



WILCLAY WILDCAT

Together in Harmony

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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 விளங்கும் படுத்தல் கடினம் ஒருவர் உடல் எடுத்துக் கொள்ளும்.

بہ ایک ضروری دستاویز ہے۔ اسے اس لیے شیئنگ کرنے کی ضروری ہے جو آپ کو اس کے بارے میں سمجھنے میں مدد کرے۔

यह एक जरूरी कागज़ है। इसे किसी ऐसे व्यक्ति के पास ले जायें जो इसे आपकी तरह समझ सके।

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 4	Gr. 1 Hospital Trip, Ms. Pistritto	Dec. 10	Junior Volleyball Tournament at Armadale
Dec. 10	Open House at Milliken Mills H.S.	Dec. 17	Immunizations – Gr. 7 Hep. B & Gr. 8 females HPV
Dec. 17	Winter Concert & Sing-a-long, 7:00 p.m.	Dec. 18	Gr. 1 Hospital Trip, Ms. McIntyre & Ms. Hume's Gr. 1s
Dec. 22- Jan. 2	Winter Break	Jan. 5	School Resumes
Jan. 16	P.A. Day – No School for Students	Jan. 20	Junior Volleyball Tournament at Wilclay
Jan. 19, 20 & 21 Dental Screening – Grades K, 2 and 8			

From the Administrative Team

It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to speak with many of you during our recent Parent-Teacher Interviews. Communication between teachers, students and families is vital to your child's success and well-being. We look forward to seeing you again at our up-coming Winter Concert on **Wednesday, December 17**.

With so many wonderful things happening for our students at Wilclay, we are thankful for the outstanding staff at the school. Their continued commitment to nurture the students academically, socially and emotionally is tremendous. With their support, we are offering a full slate of athletics, teams, clubs, bands and other special events. The students are being provided with many opportunities to get involved in their school and community. The involvement and subsequent pride shows in the building. We are lucky to be the administrators of such an outstanding school!

On behalf of the Wilclay staff, we wish to extend to you our sincerest wishes for a restful and joyous time with family and friends. May the holidays bring happiness and peace to all.

Mrs. Mantle, Principal

Ms. Daly, Vice-Principal



CHARACTER CORNER:

The Character Trait for December is Honesty - We behave in a sincere, trustworthy, and truthful manner.

For the month of January, Wilclay will be focusing on the Character Matter's trait: *Respect*. Respect is: • Treating others with respect; treat other people the way that you would like to be treated • Be tolerant and accepting of differences • Use good manners, not bad language • Be considerate of the feelings of others • Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone

OPEN HOUSE AT MILLIKEN MILLS H.S.

The Milliken Mills High School open house for Grade 8 students is scheduled for December 10, 2014 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the High School experience find out about course selections and ask any questions you might have.

LIBRARY NEWS FROM MS. SOMANI



BOOK FAIR:

During the month of September, we had a scholastic Book Fair in our Wilclay Library. We are very excited to inform the parents that we raised over \$3,000 during the book fair. We are also very excited, because approximately \$2,000 from the book fair will be given back to the school to purchase additional items for the students such as books, shelves, leveled books, scanner, etc. Thanks for all of your support.

RAZ-KIDS:

We are also pleased to announce that our school has purchased a new reading program called Raz-Kids. This is available for all students from Kindergarten to Grade 5. Here are the steps to log on:

- a) Log onto raz-kids.com
- b) click on kids login
- c) Type in your teachers username (Your child will have this from the teacher)
- d) Select your child's name
- e) Type in your child's log in (The same password as your child uses at school)
- f) You will then see the books

Please listen, read, record and answer the questions with your children. If you have any further questions about Raz-Kids, Please feel free to contact Mrs. Somani.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

The School Council met on November 24th. The final Amount raised from this year's Dance-a-thon was just over \$7000! Some of the funds raised will be allocated to Purchase technology for our classrooms, such as net books and iPads, as well as library bookshelves. We are still in Need of parents to help out with our morning snack program on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and/or Thursdays. Interested parents are invited to stop by the office And speak with Mrs. Ender Lok.

PUNCTUALITY

At Wilclay every instructional minute makes a difference in your child (ren)'s learning. Classes begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. and all students are expected to be in their classroom, ready to learn, at this time. Students may enter the building at 8:15 a.m. Please do not arrive earlier than that, as there is no supervision before the 8:15 a.m. entry. Any students arriving after 8:30 a.m. are late and must report to the Office to receive a late slip.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration will commence January 16, 2015

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 16, 2015 for the 2015-16 school year.

Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca.

Children who turn four or five years old during 2015, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact us at Wilclay Public School, 905-470-1447.



Giving Back

The holiday season is upon us, which signifies time to spend with our families and enjoy feasts of delicious food. If you can spare some cans of food or boxes/bags of pasta and rice, the Food Bank would be pleased to accept your generous donation. Donations will be accepted at the Winter Concert on December 17th. Also, the Giving Tree is looking for new scarves, hats and mitts for those in need of warm clothes this winter. Thank you in advance for your generosity.





December Music Notes

The students of Wilclay continue to contribute to a thriving music program. In addition to regular music classes, we have many music activities going on outside of class time. There is a Recorder Club, a Junior Choir and Intermediate Choir, an Intermediate Band and a Grade 8 Band. Over 100 students from the Junior and Intermediate Divisions are involved in one or more of these activities. It is so exciting to see these students choose to spend their recesses and lunch breaks making music.

On **Wednesday, December 17 at 7:00 pm**, there will be a Winter Concert and Sing-a-long in Gym 1 for Wilclay families. This is an opportunity to hear the children who are in the choirs and bands perform and show off their talents. There will also be some classes that will be participating in the concert. Please watch for notes from your child's teacher to see if your child will be involved in this opportunity. This will also be a chance for you to be involved and sing-a-long with some seasonal music, led by Mr. Littleford. We look forward to having you join us for this Wilclay tradition.

A Trip to Queen's Park

Today, we went on a bus to the Provincial Parliament Buildings of Ontario. We left the school at 10:00 sharp. When we left the school, we were so curious of what new things we would learn. Everyone was looking forward to seeing a debate. When we arrived at Queen's Park, we went to another building to eat our lunch which was called The MacDonald Building. After lunch, we walked back to Queens Park. Next, we took our jackets and all our other belongings into a room. Then, we met our tour guides to start the tour. First, the guide showed us where the debating happened. Unfortunately, there wasn't any debating happening at the time. At first we were all disappointed, but the guide explained where all the politicians, MPPs, Speaker, media and the journalists sit. Second, the tour guide showed us the broadcasting room where the media puts debating on television. The best and final thing the tour guide showed us was a mini debating room. We had to pretend that we were debating for a new law. It was about whether students should have 4 days of school or 5 days of school. I was the speaker and I had to choose who had to talk and who didn't. Finally, the MPPs voted for 4 days of school. Eighteen students voted for 5 days of school and 20 people voted for 4 days of school. We had a wonderful time at Queen's Park. The best part of the trip was doing a debate between all the students. I hope to come back again one day.
By Ethan, Gr. 5 Lee

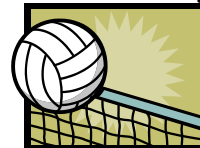
Our Trip To Queen's Park

Can you believe that I just went to a place where Kathleen Wynne and MPPs (Members of Provincial Parliament) make laws? The place is amazing, phenomenal, and breath-taking! Everywhere is truly **ultimate!** The place I liked the most was the debating chamber! It has the **ultimate** chair where the Speaker sits. In the chamber, the Clerk writes down everything that's being said in case there are any mistakes. But most important of all it's the room that holds the 3rd gold mace. It marks the time that Canada became an independent country (allowed to make laws by itself without a king or queen). That gold mace is super important because it's a law that the mace must be there every time the Premier and the Opposition (NDP and Conservative party) debate. The mace also points toward the Premier's seat. Speaking of the Opposition, they make the bills the Premier wants to become laws better and more powerful by making changes here and there to the bill; and if the Opposition completely despises the idea they would start arguing. Eventually, whoever gets the most votes wins! The chamber is so colourful, since the two main colors of Ontario are gold and **green**; which means a lot of the things in the chamber are pure gold!

I also really liked the little room that looks like the chamber that's mainly made for kids like us to have a feeling and idea of how it feels to be in the chamber. We started to have some fun and started debating about whether school kids should wear school uniforms. Since it's a law to have a mace when we're debating, we got a cardboard mace! We also got Nirush as the Speaker, Linger as the Clerk, and Candace as the Sergeant at Arms! They all wore weird jackets and awkward hats. I was in the Opposition and we hated the idea! We eventually won by 12-14! I wish one day I'll go back there and watch Kathleen Wynne and the MPPs debate in the chamber!

By: Victor, Grade 5 Taylor-Bloomfield

Intermediate Boys' Volleyball



Congratulations to the Intermediate Boys' Volleyball team on their 3rd place finish at the Area tournament on November 25.

There were many individual moments of tremendous skill – diving for a difficult shot, beautifully placed serves, and shadowing the ball to be there for the hit. However, it was the teamwork shown as the boys worked together to set up the plays and to communicate encouragement on and off the court that truly showed what a strong team they are.

Way to go, Wildcats!

An Unforgettable Experience at Mansfield



From Wednesday, November 5th to Friday, November 7th, the Grade Sixes had an unforgettable time at Mansfield Outdoor Education Center. Mansfield is a large property surrounded by beautiful forests with cabins for people to sleep in.

How did I manage to not get lost? Thank goodness there were cabins because I can't sleep in a tent. We stayed at Mansfield for 3 days and two nights. Mansfield provided us with breakfast, lunch, dinner and a snack. Each cabin took turns setting the tables and cleaning after meals.

The first day at Mansfield was magical. The first thing we did was see the cabins that would be our homes for the next three days. After lunch, there was a scary program called Fur Trade. Fur Trade showed us how people used to trade furs with the Aboriginal people. What's so scary about it? We had to sing or do a dance to entertain the chief before we could make a trade. Did you know that beaver fur was a currency? Before we went to bed, we watched a famous Japanese animated movie called "Spirited Away". Since we were allowed to bring in our sleeping bags to watch the movie, most students fell asleep. They looked hilarious! We were supposed to go to bed, but we spent the night talking and acting crazy. Who wouldn't?

On the second day, it rained, but since we still had to be outside; we were all wet. Our program for the morning was orienteering. We learned how to use maps, and of course I got lost in a million times. After lunch, our next program was Woodland Survival. We went into the forest, built a fire that was ruined by rain, and then we constructed a shelter. I learned an important lesson. I am terrible at surviving! That night we had a campfire, sang songs and ate S'mores. I burnt all five of my marshmallows!

Day three at Mansfield was a winter wonderland! It was snowing, so what did we do first? We had a snowball fight and a snowball fight means snow in our faces. After breakfast, we played a game called Predator and Prey. It's a game where you pretend to be an animal and try to survive. We got to run around in the forest while staying inside the boundaries. I died a horrible death from disease and starvation.

I really enjoyed my experience at Mansfield. I wish I could go again, but sadly I can't. Mansfield is my favourite trip, one I know I will never forget.

By: Rosie D., Grade 6, Mrs. Kleinberg

Grade Ones Visit the Hospital

Yesterday our class went to the hospital. We went on the bus. First we saw a video about a girl who had to have an operation. We also went to the playroom to make a finger cast. Each person in our class drove a wheelchair. Our leader put a black light over our hands so that we can see the germs. She told us to sing the Happy Birthday song when we wash our hands. When we were leaving, we saw a baby who was born yesterday. We had so much fun on our trip.



By Mrs. Primiani's & Mrs. Proctor's Class



Dress for the Weather!

Winter is coming, the days are getting colder and we have had snow on the ground. All students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 are expected to go out for recesses. Students are to come to school ready for winter and prepared to be outdoors for 15 minutes at morning recess and 40 minutes at lunch recess. Students with health concerns, such as, but not limited to, heavy colds, coughs and flu, which are serious enough to prevent them from participating in physical education, recesses or other outdoor activities, should remain at home until the condition improves. We suggest that all students come to school dressed in layers, with a warm jacket, snow pants, winter boots, a hat and waterproof mittens. Extra socks are also a good idea. **To avoid adding to the clothing collection in the Lost and Found, please put names on all children's clothing.** We *always* monitor the weather, and when temperatures and/or wind chill reach minus 20 degrees Celsius, we will shorten the recess breaks or keep the students indoors.

Stay and Play



Community Action Program
for Children (CAPC)

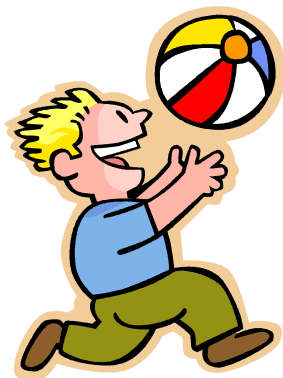
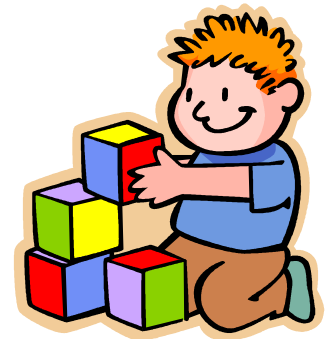
FREE program for parents/grandparents and their children 2 & 3 yrs. old

Date: Jan. 8 – April 2, 2015
Every Thursday

morning

Time: 10:45 a.m. –12:10 p.m.

Location: Wilclay P.S.



REGISTER NOW BY PHONE or EMAIL

**CALL - Pam May, CAPC York Region:
905-642-9965**

OR email: pam.may.capc@gmail.com

Leave a message with your name, school, phone # & child's name & birth date.

NOTE: YOU MUST REGISTER BEFORE ATTENDING PROGRAM

- *Spaces are limited. Priority may be given to families who haven't attended before.*
- *Parent or grandparent must attend with their child.*