



SIR WILFRID LAURIER P.S.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK . . .

We have had an excellent start to the school year! Routines have been clearly established in all of our classrooms and relationships have been built between teachers and students and within the classroom to encourage an effective learning environment. We are ready for another year of focused learning towards both academic achievement and well-being for each and every student.

We enjoyed meeting you at our BBQ/ Curriculum night last evening. The goals for the evening were for the first part to give you the opportunity to socialize, and mingle with staff and other community members and get to know them on the personal level and for the second part is to gain a further understanding of our school routines, as well as to provide you with some tips that will help you support your children throughout the school year. Information shared by your child's teachers will help you understand the expectations of the new academic year and enable this learning partnership to be successful. Please remember, if during the school year you have questions or concerns about your child's progress or program, you are encouraged to contact your child's teacher through a note in the agenda or a phone call. We appreciate your active role in your child (ren)'s education.

With fall upon us, the weather will be changing and getting cooler. Please make sure your children are dressed according to the weather. All of our students go out to play for 30 minutes in the morning and 40 minutes after lunch. You are encouraged to check the weather report on the radio, television or online to ensure that your children are dressed to be comfortable playing outdoors. If your child is too unwell to play outside then it is best that they stay home for the day until feeling well enough to participate in school activities.

In order to keep our students and staff safe at the end of the day while students are boarding the busses, our main entrance gate will be closed for 5 minutes between 3:10-3:15 to ensure all busses are leaving in a safe manner and no other personnel are being subject to possible injuries. If you arrive to school within those five minutes, please park on Hazelton Avenue and come down to pick up your child. Thank you for understanding.

It is very important that students stay at school for the entire duration of the school day. We encourage parents to refrain from coming to the office to sign out their children because of various appointments, especially 10-15 minutes before the end of the day. Students need the full instructional time to be successful at school including the last 15 minutes of the day. Teachers are very busy with their students towards the end of the day to receive messages from the office asking for certain students to come down to the office. We will not accept any calls for students' withdrawal 10-15 min before 3:00 unless it is an emergency. Thank you for understanding. We look forward to seeing you at our first school council election meeting on Wednesday, October 5th, at 7:00 pm, and at the Terry Fox Run on Thursday, October 6th at 1:30 (Rain date October 7th) if you are available to watch the kids taking part in this great event.

Ghada Sadaka: Principal

Kathryn Gravill: Vice Principal

Carmen Lo, Antonietta Lawrence,
Shelley Young:

Office Administration

Peter Tse: Superintendent

(905) 940- 7800

Billy Pang: Trustee (905) 476- 3655

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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:

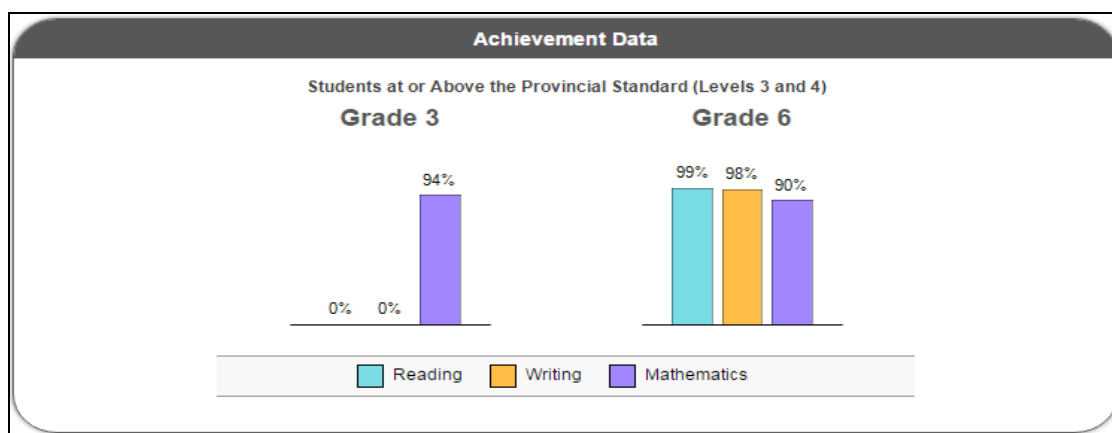
If we use oral production as a strategy, then we will increase student achievement in critical thinking

Student Achievement!

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

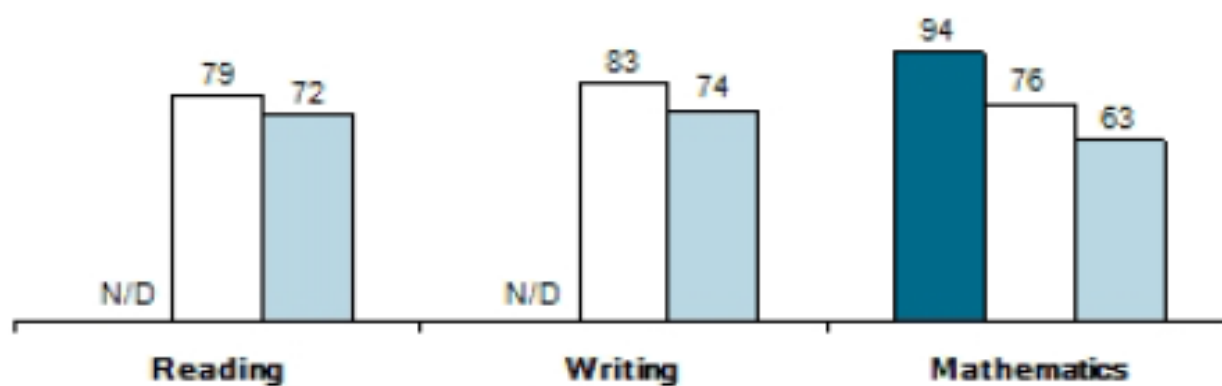
Staff : are learning how to support student articulation of critical thinking as it pertains to the higher levels of Bloom's Taxonomy

EQAO RESULTS 2016-2017

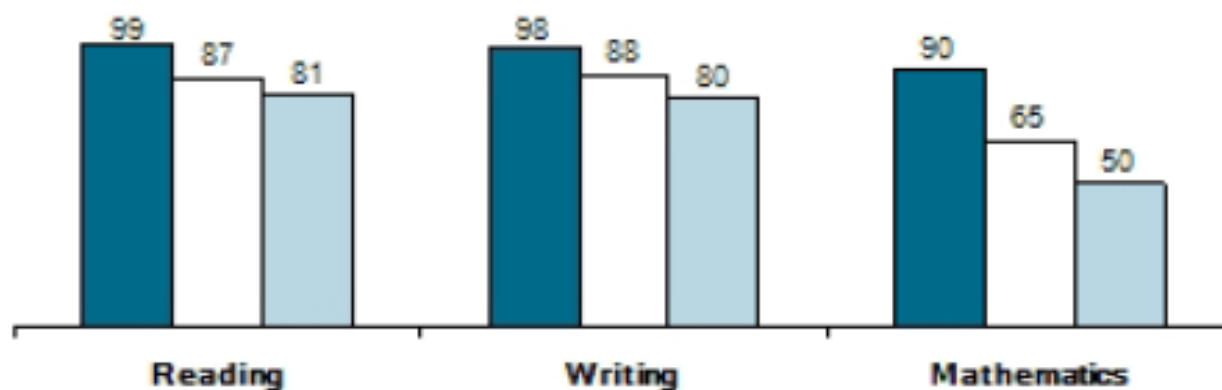


PERCENTAGE OF ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4), 2015–2016

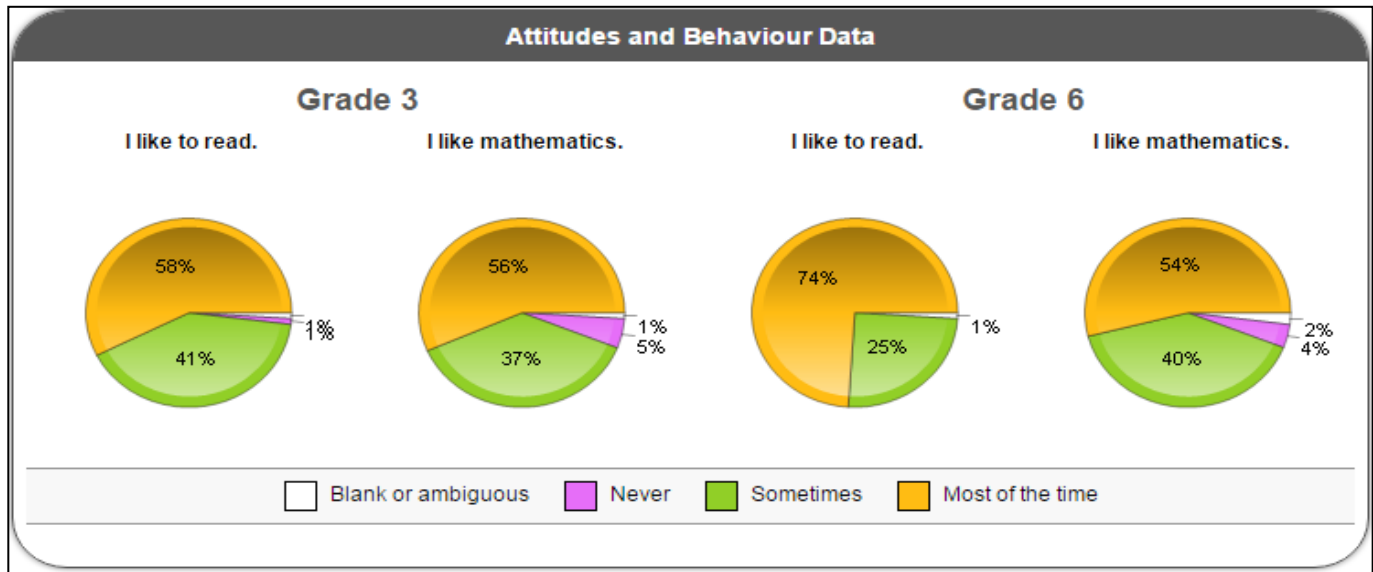
Grade 3



Grade 6



School
 Board
 Province



The charts above are an abbreviated summary of our school EQAO results from the 2015-2016 school year. EQAO results are one of the many ways we measure student success and provide a snapshot of results across our Board and the province. At a school level, EQAO data, along with other data sources, is used to inform school and board improvement strategies to continue to support the needs of our students. **We are very proud of our students' achievements.** Our focus is on student achievement and well-being, and our partnerships with families, are helping to prepare students for a bright future. We will be discussing the data with our staff to further develop the learning and continue to achieve excellence at Sir Wilfrid Laurier!!



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 French Immersion 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.

Bayview SS	January 19, 2017	7:00 pm
Pierre E Trudeau HS	December 1, 2016	7:00 pm
Unionville HS	January 19, 2017	6:00 pm
	November 1 2016 - Arts Unionville @ Flato Markham Theatre	7:00 pm

Are you interested in attending Bill Crothers Secondary School for the school year 2017 - 2018?

Bill Crothers Secondary School is a unique, system-wide program that provides an inclusive and engaging learning environment for students who are motivated by healthy active living and sport while achieving academic success. This school operates on a Balanced School Year (early August to mid-June) schedule which supports the diverse needs of student-athletes.

Information Night at: Bill Crothers Secondary School, 44 Main Street, Unionville, Ontario.

Tuesday October 18th, 2016 – Students in the West & North of the Region

Wednesday October 19th, 2016 – Students in the East Region

Thursday October 20th, 2016 – Students in the Central Region

Information sessions will be from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the school cafeteria.

If you have a conflict with your designated evening, you are welcome to attend an alternate evening. The above suggestions are made to assist with seating for each evening's presentation. Thank you. Admission to Bill Crothers Secondary School is by application and is open to students who reside in York Region entering grades 9, 10, 11, or 12. Students must declare the sport in which they compete at the highest level outside of school and will not be able to compete in this sport for BCSS in the YRAA (York Region Athletic Association) or OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association) league. Alternative competitive options are being explored.

Due to limited space and building capacity regulations, we ask that **only families with students interested in attending BCSS for the school year 2017 - 2018** attend one of these evenings. Parking is limited so we ask that you carpool or park at the GO Station. **By-law officers will enforce the parking regulations.**

Applications will be available from the website on Friday October 21, 2016.

For further information, contact shirley.difebo@yrdsb.ca

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

Location: Le Parc

8432 Leslie Street, Thornhill, Ontario L3T 7M6

Hall: to be announced

Times:

Families living **EAST** of Yonge St 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Families living **WEST** of Yonge St. 8:00 p.m. – 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.

Students eligible for Grade 9 and Grade 10 in September 2017 may apply.

For additional information, please visit www.yrdsb.ca/IB.

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.

An important message from our school office

Occasionally we realize that parents need to sign out their child prior to the regular dismissal time of 3:00 p.m. We request that, where possible, this not happen very often so that the student is provided with the maximum amount of instructional time.

If you need to sign your child out during school hours (8:25 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.):

1. Write a note in the student's agenda for the day of the appointment indicating what time they need to be signed out. This allows the teaching staff to have some advance notice that the child will be leaving school.
2. Please remind your child of the scheduled appointment so they can be prepared.
3. A parent or legal guardian must come into the office and sign out the child. If the child returns to school that day when the appointment is complete, the parent or legal guardian must come back into the office with the child and sign them back in.
4. To avoid interrupting instructional time, the office will not call down a student until the parent or legal guardian comes in to sign out the child and advises the office staff of the student's name, grade, and teacher's name.

Hot lunches by school council

Once again, hot lunches will continue to be available for students to purchase by sending a cheque to the school office. The school cash online service is closed for now and will be reopened in January for a new round of Hot lunches. Stay tuned! Thank you to all parents who are volunteering their precious time to come and oversee the delivery of hot lunches to all of the students participating. Your help is greatly appreciated by all of us at Sir Wilfrid Laurier.



Parents please make sure you visit School Bus City.com to be aware of the late bus report that is available to you to help make alternate arrangements



It has been a very busy start to the school year with 18 busses loading many of our students and coming in and out the front of our school. Thank you to all our staff for doing a phenomenal job ensuring that all our students are getting home safe by boarding the correct bus number. At the end of the day, our staff hold their signs high and lead the students into their bus, wait until they wave good bye to wish them an enjoyable evening.





THIS IS CALLED CHARACTER! BRAVO LES AMIS!

A couple of weeks ago, when I was outside supervising the students while playing at lunch time, the GFL big truck pulled in to pick up the garbage. All of a sudden, a bunch of grade two and three students ran and in a very orderly fashion sat down one after one, crossed legged to watch this fascinating activity and the mechanism that goes with the big truck. Once the job was done perfectly, the students clapped, said thank you to show their appreciation and resumed their activities. I thought it was very cute to show such character!

Cross Country

On Thursday September 29th, over 100 SWL students braved the cold and the rain to participate in the East Area Cross Country Meet at Milliken Mills Park. Teachers who attended the event commented on how positive students were and their excellent sportsmanship throughout the day. We are very proud of all of our athletes and wish best of luck to the more than 20 stu-



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LE JOUR DE LA FRANCOPHONIE!

This week grade 4 reminded us that the province of Ontario officially proclaimed Franco-Ontarian Day in 2010. Over 611500 Francophones reside in Ontario! In celebration our first spirit day was Green and White day!



培育 超凡少年



你的子女是否12和18岁之间的青少年?

参加由心理健康协会主办的「培育超凡少年」计划，
让你了解现今时代的年轻人所面对的挑战，
以及如何帮助你的子女应付这些挑战。

主题：如何让子女充分发挥潜能，以及如何改善与子女的关系。
对象：住在约克区，有12至18岁子女的父母

日期：2010年11月1日至12月6日

地点：Middlefield Collegiate Institute,
Classroom 1,
525 Highglan Ave., Markham, ON

费用全免，提供茶点和公车券。

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Please note that all wellness program for Chinese families flyers will be sent separately following the newsletter: ex:
Youth counseling group,
workshops, youth wellbeing etc...

NEWS FROM OUR BOARD

Please take note that details and attachments on the free classes will be
**SENT AS AN EMAIL
BLAST TO ALL PARENTS!**

BBQ/ CURRICULUM NIGHT

Thank you to all the parents who came last evening to our BBQ/Curriculum night to share the love of learning with their children. We had an amazing turn out and fun was had by all. The BBQ was delicious, the activities were well received by our students and the curriculum part of the evening was very informative and valuable to all parents. We continue to encourage our parents to be involved in their children education on a daily basis. Research shows that when parents are engaged in their kids' schooling, students become more successful and will have brighter future.

Thank you so much to many hands who were involved in the preparation of this busy evening. Parents, teacher's committee, grade 8 students committee, grade 9 students volunteers, our caretakers, our secretaries, and most of all our school council who worked tirelessly to make the distribution of the food very smooth and flowing nicely throughout the evening.

ENJOY SOME OF THE PICS OF OUR STAFF CAPTURED LAST EVENING!



OCTOBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Day 4 *Rosh Hashanah	4 Day 5 *Rosh Hashanah	5 Day 1 School Council meeting and election 7:00-8:00 in the library	6 Day 2 Terry Fox Run, 1:30—2:30 Parents are encouraged to attend WEAR RED AND WHITE	7 Day 3 Terry Fox Run (rain date) 1:30—2:30 Parents are en- couraged to attend	8
9	10 Thanksgiving No school	11 Day 4 Math and com- puter science club starts Student coun- cil election	12 Day 5	13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15
16	17 Day 3	18 Day 4 Caribou contest Health and safety visit	19 Day 5 Caribou contest	20 Day 1 Immunization HEP B Gr.7 HPV Gr.8	21 Day 2	22
23	24 Day 3	25 Day 4	26 Day 5	27 Day 1	28 Day 0 P.A. Day No school for student	29 *Diwali
30	31 Day 2 Halloween Dance for Gr.6,7,8					