



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 படுத்தும் கூடிய ஒருவர் உம் கெட்டுக் கொள்ளும்.

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यह एक जरूरी दस्तावेज है। इसे किसी ऐसे व्यक्ति के पास ले जायें जो इसे आपके ऊपर लाने में सहायता कर सकें।

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DATES TO REMEMBER

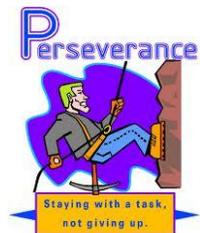
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| May 14 – Primary Spring Concert | May 15 – Gauss Math Contest for grades 7 and 8 |
| May 16 – Badminton Tournament | May 16 – Grade 4 at the Water Festival |
| May 19 – Victoria Day, No School | May 21 – South Asian Celebration |
| May 21 – Kindergarten Orientation | May 22 – Grade One Dental Presentation |
| May 29 – Grade 2 and Community Class Trip to the Zoo | |
| May 27, 28, 29 and 30 – EQAO for students in grades 3 and 6 | |
| June 9 – School Council Meeting 6:00 | June 11 – Junior/Intermediate Music Night |
| June 12 and 13 – Scanlon Creek for Grade 4's | June 18 – Kindergarten Graduation |
| June 24 – Grade 8 Graduation | |

ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

Dear Families,

This year all schools in York Region are using data (report card data, reading levels, EQAO, and survey data) to determine the greatest learning need of the school. This need is called a Challenge of Practice. Our Challenge of Practice at Wilclay Public School is to increase opportunities for students to use focused talk between peers and teachers to develop their thinking and to allow them to explain their thinking in problem solving and decision making situations. We are encouraging a focus on speaking and listening as these are the foundations to reading, writing and deeper thinking. Please continue to have discussions with your children about what they are learning in school, what they are reading and topics they find interesting.

We have two months left in the 2013/2014 school year. The weather is getting warmer and soon it will begin to feel like summer. At school, we will continue to be very focused on curriculum expectations right through to the end of the school year. With the warmer weather and longer days it is important to encourage a balance between homework completion and outside play at home. Children need 60 minutes of heart pumping activity each day to be healthy. This activity helps children to improve their fitness, grow strong, maintain a healthy body weight and do better in school. Reducing the amount of screen time (TV, computers, Nintendo DS and iPods) will give children enough time to play outside, complete their homework and read every night.



CHARACTER CORNER

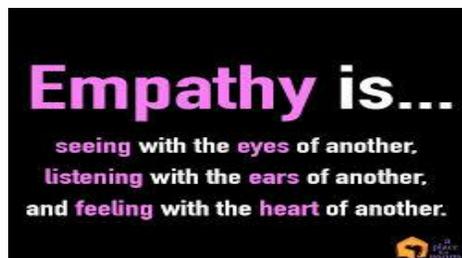
The character trait for the month of May is *Perseverance*.

We stick to a goal and work hard even in the face of obstacles and challenges. We complete all tasks and assignments.

"It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop." Confucius

"It always seems impossible until it's done." Nelson Mandela

The Character trait for the month of June is Empathy.



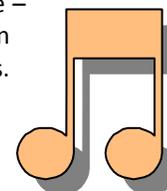
HEALTHY SNACKS

This is a reminder to all families that we are a Healthy School and that we promote this at all times. If you want to celebrate your child's birthday with his/her classmates please remember that **cakes or cupcakes or any product with nuts are not allowed**. You can send in a fruit platter or a vegetable platter or even loot bags with pencils and stickers to celebrate a birthday.



MUSIC NOTES

It has been a busy time in the past month at Wilclay for music and drama. We have had four groups go to Music Alive – a music festival for public, Catholic, private, and independent schools in York Region. Each group that attended had an opportunity to perform for other schools, listen to performances, and work with an adjudicator to improve their skills. The Junior Choir, Grade 7 Band, and Intermediate Choir all received a silver rating. The Grade 8 Band received a gold rating. All of the groups represented Wilclay with pride and learned a great deal about musicianship.



The Intermediate students have also been very busy preparing and presenting their musical, Ever After. This was a story that revisited famous fairy tale characters 20 years after we were told they lived happily ever after. We find out what really happened through a fun musical filled with humour and song. The grade 7 and 8 students who participated worked tremendously hard and were very successful in all four performances of the show. We have many students with a great deal of talent. When this was combined with their tremendous commitment, the final result was an excellent show.



SUMMER INSTITUTE @ ARMADALE PUBLIC SCHOOL

For Elementary Students Kindergarten to grade 8:

The York Region District School Board's Summer Institute is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth from Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Weekly sessions are offered at eleven elementary schools throughout the region from **July 2, 2014 to August 8, 2014 including Armadale PS**. Site locations, program and registration fee information will be available on the YRDSB website www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca for further information: Email: performanceplus.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca.

If you are looking for activities for your children during the summer, please check this summer program out as it is affordable, focused on learning and fun. The cost for a YRDSB student is \$115 per week.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE AT WILCLAY

Through the end of March into the middle of April, the grade 7 and 8s from Ms. Vidinovski's, Ms. Schroedter and Mr. Littleford's class finished an exciting art project (known as Artist In Residence, or A.I.R.) where a professional Artist, Alex Rezinik, worked with the students to help create an Acrylic on Masonite piece of art. Through their art, the students communicated their thoughts and perspectives to different social injustices that exist today around the world. Some of the topics that mattered to the students included Poverty and Dumpsites, Government Corruption in 3rd World countries, bullying, pollution, teenage suicide, inequality, child labour, child abuse, animal abuse, and more. The students were highly engaged and learned many art techniques, including working with acrylic paints, painting monochromatic pieces with a limited palette, image transfers and masking. This opportunity was funded by York Region and Ontario Arts Council and helped provide an equal opportunity for all students to learn through this engaging experience. It provided an opportunity to truly integrate literacy with art. The students worked with their homeroom teachers, the digital resource lead Ms. Mitchell, and our art teacher Ms. Haratsidis, to develop their research, written message, oral communication and media skills, and create a short film which used their art, to share messages for their social justice issue, and reflections on their experiences through this project. Please join us to help celebrate the student's hard work from the A.I.R. project and other Art projects, on Wednesday June 11th –Music Night. We look forward to seeing you then!



SUN SAFETY FOR RECESS AND LUNCH

The weather is getting warmer each day and soon we will have very hot days on the playground at Wilclay. Here are a few tips from York Region Public Health to stay safe in the sun.

- Wear clothing to cover your arms and legs
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat
- Apply sunscreen SPF 30 or higher



School Climate Survey for Parents/Guardians

Between May 20 and June 2, parents/guardians will be invited to participate in a school climate survey. The surveys will provide the Board and schools with valuable information about how parents/guardians feel about the school environment and their child's education. The results will be used to identify areas that need to be addressed, monitor progress and plan strategies to support student achievement and well-being.

We value parent input and encourage parents/guardians to complete the survey. The information provided will be anonymous, considered confidential and kept in strict accordance with all relevant legislation.

The survey will be available online in English, and in paper copies in English and 10 different languages. Information about how to access the survey will be sent home with students later in May.

GETTING READY FOR "K"

Wilclay P.S.

*A free morning program for both parents or grandparents and their
children who will be
starting Junior Kindergarten in September 2014*

Thursday mornings

10:45-12:10

May 15 to June 19

Wilclay P.S.

- **Come and find out what you can do to help your child succeed in school.**
- **See how your child learns.**
- **Help your child learn to problem solve and do things on their own.**
- **Prepare your child for kindergarten.**

***NOTE: YOU MUST REGISTER BY PHONE OR EMAIL FIRST TO ATTEND.
Parent or Grandparent must attend program with the child.***

**To register by phone call: Pam May – CAPC
York Region
(905) 642-9965**

OR Email: pam.may@sympatico.ca

IMPORTANT: When you call or email please leave a message with the following:

- 1. Your Name & Phone #***
- 2. Your Child's Name & Birthdate***
- 3. Name of School***



Armada Summer Institute

Ride the summer adventure with us!



AVAILABLE AT THIS LOCATION

AVAILABLE AT THIS SITE

- optional lunch
- extended child care (a separate YMCA registration form is required)

During the literacy block, students are engaged in fun and enriching learning activities that address reading, writing, media and oral communication expectations from the Ministry of Education curriculum documents under the supervision of YRDSB Teachers and Administrators.

During the activity block, students are engaged in purposeful, intentional learning which is embedded within the following electives:

- Actor's studio
- Ball Hockey
- Comic Book Wizard
- Cricket
- DigiArt
- Field Invaders
- Music Mix
- Naturally Curious
- Racquet Sports
- Ready, Set, Cook
- Rock Hounds
- Simple Machines
- Soccer
- Sportacular Fun
- Street Ball
- Tech World
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Visual Arts
- Wacky Science World



Weekly out trips for **Clubhouse & Words Alive** students at no additional cost!

Weekly Outdoor Education trips will be taken to Bruce's Mill!



Contact Information:

Armada Public School

Phone: 1-877-280-8180 ext. 240 (before June 30)

Phone: (905) 472-4050 (after June 30)

Email: armadales@yrdsb.edu.on.ca

Cost for YRDSB student:

**\$115
per week**