



WILCLAY WILDCAT

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இது ஒரு முக்கியமான பத்திரம். இதை வாசித்து விளங்கப் படுத்தல் கூடிய ஒருவர் உம் எடுத்துச் செல்லவும்.

یہ ایک ضروری و سناوینے والے کسی ایسے شخص کے پاس لے جائی جو آپ کو اس کے بارے میں سہاگے -

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

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ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

We are excited to welcome back our staff and families to a New Year at Wilclay! We hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable rest over the past two weeks. A New Year often starts with making resolutions towards improvement in our lives. Teaching students how to set meaningful goals is important as it allows them to self-reflect. Goals set need to follow SMART guidelines below:

Specific: The resolution should include your child’s goal, the skill she’s working on and how she’ll achieve it: “To become a better trumpet player by our May concert, I’ll practice 30 minutes a day.”

Measurable: She should track her progress—on a chart or in regular check-ins with you.

Attainable: The goal should be ambitious but realistic—something that will stretch your child’s skills but not overwhelm her.

Results-oriented: The resolution should explain what she’ll be able to do once she reaches her goal. For example: “Studying with a tutor twice a week will help me consistently get As in math.”

Time-bound: Your child’s resolution should specify a reasonable time frame and can include mini-goals along the way (mini-successes can be very motivating).



TAMIL HERITAGE MONTH

On March 17, 2014, the Tamil Heritage Month Act was passed in the Ontario Provincial Parliament, officially proclaiming January of every year as Tamil Heritage Month (THM). Thus, Tamil Heritage Month is very special and we are pleased to invite you to join us in acknowledging and celebrating Tamil Heritage Month in Canada. Tamil Heritage Month aims to celebrate the richness of the Tamil language and its literature, as well as to highlight the vibrant traditions, histories, arts, and cultures of the Tamil people. In addition, it seeks to recognize the significant contributions of Tamil Canadians in the past and present in key areas of social, cultural, economic, and political spheres.

According to the Tamil calendar, January 14, 2017 is “Thai” and the start of the Tamil New Year. On this day Tamils around the diaspora will be celebrating Tamil New Year and Thai Pongal, the Tamil harvest festival. Thai Pongal is the most important and widely-celebrated festival amongst Tamils around the globe.

Thai Pongal is a time to give thanks for the blessings of the previous year and a time to look forward to the New Year. Pongal refers to rice cooked in milk and sweetened with chakkarai (brown cane sugar). On Thai Pongal members of the family wake up early in the morning, dress in new clothes and gather together to cook the traditional Pongal meal. Additional ingredients used in this special dish include milk-roasted green gram (payaru), raisins, cashew nuts (optional), and cardamom. Pongal is served with fruits (banana and mango) on a banana leaf, and the family gives thanks to nature, sun and the farmers for a bountiful harvest before sharing the special dish with family members, friends and neighbours.



WINTER WONDERLAND

During the cold winter months, it is important that students come to school dressed for the weather conditions. This includes: boots, hats, scarves, snow pants, warm coats and mittens or gloves. We also encourage packing an extra pair of socks and pants in case they get wet. All students are expected to go out for every recess and lunch hour, weather permitting.

We monitor the weather throughout the day, including temperature, wind chill, sun/cloud conditions and wind velocity. In extreme weather conditions, such as ice pellets or extremely high wind chill factors, the principal may decide to shorten recess breaks or keep students indoors.

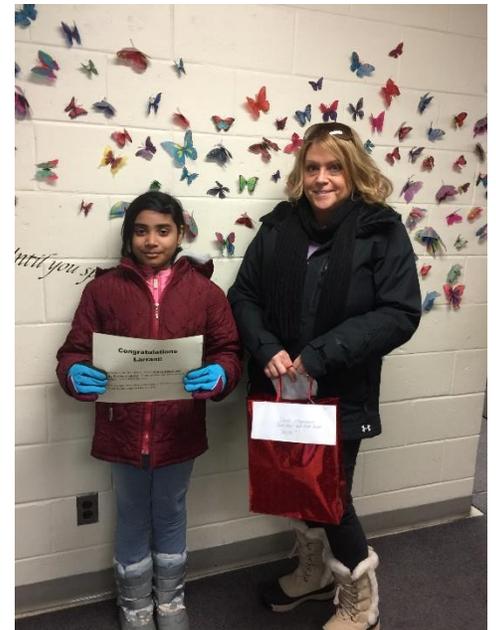
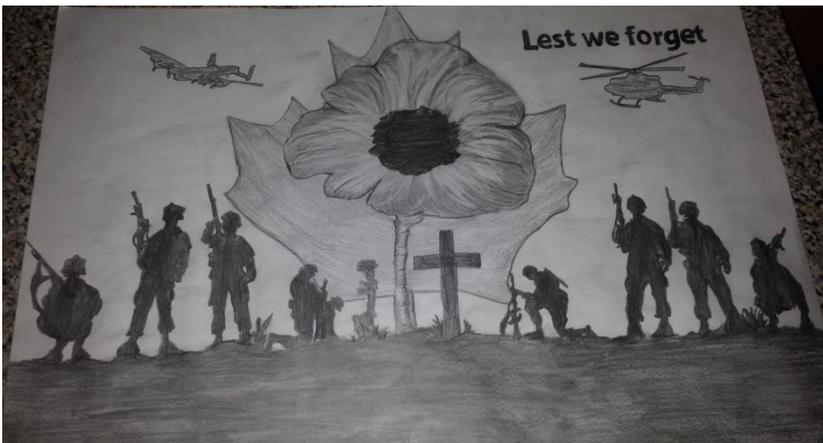
Students with illnesses serious enough to prevent them from participating in recess, physical education, or other outdoor activities should stay at home until their condition improves. This will also prevent the spread of illness to others.



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REMEMBRANCE DAY POSTER COMPETITION

We are pleased to announce that our very own Grade 5 student was selected as the winner of the Remembrance Day Poster Competition. Larrani won a cheque as well as various Canadian Memorabilia. We are very proud of her. Great work showing your artistic talents!



HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Wilclay staff and students came together in December to celebrate the Holiday Season. We had great fun during the sing-alongs and parents joined along during the evening concert. The Junior and Intermediate choirs and the band did an amazing job singing under the tutelage of their respective teachers. We even had a volleyball, staff vs. students' competition! Great skill and sportsmanship was shown by both teams. Way to go Wildcats!

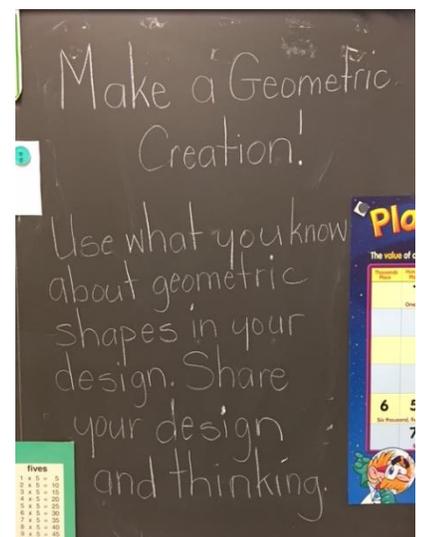
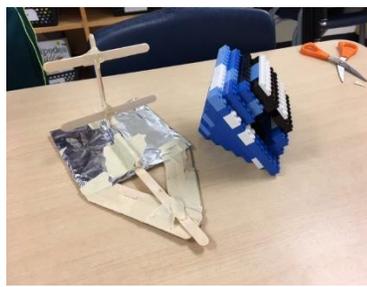


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CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS - MATHEMATICS

Students are engaged in learning activities throughout the day. Teachers are assessing how the students are learning by having conversations with the students, by observing them and by looking at their final products. Teachers use the four categories of the Achievement Chart to make those evaluations. The four categories are Knowledge and Understanding, Communication, Thinking and Application.

In the Mathematics classroom, hands-on opportunities allow for reinforcement of skills such as collaboration, critical thinking and problem solving.



Knowledge and Understanding	Communication	Thinking	Application
<p>Subject-specific content (knowledge) and the comprehension of its meaning and significance (understanding).</p> <p>For example, students may do the following when demonstrating their <i>Knowledge and Understanding</i>: list, identify, distinguish, recognize, explain, etc.</p>	<p>The conveying of meaning through various forms.</p> <p>For example, students may do the following when demonstrating their <i>Communication</i> skills: presentation, write, retell, draw, imitate, etc.</p>	<p>The use of critical and creative thinking skills and or processes.</p> <p>For example, students may do the following when demonstrating their <i>Thinking</i> skills: gathering information, classify, develop, sort, select, question, etc.</p>	<p>The use of knowledge and skills to make connections within and between various contexts.</p> <p>For example, students may do the following when demonstrating their <i>Application</i> skills: solve, judge, create, relate, analyze, etc.</p>

CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS – MODERN LEARNING

Each student has their own strength and learning style. A modern learning approach allows for flexible structures in the classroom where students can have a choice of an activity where they will experience success. Some learn best when they can work with manipulatives. Others need to regularly move between sustained activities. It is helpful when students are self-aware of their strengths.



CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS – MENTAL HEALTH

Children deal with many distractions, temptations, overstimulation and peer pressure. Yoga is a helpful tool that has proven to have positive impact on children.

Yoga helps students to:

- Develop body awareness
- Learn how to use their bodies in a healthy way
- Manage stress through breathing, awareness, meditation and healthy movement
- Build concentration
- Increase their confidence and positive self-image
- Feel part of a healthy, non-competitive group
- Have an alternative to tuning out through constant attachment to electronic devices



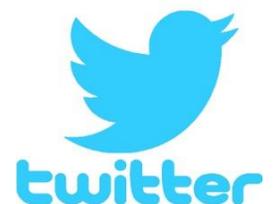
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Follow us at Twitter to be informed about what our students are learning on a weekly basis. Use any of the three methods below:

1. Use the Twitter app on your phone and follow us **@WilclayPS**
2. Use this URL on your computer browser to follow us.
<https://twitter.com/wilclayPS>

3. Visit our school website. Tweets can be read on the left column.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/wilclay.ps/Pages/default.aspx>



UPCOMING DATES

EVENT	DATE
Gr. 1 – Markham Theatre	Jan. 18
PA Day	Jan. 20
Gr. 7 Immunizations	Jan. 24
Gr. 3 – Markham Theatre	Jan. 25
Grade 8 course selections	Jan. 26/Jan. 30
Dance-a-thon	Jan. 27
Lunar New Year	Jan. 28
Book Fair	Jan. 30 – Feb. 3
PA Day	Feb. 3

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