers wearing their Blue Jays apparel or simply by wearing Blue and White to support the team. This was a fun day here at SWL!!

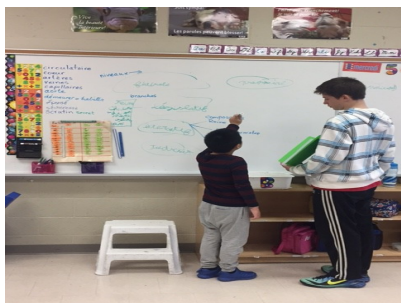


Grade two writing morning announcements and reading it to Mrs. Sadaka in the morning !
Thank you Darren for making my day!



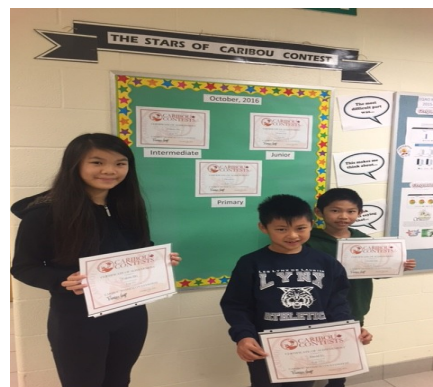
Mentoring students @ SWL

Some of our older students act as mentors for our younger ones. This picture was captured at lunch time, while a new relationship is being developed here at school between one of our new student and an existent intermediate student. Exciting stuff! Way to go!!



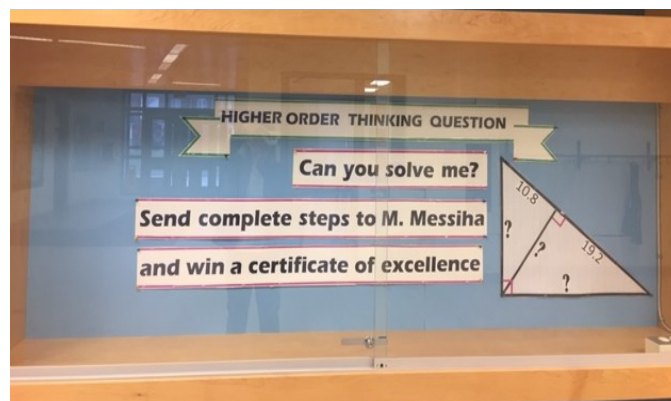
Caribou Contest Winners @SWL

Congratulations to Valerie who scored in the top 1% of the grade 7&8, Louis who scored in the top 4% of the grade 5&6, and David who scored in the top 15% of the grade 3&4 students. Thank you to all teachers who facilitated and encouraged their students to participate in the contest, there was a lot of enthusiasm and excitement while writing the contest.



How Do We Pique Students Interest in MATH @SWL?

Thank you Mr. Messiah for posting interesting Higher Order Thinking Math questions for our students to solve every month. This month, three students found the correct answers and received a certificate of achievement from Mrs. Sadaka in the office. More questions suited for other divisions will be posted throughout the school soon!!



Regional Cross Country



MILK PROGRAM

Please note that School Cash Net is open for all parents wishing to purchase the milk program for their children. The deadline to register online is November 1st.

Grade 4 Ambassadors practicing their cheers according to their house colours. Look for them at our first Primary assembly on Wednesday, November 2nd, 2016 at 8:45



HELP - School-Lunch Assistants Needed

We have two new openings for School-Lunch Assistant positions at Sir Wilfrid Laurier P.S. The hours are 12:20 p.m. - 1:20 p.m. and the rate of pay is \$12.11 per hour. Please contact the school office at 905-927-1452 for further details. If you are interested in applying for this position to support our school, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Book Fair

Thank you to all of our families who supported our first Literacy Event of the Year. The book fair featured French resources from EDUCO, a new company in Aurora. Through these events we are able to continue to provide current and engaging materials for our students.

Lost and Found

Lost items are placed in our Lost and Found box, situated in the front foyer. Students and parents are encouraged to check the Lost and Found box to claim lost articles and clothing. Small, valuable items such as watches, keys, and glasses, are kept in the office until claimed. Please use the time of Student-Led Conferences on November 24th and 25th to help your child find their missing items.

Upcoming Events

- October 31: Halloween Activities and Halloween Dance (grades 6-8)
- November 1: Photo Retakes
- November 2: Grades 2-4 Assembly (8:45am), parents are welcome to attend
- November 11: Remembrance Day Assemblies, Parents are welcome to attend
- November 23: Progress Reports Go Home
- November 24: Student Led Conferences (evening)
- November 25: Student Led Conferences (morning), P A Day, No school for students

Arriving to school on Time

Having students arrive on time and get to class before the singing of our national anthem is one goal that the administration is working on this year. Punctuality and taking responsibility are two skills that are very important to learn growing up at school. We need to help our children take responsibility by setting their alarm and waking up on time so they can get ready and arrive to school before 8:30 a.m. We often hear the students giving the same excuses like: "We did not wake up on time this morning", or "traffic was bad", or "I was waiting for my sibling". Together as partners in education, we are going to try to minimize students late arrival to school. In case of emergency and extenuating circumstances, we do totally understand and try to offer so much support to those particular students. Please let us know if we can help achieve this goal together. Merci !

STUDENTS' COUNCIL @ SWL

Upon my arrival to Sir Wilfrid Laurier school this year, I proposed the formation of students council in order to bring student's voices and be part of all stakeholders that make our community a strong one. Based on the board survey conducted with all grades 5 and 7 last spring, we concluded that we need to allow for our students to appreciate their presence in a French school environment, and be included in the decision making which I have always valued in every school where I have been an administrator. My objective, along with the leadership of some of our dedicated staff is to plan community based projects, humanitarian projects, as well as creating global citizenship awareness for the whole school. Two Class Representatives were then elected to join the students council, to meet and talk, to learn and then transfer the information back into their classrooms for actions.

WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS NEW EXPERIENCE!!

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHTS FOR GRADE EIGHT AND THEIR PARENTS!

Parents please take note of the high school information nights and times. You will find below information for our feeder school. Your child will be feeding into the following high schools:

Pierre Elliot Trudeau SS for the FI Program

Bill Crothers SS for the Sports program

Bayview SS for the International Baccalaureate

Unionville HS for the Arts program

Please feel free to contact the high schools for further information.

Current Grade 8 and Grade 9 students and families interested in YRDSB's IB Program are invited to attend an information session to learn more about the program and application process. No registration is needed.

IB Information Evening – Wednesday, October 26, 2016 (passed)

Location: Le Parc

8432 Leslie Street, Thornhill, Ontario L3T 7M6

Families living EAST of Yonge St 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Families living WEST of Yonge St 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Assessment Dates – **Saturday, November 19 or Tuesday, November 22, 2016**

Admission to the York Region District School Board IB programs includes an assessment. At the time of application, students will select to write in either the a.m. or p.m. on Saturday, November 19 or in the evening on Tuesday, November 22. There is a \$35 fee to apply to this program. For additional information, please visit www.yrdsb.ca/IB.

Bayview SS	January 19, 2017	7:00pm
Pierre E Trudeau HS	December 1, 2016	7:00pm
Unionville HS	January 18, 2017	6:00pm
Unionville HS—ARTs	November 1, 2016 Flato Markham Theatre	7:00pm

Late or Cancelled Transportation

Want to check if your bus is on schedule? A [late bus report](http://www.schoolbuscity.com/latebus) is available at <http://www.schoolbuscity.com/latebus>

Transportation will be cancelled by 6:30am if road conditions are unsafe or are expected to deteriorate significantly by the time students are to be bussed home. Schools will remain open unless otherwise stated even when buses have been cancelled. To find out if transportation is cancelled check:

- the Board [website](#)
- the [@YRDSB](#) Twitter account
- the Student Transportation Services' (STS) or hotline: 1-877-330-3001
- Radio and TV media outlets.

The Board is unable to cancel transportation in select areas or along select routes. Due to the integration of school bus routes across York Region, busing may have to be cancelled even if severe weather is affecting only portions of York Region.

COLD WEATHER IS UPON US!



As the weather conditions change, parents are reminded to send their children to school with appropriate outerwear. Layers of clothing are ideal for variable conditions during the fall. All children go outside for recesses each day for 30 minutes at morning recess, and 35 minutes at lunch recess (weather permitting), so it is very important that they are dressed appropriately. Parents of younger children may want to send in spare clothing (pants and socks are often needed) in a labeled bag for those wet, slushy, snowy days ahead.



Kids Kitchen

Kids Kitchen is now available five days a week. Parents can place orders online at www.kidskitchen.ca
There will no longer be any blackout days for the Kids Kitchen program



Halloween at Sir Wilfrid Laurier PS

Each year, students from across York Region celebrate the long-standing tradition of Halloween. This celebration also takes place in many of our schools both at the elementary and secondary level. The purpose of this is to remind all parents and guardians that students celebrating this occasion in costume at school must comply with the York Region District School Board Safe and Supportive Schools Policy# 668.0 Costume accessories including, but not limited to, toy guns, knives, axes, swords, etc. are in non-compliance with York Region District School Board's Safe and Supportive Schools Policy #668.0. Staff has reminded students that they can not bring to school any toy costume accessories as part of their Halloween costume. As always, if you have questions, please contact the school office.

Students will have an opportunity to celebrate with their classmates in the afternoon of Monday October 31st, 2016.

Keeping Our Children Safe: YRP

Here's what children need to know:

- Their name, age, telephone number, address, city and province. This can be done through rhyme or song.
- How to contact their parents at any time, by memorizing cell or work numbers.
- How and under what circumstances to call 911.
- To never approach or enter a stranger's vehicle. A responsible adult would never ask a child for directions or any other question for that matter.
- Make sure they know they have a right to say "no" to an adult, especially when the adult is asking them to do something they have been taught is wrong or feels uncomfortable. Reminding children of this right is important because children are taught from a young age to respect adults.
- To always tell parents where they will be and to never enter someone's home without their parent's permission.
- If home alone, never admit it when answering the phone. Never answer a knock at the door or speak through it. Adults can be very persuasive. Teach your child to call you if there is a knock at the door and if they fear for their safety, teach them to call 911. Make sure they know that police officers are there to help them and would not get mad if it were a false alarm.
- If they think they are being followed or are in danger they should run home or to a public place. If someone grabs them, they should try to get away, yelling and screaming while doing so.

It is important to play in safe areas, never take shortcuts and stick with a buddy whenever possible.

It is never too early or too late to teach children the importance of personal safety. Common sense, communication and consistency are the keys. Remind children to alert a responsible adult if something strange happens that makes them feel uncomfortable. Remember, crime prevention is everyone's responsibility.

For more information on this subject, visit www.yrp.ca.


Who we are...			
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Casting Call...

Do you have a flare for fundraising or work for a Non-profit? Come to our next meeting!

Volunteers welcomed anytime! Lunch Volunteers are appreciated!

Contact any of our Council members and volunteer your talent & services!

Meet this Mystery Person @ our next Meeting! Here are hints: His first name starts with a B. and his last name starts with a P. He is an elected School Official. He attends Parent Council Meetings at various schools.		When: Wed Nov 9 th @ 7pm - 8pm Where: SWL PS Library Topic: All about Fundraising!
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Answer: Trustee Billy Pang

Can't make it? Email us if you have any suggestions, ideas or concerns!

Missed the Meeting? No problem, check out the minutes and stay in the loop!

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/sirwilfridlaurier.ps/SchoolCouncil/Pages/Agendas.aspx>



Did you know...

Proceeds of **Pizzas/Subs** go to benefiting the kids in the school. It is never too late to order pizzas or subs. Contact Joyce for Pizza: joyceakacj@gmail.com and Elisa for Subs: ElisaLau.intl@gmail.com

Pizza/Sub portions conform to PPM 150 Ministry of Education guidelines! In layman's terms, it meets the amount of salt & fat content in those guidelines! Learn more about PPM 150 by clicking on this link: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/extra/eng/ppm/150.html>

9/10 Parents provided their email address to the School; making communication more expedient and hopefully paperless going forward?

Encourage your kids to ask their Gym Teacher about team sports and listen to sign-up announcements!

There is an online library for Parents! If you don't see what you want, let us know! <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/sirwilfridlaurier.ps/SchoolCouncil/Pages/Parent-Resource-Library.aspx>

Check this article out on how to keep your kids safe on the internet! <http://teens.webmd.com/features/teen-internet-safety-tips>



Fundraising updates!

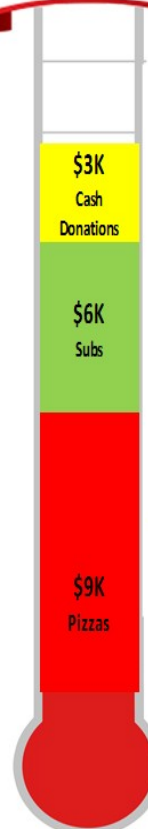
Help us reach our Goal!

Please register (if you haven't done so) or sign-in online to make donations!

<https://schoolcashionline.com/>

[Note: For 1st time registration, you will need your child's Student #].

25,000



Based on estimated forecast, we will be at

72%

of our Goal!

A Big



to all who helped us get there!



NOVEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	October 31 Halloween day Primary parade Gr.6-7-8 Dance 1:20 pm	1 Day 3 Photo Retakes Intramural Handball Gr 4-5 10:10am-10:40am Girls Volleyball Practice 12:40am-1:20pm	2 Day 4 Primary Assembly Gr.2/3/4 8:45 am Take our Kids to Work Day Pizza Lunch Senior Band	3 Day 5 Girls Volleyball game at Castlemore 3:00pm-4:00pm	4 Day 1 Sub Lunch Intramural Handball Gr 6-8 10:10am-10:40am SWL Mathematics and Computer Science Club 12:45pm—1:20pm	5
6 Daylight Savings Time	7 Day 2	8 Day 3 Intramural Hand- ball Gr 6-8 10:10am-10:40am	9 Day 4 Pizza Lunch School Bus Evacuation Grades Gr.2,3,4 at 9:30am Senior Band 12:45pm-1:20pm School Council meeting 7:00 pm Library	10 Day 5 Int. Choir workshop at PET high School School Bus Evacuation Training Grades 4 –8 9:30am	11 Day 1 Sub Lunch Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45-11:30 SWL Mathematics and Computer Science Club 12:45pm—1:20pm	12
13	14 Day 2	15 Day 3 Intramural Hand- ball Gr 6-8 10:10am-10:40am	16 Day 4 Pizza Lunch Senior Band 12:45pm-1:20pm Second Caribou Contest 1st try (November) 7:30am-3:00pm	17 Day 5 Second Caribou Con- test 2nd try (November) 7:30am- 3:00pm	18 Day 1 Sub Lunch Int. Band workshop at PET High School with UOT professors Intramural Handball Gr 6-8 10:10am SWL Mathematics and Computer Science Club 12:45pm—1:20pm	19
20	21 Day 2 Intermediate Boys Volleyball Area Tournament at Unionville High School 8:00am-9:00am	22 Day 3 Girls Volleyball Area Tournament at Markville Secondary School 8:00am-9:00am	23 Day 4 Pizza Lunch Senior Band 12:45pm-1:20pm Progress Reports Go Home	24 Day 5 Sub Lunch Student-Led Conferences 3:30-7:30p.m.	25 Day 0 PA DAY NO SCHOOL TODAY Student-Led Conferences 8:30-11:30	26
27	28 Day 1 SWL Mathematics and Computer Science Club 12:45pm—1:20pm	29 Day 2	30 Day 3 Pizza Lunch Intermediate Girls Volleyball Regionals 8:00am-9:00am Primary Assem- bly Gr.2/3/4 8:45 am			