



# WILCLAY WILDCAT

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## DECEMBER 2017

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இது ஒரு முக்கியமான பத்திரம். இதை வாசித்து விளங்கும் படுத்தும் கூடிய ஒருவர் படம் எடுத்துச் செல்லவும்.

به ایک ضروری دستاویز ہے۔ اسے کسی ایسے شخص کے پاس لے جائیں جو آپ کو اس کے بارے میں سہارا دے۔

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

ਇਹ ਸਹਾਇਕ ਸਮੱਗਰੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸਨੂੰ ਸਹਾਇਕ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਦਿਓ।  
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यह एक जरूरी सामग्री है। इसे किसी ऐसे व्यक्ति से पाएं जो आपको इसकी मदद कर सकें।

## ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

Earlier this month, the Administrative team along with four staff members attended the 21<sup>st</sup> YRDSB International Quest Conference held at the Sheraton from November 15-17, 2017. The topic this year was *The Quest for Well-Being: A Collective Responsibility*. The Wilclay team was inspired by keynote and inspiring speakers such as Margaret Trudeau, Dr. Avis Glaze, Dr. Jean Clinton and Michael Fullan to name a few.



The conference's keynote addresses and workshop presentations focused on the five components of well-being, namely...

- Equity and Inclusive Education
- Safe and Accepting Schools and Workplaces
- Healthy Schools and Workplaces
- Positive Mental Health
- Eco Schools and Workplaces



## TRUSTEE MESSAGE – JUANITA NATHAN

In November, about 1,000 students, staff members and community partners came together from across the Board to form a Ring of Peace and stand together against hate, discrimination and intolerance. The student speakers at the event shared meaningful messages about the importance of feeling welcome, valued and respected.

At York Region District School Board, we are committed to listening to the voices of our students and communities. We will continue working with our school communities to ensure our schools provide safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for everyone.



Last month, our annual Quest conference brought together educators from across Ontario, Canada and around the world to share, learn and discuss how to foster well-being in schools. Some of the themes covered included equity and inclusivity, and safe and caring environments.

It was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about some of the positive things happening in our own schools and other districts. In recent months, we have had several international visitors come to our system and schools to learn more about the work in our system to support student achievement and well-being, including Qatar, the Netherlands, Texas and the United Kingdom.

We are pleased to have these opportunities to continue highlighting and sharing the great things happening in our schools thanks to our outstanding students, staff members, families and community partners. Your engagement makes a difference in our schools and I encourage you to continue getting involved in the life of your child's school.

As we enter the holiday season, I am once again impressed by the generosity of our school communities and our students' commitment to helping others.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful start to 2018.

# REMEMBRANCE DAY

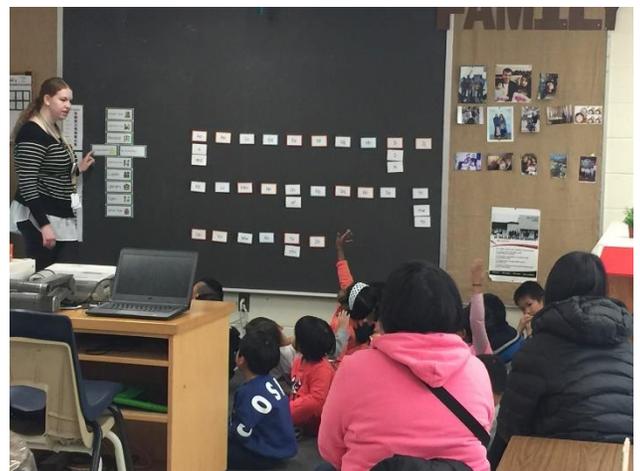
Wilclay held a beautiful Remembrance Day ceremony on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November. Each homeroom class presented a wreath in remembrance of our fallen soldiers and hope for continued peace in the future. Many classes presented songs and poems, including the Band and the Junior and Intermediate Choirs. Some of the songs presented were *'Together we can change the world'*, *'Light a candle for peace'* and *'Safe and sound'*.

Thank you to our wonderful staff for preparing the students for their performances and for putting together this commemorative assembly.



# JK OBSERVATIONS & PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to our Wilclay community for coming out to meet the teaching staff. Many important conversations came up during the interviews, that reinforced the message that we are partners in our children's education. Research shows that when staff, students and parents work closely together great social, emotional and academic progress is made. Parents and guardians are encouraged to continue to have open lines of communication between home and school to ensure continued success.





# MANSFIELD

Our Grade 6 students had the privilege to go on an overnight trip to Mansfield Outdoor Education Centre for 2 nights and 3 days. They were accompanied there by Mr. Si, Mr. Skilton and Ms. Lee. The grade 6's engaged in various activities such as:

- Role-playing the lives of the Wendat, Cree and Ojibwa Peoples. Students explored how to find resources from their environment and how to trade between the clans.
- Team challenges where groups had to work together to solve problems. Students learned how to listen, trust and communicate.
- Survival skills – students learned about the basics of shelter and fire building. Once again, students developed skills such as decision making, time management and problem solving.
- Animal survival – students engaged in a simulation of interaction between herbivores, carnivores and omnivores in a diverse ecosystem. Students quickly learned their fate as prey or predator!



## RING OF PEACE – BULLY PREVENTION WEEK

Earlier this month, student leaders accompanied Ms. Temelkovski to a 'Ring of Peace' ceremony. Approximately 1,000 students, staff and community members of YRDSB gathered together in the rain to stand united against hate, discrimination and intolerance. It was a powerful symbolic statement by people coming together to promote peace, respect and inclusivity.

Our student leaders came back to the school energized with ideas for Bully Prevention Week during Nov. 20 – 24<sup>th</sup>. Some of the activities held during this week were classroom discussions around personal safety, healthy boundaries, healthy relationships, online safety and cyberbullying.



## STANDING TOGETHER AGAINST POVERTY

Wilclay is proud of the wonderful work it's staff and community members conduct on a daily basis. This work was recently highlighted in an article written by our Performance Plus Teacher, Mrs. Brown. The article validates the collective efforts of our staff, students, parents and community members in helping to meet the unique and diverse needs of our families. It is clear that the need is great and the



hearts of the people are large. With that formula, we continue to strive to improve in our efforts to meet the needs of our community, so that our families are able to experience success.

The full article can be accessed at: <http://etfvoice.ca/feature/standing-together-against-poverty>

## BUDDY BENCH

Thank you to our wonderful School Council for supporting us with the purchase and installation of our new Buddy Bench! Staff and students will now be engaged in learning about how to use the bench effectively. The bench is going to serve as one more way for our students to demonstrate the Wilclay Way tenet of...

- Welcoming, including and respecting everyone
- In being kind, co-operative and a good friend



## CHAI & CHAT

Wednesday January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Where: Wilclay Library

Time: 1:30 - 2:45pm



*Chai Chat*  
@Wilclay

*How to Help Kids Manage Their Emotions*

## HOLIDAY CONCERT

Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Where: Wilclay Gym 1

Time: 6:30 – 8:00pm



## LOST AND FOUND

Our Lost and Found bin is filled to the top! Please stop by to claim your items. All unclaimed items will be donated to charities by Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you!



## UPCOMING DATES

| EVENT                                       | DATE  |
|---|---|
| School Council Meeting                      | December 4 <sup>th</sup>                            |
| Wilclay Way Assembly – Police Presentations | December 5 <sup>th</sup>                            |
| Dental Screening                            | December 13-18 <sup>th</sup>                        |
| Grade 7/8 Well-Being Symposium              | December 11 <sup>th</sup>                           |
| Holiday Concert                             | December 20 <sup>th</sup>                           |
| Winter Holidays                             | December 23 <sup>rd</sup> – January 7 <sup>th</sup> |
| PA Day                                      | January 19 <sup>th</sup>                            |
| Chai & Chat                                 | January 24 <sup>th</sup>                            |
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## THE WILCLAY WAY...

**At Wilclay Public School**

**We believe...**

- In a safe, secure and healthy environment
- In welcoming, including and respecting everyone
- In learning every day in creative and innovative ways
- In being kind, co-operative and a good friend
- In always doing our best and being proud of our successes

**WE LEARN**

**WE RESPECT**

**WE CREATE**

**WE ARE WILCAY**

# Share & Grow

**Support group series for newcomer women and their children 6-12 years old**  
Light refreshment will be served

**December 2nd (9:30 am-12:00 noon)**

**Mother:**

- Talk to a dentist about your dental care and learn ways to prevent cavity



**Child:**

- Activity for healthy foods for healthy teeth

**Parent & Child:**

- Learn proper techniques for brushing your teeth with a dentist

**December 9th 1(0:00 am-12:00 noon)**

**Mother:**

- Build up your confidence

**Child:**

- Activities to improve public speaking



**Parent & Child:**

- Paint and take home T-Shirt Activity

**December 16th (10:00 am-12:00 noon)**

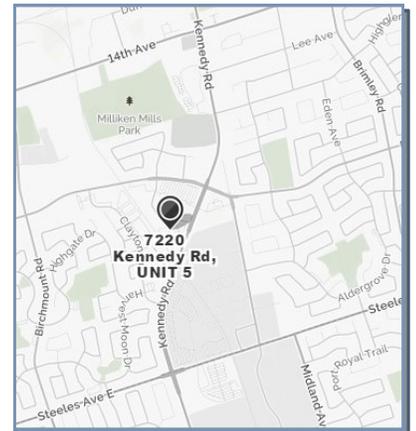


**Year end celebration with family & friends**



**Parent & Child:**

- Make & take home your own gingerbread house
- (Must attend both sessions on Dec 2nd & 9th, 2017)



**Immigrant Women Resource Centre**  
7220 Kennedy Road, Unit 5  
Markham, ON L3R 0N4  
(905) 415-9763  
[www.yrwomen.com](http://www.yrwomen.com)

Please register with your PR Card /Landing paper. YRT bus ticket & childcare services will be available for eligible participants. \*Limited space available. Pre-registration is required.

**YRT Bus Route:**  
8 Kennedy

For registration & inquiries, please call : 905-415-9763/ 905-305-4116/ 905-305-4107

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*After 4:30pm, please call 905-479-7926*

# 成长亲子课堂

为妈妈和**6-12**岁孩子专门设计的亲子课堂  
提供简单茶点

12月2日(上午9:30至中午12:00)

**妈妈:**

- 儿童及家庭牙齿保健讲座
- 牙齿专家教您家庭牙齿健康, 孩子蛀牙防治

**孩子:**

- 健康食物, 健康牙齿活动

**亲子活动**

- 与牙齿专家一起正确刷牙, 把健康带回家
- 一起舞出健康来



12月9日(上午10:00至中午12:00)

**妈妈:**

- 心理健康讲座
- 心理健康专家教您如何认识自己, 提高自信

**孩子:**

- 当众演说不怯场

**亲子活动**

- DIY设计T Shirt 并带回家

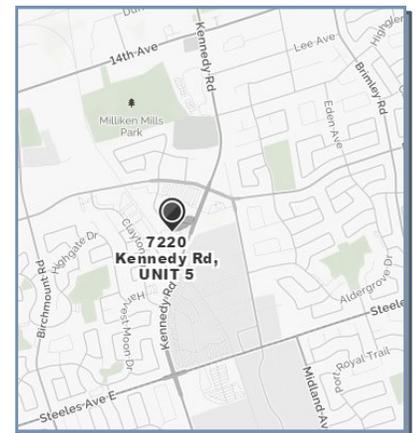


12月16日 (上午10:00至中午12:00)



## 岁末亲子迎圣诞活动

- 与孩子一起制作姜饼房子带回家
- (必须报名参加前两次讲座)



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