

# 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 விளங்கும் படுதல் கூடிய ஒருவர் உம் எடுத்துச் செல்லவும்.

بہ ایک ضروری دستاویز ہے۔ اس سے ایسے شخص کے پاس آئے جائیں جو آپ کو اس کے بارے میں سہاگے۔

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

ਇਹ ਸਹਾਇਕ ਨਾਹੀ ਹੈ। ਵਿਰਥਾ ਵਰਗੇ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਨੂੰ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ  
ਵੇਖੋ ਅਤੇ ਸਹੀ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਸਮਝੋ ਅਤੇ ਕਰੋ।

यह एक जरूरी नाराज़ है। इसे किसी ऐसे व्यक्ति से पढ़ लें जो आपको  
आपको अच्छी तरह समझ सके।

## ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

October was a busy month with many activities happening at Wilclay. Among the field trips students attended were the Milne Outdoor Education for Grades 2 and 4's. The Grade 6's will be going for an overnight trip to Mansfield and the Grade 8's will be going to Milliken Mills High School for an orientation on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Our staff learning and school improvement goals this month included looking at our school climate data. On our October 20<sup>th</sup> PA Day, staff had an opportunity to look at the results of the Student Survey conducted last year. Staff analyzed perception data in the following categories.

- Learning at School
- Mental Health
- Equity and Inclusive Education
- Caring and Safe Schools
- School Environment
- Healthy Schools



Staff drew conclusions from the results and discussed about next steps for school improvement. We look forward to continuing to look at achievement data next to further help pen our School Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well Being.

## CHAI & CHAT

Wilclay is looking forward to welcoming our families for our first Chai & Chat of 2017-2018. Come out on November 1<sup>st</sup>, from 1:30 – 2:45pm in Gym 1.

Topic: How Can WE Support YOU?

We are looking forward to hearing from you about...

- How the school can support you and your child(ren)
- Activities and events that you would like to participate in
- Ways to actively be involved in the school community

Translation will be available in Tamil, Cantonese and Mandarin

Full Lunch Provided ☺



Chai Chat  
@Wilclay

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## REMEMBRANCE DAY

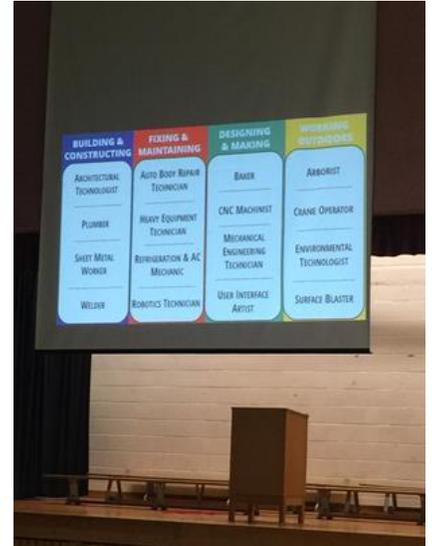
Wilclay will be hosting a Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday November 10<sup>th</sup> 2017. In this assembly, staff and students sing, read poems, reflect and share a moment of silence to remember all those fallen heroes who have fought for a future of peace.

"Our hopes are high. Our faith in the people is great. Our courage is strong. And our dreams for this beautiful country will never die." *Pierre Trudeau*



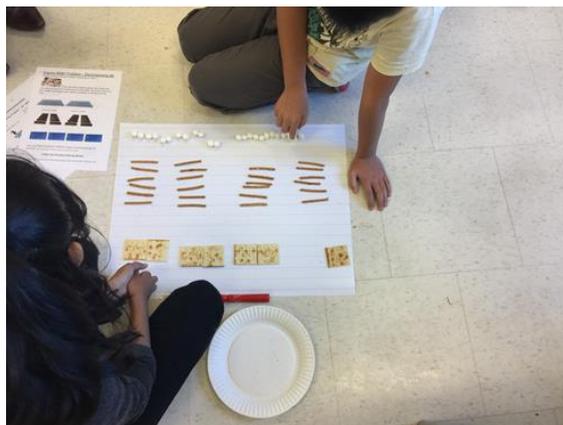
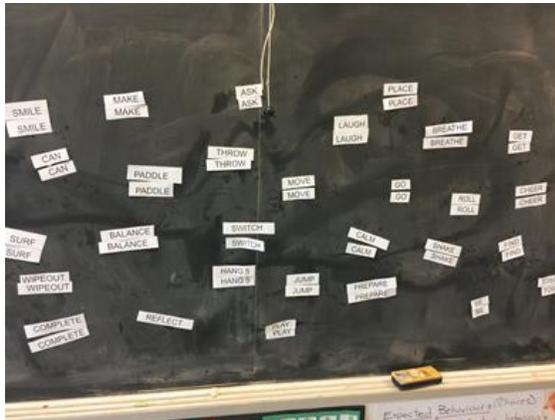
# SKILLS ONTARIO

On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Skills Ontario came to visit Wilclay PS to speak to our Intermediate Students. They delivered a presentation called *What's Out There in the Skilled Trades and Technologies?* The presentation was aimed to educate students on the hundreds of career opportunities available in the construction, motive power, service, industrial and technology sectors.



# STUDENT LEARNING

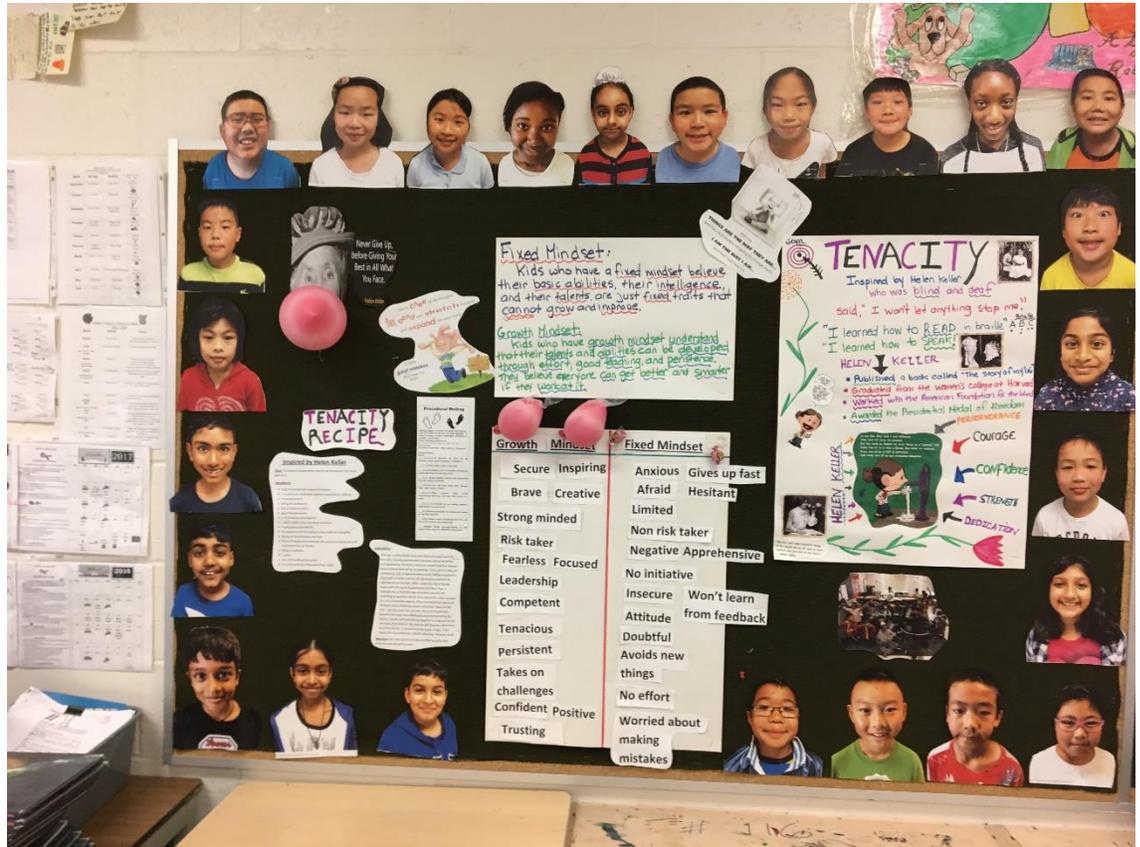
Teachers at Wilclay are always looking at ways to engage students in learning key concepts in different subjects. One of the ways they do that is to provide 'experiential learning'. This means, students are able to access curriculum and learn new concepts by 'doing'. Classrooms look and sound like students experimenting, talking with others, asking questions and with practice, slowly developing a new and permanent understanding.



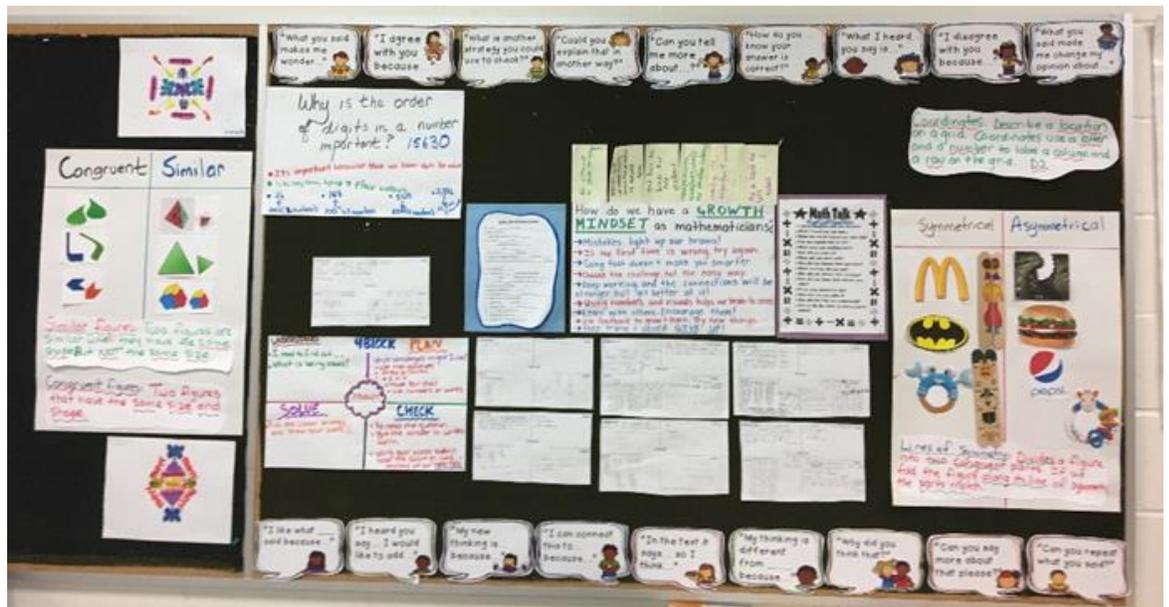
# GROWTH MINDSETS

Having a growth mindset means to believe that brains and intelligence can grow.

Carol Dweck says that "If parents want to give their children a gift, the best thing they can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning."



At Wilclay, our staff are creating the classroom conditions that celebrate struggles and processes inherent in learning.



Teachers encourage students to be flexible and confident learners, such that they can try new things out, if they are stuck. Furthermore, students are challenged to stretch their own comfort zones academically, physically and personally, to promote resilience, confidence and flexibility.

## WILCLAY WAY

On October 10<sup>th</sup>, Wilclay students were acknowledged for following our five belief statements. The audience applauded the recipients of the certificates, recognizing that their daily actions help make our school a safe and welcoming school for everyone. Our next recognition assembly will be on December 5<sup>th</sup>.



## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS – NOV. 23-24

We are looking forward to welcoming our parents for Interview Night on Thursday Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>. Forms for interview times and translation needs will be sent out soon.



# Parent-Teacher Interviews

## PREPARING FOR PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

A conference with your child's teacher is similar to a visit to the doctor's office. You have a lot that you want to talk about in a limited amount of time. The more prepared you are going in, the more beneficial the meeting will be for both you and the teacher. Here are some tips for a productive conference, along with a list of good questions to ask the teacher.



1. **Ask your child how things are going at school.** Several days before the conference ask your child some very specific questions about school. What would he like you to ask the teacher? What does he like best about school? Are there any subjects at school that he's having trouble with? If he could change anything about school what would it be?
2. **Write down your questions.** When you're meeting with the teacher it may be hard to remember what you wanted to talk about. Jot down your questions beforehand and bring them to the conference.
3. **Try not to get defensive.** It's natural to feel a bit nervous about parent-teacher conferences. Every parent wants to hear how wonderful his or her child is – and the teacher should tell you about your child's special skills and achievements. But one of the main functions of these conferences is to point out areas where your child has room to develop.
4. **Take along a notepad and pen.** After the meeting is over you may forget some of what you discussed. Jotting things down as you go along will help jog your memory later.
5. **Get a feel for the social scene.** How your child fits in socially can have an effect on how well she learns. Ask the teacher how your child gets along with the other students. Does she always hang out at recess with the same kids? Who are they? Is she bullying anyone? Is anyone bullying her? Is the teacher concerned about your child's ability to get along with others and participate in class?
6. **Give the teacher relevant information.** Let the teacher know of any changes at home. A new baby, a divorce, or a death in the family can all affect the way your child behaves in the classroom.

# MARKHAM PARKING REGULATIONS

We would like to remind our community about Common Parking Violations as per the City of Markham. Please be aware of the parking signage to avoid any unnecessary tickets.

## Fire Route



These signs are posted to alert drivers that the area is a **Fire Route**. Fire Routes are the roads, laneways, or driveways that provide access to a building and may also include areas within a parking lot. A driver is **in violation** of this parking regulation if he/she is stopped or parked in a Fire Route even if their engine is running, hazard lights are flashing, or there is someone in the car.

When this sign is displayed, drivers are permitted to immediately drop off/pick up individuals – **there cannot be a delay**. For example, when a parent is dropping off their child to school, the child should get out of the vehicle and the parent should immediately drive away. Similarly, when a parent is engaged in picking up their child, the child should already be waiting at the curb for their parent. After the child gets into the vehicle, the parent must then immediately drive away.

When this sign is displayed, drivers are not permitted to:

1. Sit and wait in the car for their child (even for a few minutes); or
2. Leave their vehicle (even to quickly drop off their child's lunch).

## Prohibited Parking



These signs are posted to alert drivers that **parking is prohibited**. A driver is **in violation** of this parking regulation if he/she has stopped the vehicle but the engine is running, hazard lights are flashing, or there is someone in the car.

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## Accessible Parking



These signs are posted to alert drivers that a **parking spot is reserved for individuals with Accessible Parking Permits only**. Drivers are not permitted to park or stop their vehicle in these spots unless the driver has a **valid** Accessible Parking Permit and it is properly displayed. The permit **must** also be used by the person it was issued to.

## Prohibited Stopping



These signs are posted to alert drivers that **stopping is prohibited**. They are often posted on surrounding streets from schools and may indicate the times of day that a driver is not permitted to stop their vehicle - drivers must continue to drive with the flow of traffic.

When this sign is displayed, drivers are not permitted to:

1. **Stop** their vehicle to let people in or out of their vehicle; or
2. **Sit and wait** for their child to get into the vehicle.

## RECALL NOTICE

Studio Fun International Inc. is recalling Slap Bracelets which were sold with the *'Trolls, It's Hug Time!'* storybook. If you bought this at our Scholastic Book Fair, please follow the instructions below on how to discard it and to receive a free *Trolls* book.

- Call 800-489-3402 from 8:00 – 4:30pm Monday through Friday
- [www.studiofun.com](http://www.studiofun.com)



## UPCOMING DATES

EVENT	DATE
Chai & Chat	November 1 <sup>st</sup>
Grade 6 Mansfield Trip	November 1 – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Remembrance Day Assembly	November 10 <sup>th</sup>
Bully Prevention Week	November 20-23 <sup>rd</sup>
Report Cards go Home	November 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Interviews	November 23-24 <sup>th</sup>
PA Day	November 24 <sup>th</sup>

## 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 WILCLAY