



WILCLAY WILDCAT

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這是重要文件，若不明白，請找人翻譯。 இது ஒரு முக்கியமான பத்திரம். இதை வாசித்து விளங்கப் படுத்திக் கூடிய ஒருவர்டன் கலித்தூர் செல்லவும்.

بہ یک ضروری دستاویز ہے۔ اسے کسی ایسے شخص کے پاس لے جائیے جو آپ کو اس کے بارے میں سہولت دے سکے۔

एक बहुत जरूरी कागज़ है। इसे किसी ऐसे व्यक्ति के पास ले जाएं जो इसे आपको समझा सके।

هذا الخطاب مهم جداً .. نرجو أن تجد من يشرح لك .

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 26	Parent Engagement Roundtable from 6:00-8:30 – Babysitting Available		
March 27-28	Grade 8 Artist in Residence Program	March 28	Earth Hour
March 31	Intermediate Band at Music Alive	Apr 2-3	Spring Pictures
Apr 4	Earth Rangers Presentation	Apr 8	Intermediate Choir at Music Alive
Apr 9	Junior Choir at Music Alive	Apr 16	Friday schedule at school
Apr 18	Easter – No School	Apr 21	Easter – No School
Apr 23	Grade 7 and 8 Production of “Ever After”	Apr 24	Together We’re Better Conference

Dear Families,

We have had two significant changes at Wilclay Public School over the past month. Firstly, our Front Door is now locked everyday at 8:45 and everyone has to buzz in and wait for the door to be opened remotely. We would like to thank the Wilclay community for your patience and understanding with this enhanced security measure. Wilclay Public School continues to be a safe place where parent and community member involvement is welcomed and encouraged.

Secondly, the School Day initiative was launched in February. This initiative allows for parents to pay and give permission for field trips, order pizza and sub sandwiches and get information about school activities. Congratulations to the families who have successfully registered. Families who have not yet done so are encouraged to register at www.yrdsb/school/wilclay.ps. If you are having difficulty registering for School Day, please call the office and we will be happy to assist you.

Our Community Round Table event will be held this Wednesday, March 26th from 6:00 until 8:30 pm. Our theme for this year will be: **Raising Confident and Successful Children**. Our school psychologist will give us strategies on how to limit computer and media use. An expert in team building with children will provide strategies to support children who are dealing with bullying behaviour. The final topic relates to the technology and internet sites that students are using at home and at school. Our school technology team will give you suggestions for keeping your children safe when they are online. We are excited about this community event and hope that you will be able to come out for the evening.

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CHARACTER CORNER

The character trait for April is Optimism.

We maintain a positive attitude. We look on the brighter side of situations. We are able to see opportunities even in the face of adversity. We have hope for the future.

"You miss 100% of the shots you never take." – Wayne Gretzky

"If you can DREAM it, you can DO it". – Walt Disney

"I am fundamentally an optimist. Whether that comes from nature or nurture, I cannot say. Part of being optimistic is keeping one's head pointed toward the sun, one's feet moving forward. There were many dark moments when my faith in humanity was sorely tested, but I would not and could not give myself up to despair. That way lays defeat and death."

— [Nelson Mandela](#), [Long Walk to Freedom: Autobiography of Nelson Mandela](#)



WILCLAY PARENT ENGAGEMENT ROUNDTABLE!

All families are invited to our parent engagement roundtable which will be held Wednesday, March 26th from 6:00-8:30. Our theme for this year is: **Raising Confident and Successful Children**. We will include informational pieces on parenting, media choices and bully prevention. Babysitting will be available. We look forward to seeing you there.



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BOARD LAUNCHES NEW MISSION, VISION, VALUES and SLOGAN

Mission: *To advance student achievement and well-being through public education, which motivates learners, fosters inclusion, inspires innovation and builds community.*

The York Region District School Board is celebrating the launch of its new Mission, Vision and Values statements and slogan – **Inspire Learning!**

The Board last reviewed these statements in the late 1990s. Since that time, education in York Region has been influenced by a number of significant changes, including changes in technology, in our communities and in our learning environments.

Community members, parents/guardians, staff members and students had the opportunity to provide input and share ideas about the ideal future of public education in York Region. Thank you to everyone who participated in the process.

For more information, visit the Board website at www.yrdsb.ca.

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LOST AND FOUND



If your child is missing clothing items, those missing items might be at school in our lost and found bin. Please remind your child to take a look. You are also more than welcome to come in and look through the bin.

MUSIC NOTES

This is a very exciting and busy month in the Music Department at Wilclay. We have three groups going to Music Alive this Year. The Intermediate Band will be performing on Monday, March 31st, the Intermediate Choir on Tuesday, April 8th and the Junior Choir on Wednesday, April 9th. These groups will each have the opportunity to perform two pieces for an adjudicator who is an experienced musician and music educator. The adjudicator will give the groups feedback on their performance and then work with them to improve their skills. It is a fantastic experience for the students involved, as well as for the teachers who work with them. Students will be expected to wear plain white tops and black bottoms when they perform, so please check out those sale racks now! There will also be a small charge for transportation to and from the festival. The school has paid the entry fee for the groups. Parents are welcome to travel on their own to the festival site to watch the performance. Specific information will be sent home with the students who are participating.



Rehearsals are well underway for our performance of *Ever After*, on April 23rd. There will be three performances - one in the morning at 8:45, one in the afternoon at 1:30, and the final one in the evening at 7:00. Families are welcome to attend any of the performances. The students involved are working very hard during every recess and lunch, as well as after school practices one or two nights each week. We are looking forward to seeing you at the show.

LIBRARY NEWS

The students have been busy working on the Forest of Reading Program. They have been talking about their favourite books on a new program called Desire to Learn. The children will be voting on their favourite book in April. Stay tuned for the winner. Please encourage your child to join this program. For more information please check the website at <https://www.accessola.org> or go to <http://yrdsb.elearningontario.ca/>, type in your child's OEN number (found on their report card) as the username and password. Enjoy.



THE LEGO CLUB

We would like to say a BIG thank you to the donation from the Parent Council that made Lego Club possible. With their help we were able to purchase several hundreds of dollars of Lego.

Our club is being run as a drop in and this week we had over 50 students from grades 1, 2, and 3 and our Community Class participate. We are so excited to see so much interest in our club. Thank you again to all of the Wilclay Families who made our club possible through their fundraising efforts.

Go Wildcats!

Ms. W-K and Ms. Cruickshank



The Walking School Bus has arrived!

Wilclay Public School has a new mode of transportation to get your children to school! It costs nothing to you, is pollution free and has the added benefit of exercise and friendship! So why not get aboard the **Wilclay Walking School Bus**!

How does it work you ask? Students in the Eco-Club are acting as “drivers” who will be walking their normal school routes. They will be identifiable by a fluorescent orange square of cloth that is pinned to their backpacks. You can walk with your child, or have them walk in a group with other students. Below is a list of streets and the approximate location and time the walkers will be leaving for school:

Near 230 Woodhall @ 8:10	Near 10 Penfield 8:10
Near 47 Dairis @ 8:10	Near 60 Sorrel @ 8:05
Near 66 Belford @ 8:10	Near 90 Beckwith @ 8:05
Near 200 Hertford @ 8:05	Near 10 Bradley @ 8:00
Near 9 Dynasty @ 8:10	



At this moment, the student “Bus” will only be operating before school as many students have afterschool activities. If there is an interest in a Walking School Bus at the end of the day, we may make these changes in the spring. And finally, “drivers” are **not responsible for behaviour or getting the students to school**.

We hope you will encourage your child to walk to school and **join the Wilclay Walking School Bus**. Watch for the “bus” as it passes through your neighbourhood starting the week of March 24th, 2014.
The Eco-Team



Supporting our Childrens' Success in School

Armadale Public School invites our parent community to attend a Parent Workshop on May 13 from 6:30-8:00. At this work shop, LEARNstyle, a company about empowering individuals through the use of technology, will illustrate how the use of technology can support and differentiate instruction to meet the variety of learners in our classrooms. If you are interested in attending this workshop we have registration forms in the Wilclay office.