



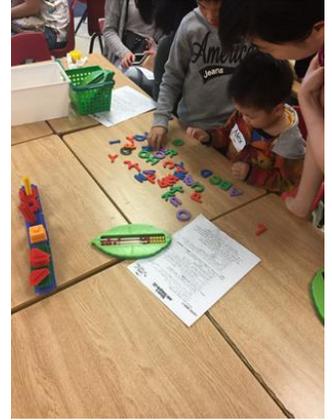
# WILCLAY WAY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Our first Wilclay Way assembly was a huge success. Students gathered in a community circle in their divisions (K-2, 3-5, 6-8) to recognize the achievements of each other for following the Wilclay Way belief statements. Congratulations to all the reward recipients. We are proud of you for showing the Wilclay Way Spirit and Character.



## WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Our Welcome to Kindergarten evening was held on Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to our FDK staff for planning a welcoming evening for our newest Wilclay families. We are eager to welcome new students to our Wilclay family.



## THE WIZARD OF OZ

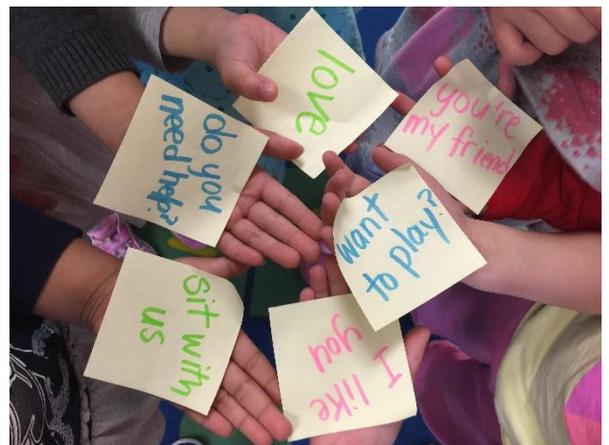
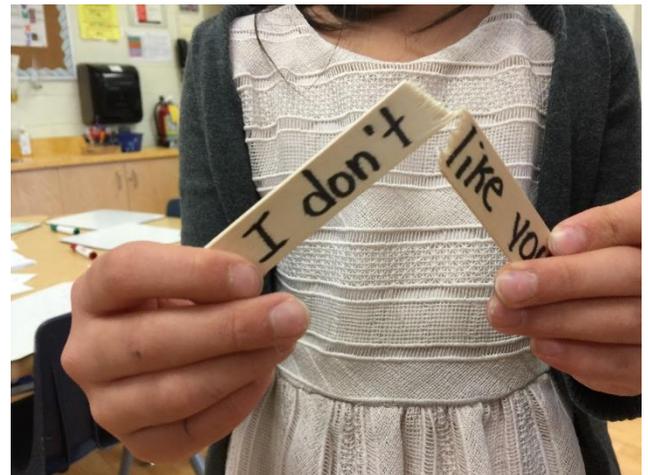
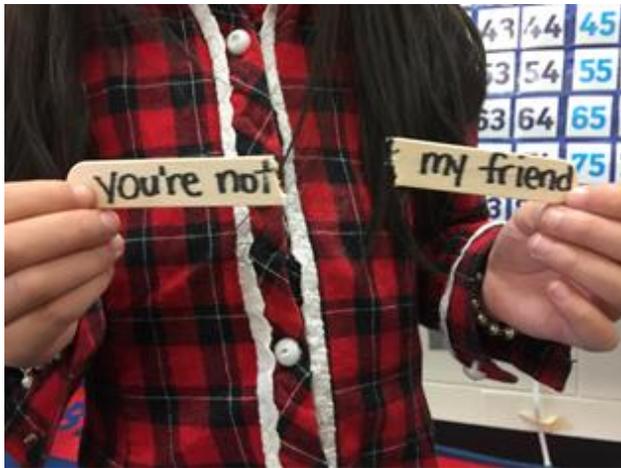
Wilclay students put on a phenomenal presentation of the Wizard of Oz on Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup>. The musical, dance and singing performances accompanied by fantastic costumes brought the characters to life. The students took on their roles with such confidence and finesse. Thank you to our dedicated staff members who put in such hard work and countless hours in putting the performance together.



# BREAKING THE STIGMA

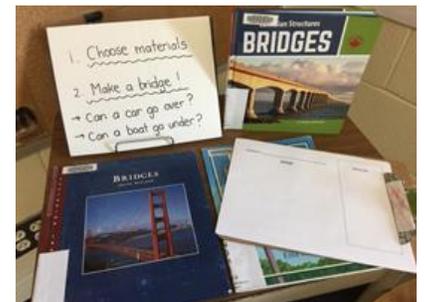
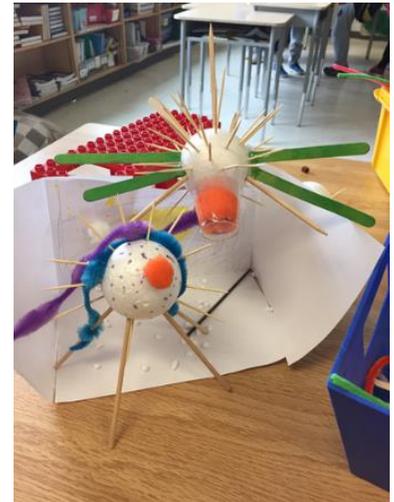
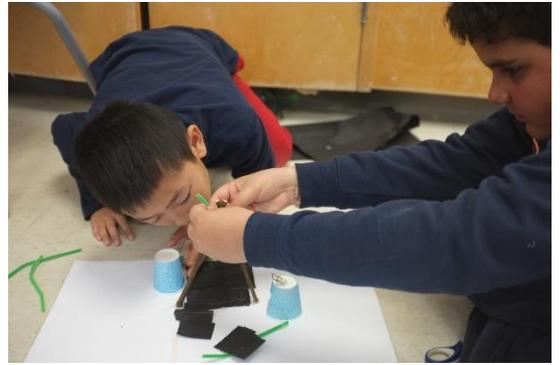
The first week of May is designated as Mental Health Week. During this week, Wilclay staff and students engaged in various activities promoting positive mental health. At various points during the day students paused what they were doing to engage in deep mindful breathing to help them be more aware of themselves and to help them focus on their task.

Additionally, students participated in 'Breaking the Stigma', by writing negative stereotypes on a popsicle stick and then 'breaking' the stigma. Students replaced the negative stereotypes with positive words of encouragement on post it's or their hands.



# MAKERSPACES

During the month of May, teachers were engaged in professional development regarding classroom practices that promote critical thinking, collaboration and communication among many other skills. Each team of teachers planned a Makerspace activity that challenged students to work with a team to solve a problem. Below are some of the creative solutions presented by our students.



## MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEE – JUANITA NATHAN

As we near the end of the school year, I want to thank you for all that you do to strengthen our schools and communities. This is a good time to celebrate your child’s achievements over the past year.

One of our goals in the [Trustees’ Multi-Year Plan](#) is to “continuously increase student achievement and well-being through a culture and caring and learning.” That includes a culture that emphasizes engagement and positive relationships among all the members of the school community – students, staff members, families and community members.



You, as parents/guardians, are our most important partners when it comes to education. The support you have provided to your child throughout this past school year will help to strengthen our schools and make a difference to your child’s learning.

I encourage you to continue engaging your child in learning throughout the summer, and to help them to see the connections between what they are learning in school and the world around them. There are so many opportunities to do this over the summer, whether that’s planning a budget with your child, enjoying the natural beauty in York Region, reading a book or visiting local sites. Whatever your plans are this summer, I wish you all a successful end to the school year, and a safe and enjoyable summer.

## BOOK CHEST

Our Junior English Language Learners had a Book Chest presentation this past month. The presentation was on the importance of Literacy and how their love for reading has an impact on their future success. The students were inspired to take on leadership initiative to start a book club to encourage others to read. At the end of the presentation, each student got to select a book from the chest to keep for themselves!



## GRADE 8 OTTAWA TRIP

At the end of April, our Grade 8 students went to Ottawa for their year end trip. They had a fabulous time participating in activities that they will remember for years to come. Some of the sites visited were the Canadian Museum of Nature, the Museum of History, Parliament Hill, Rock Climbing, Tree Top Trekking and much much more. Students also had the opportunity to participate in a mock Parliament Hill experience in the House of Commons. We are tremendously appreciative to our staff, Mr. Littleford, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Schroedter and Ms. Brown for accompanying our Grade 8 students on this memorable trip.



## EARLY RELEASE DAY – JUNE 29

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to improving student achievement and well-being. On **Thursday, June 29, 2017**, an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to take part in meetings during the afternoon of that day. These meetings will allow for school staff to engage in culminating activities regarding the review and revision of the School's Improvement Plan as well as year-end and transition activities that support student success.

As has been our practice in the past, students will attend school during the morning of Thursday, June 29, 2017 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at **11:30am**. Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bused to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Parents/guardians whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.



## GRADE 8 GRADUATION – SAVE THE DATE



Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony will take place on **Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017**, at Milliken Mills High School, at **5pm** followed by dinner and dance at the Crystal

Fountain. We hope the families of our Grade 8 graduates will be able to attend.



**Graduation Ceremony**



**Dinner & Dance**

## UPCOMING DATES

EVENT	DATE
Forest of Reading Voting	June 1
PA Day	June 2
Public Speaking	June 5
Primary Play Day	June 8
Gr. 3 Harbourfront Trip	June 9
KG Celebration of Learning	June 16
Primary Water Day	June 20
Grade 8 Graduation	June 27
Report Cards Sent Home	June 28
Early Release Day (11:30am)	June 29
PA Day	June 30

## 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