



# WILCLAY WILDCAT

*Together in Harmony*

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## December 2015 & January 2016

這是重要文件，若不明白，請找人翻譯。 இது ஒரு முக்கியமான பத்திரம். இதை வாசித்து விளங்கும் படுத்தல் கடின ஏடுவரிடம் எடுத்தல் வேண்டும்.

ہر ایک فرد کو دستاویز کے لئے کسی ایسے شخص کے پاس جانے چاہئے جو آپ کو اس کے بارے میں سہولت دے سکے۔

यह एक जरूरी कागज़ है, इसे किसी ऐसे व्यक्ति के पास ले जायें जो इसे आपकी तरफ सहायता करे।

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

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec. 2 Boys' Area Volleyball Tournament
  - Dec. 3 Girls' Area Volleyball Tournament
  - Dec. 3 Grade 5s to Safety Village - Internet Safety, Positive Lifestyle Choices and Emergency Preparedness
  - Dec 7, 8, 11 - Gifted Screening for Grade 3s
  - Dec. 9 Grade 4s to Markham Theatre
  - Dec. 9 Milliken Mills High School - Gr. 8 Information Night, 6:30 p.m.
  - Dec. 10 to 17 Scholastic Book Fair, Library
  - Dec. 10 Progress Reports Cards
  - Dec. 10 Ms. Weber-Kramer's Grade 1s to Markham Stouffville Hospital
  - Dec. 16 December Concert, 7:00 p.m.
  - Dec. 17 Ms. McIntyre's Grade 1s to Markham Stouffville Hospital
  - December 21 to January 1 Winter Break
  - Jan. 20 Gr. 7 & 8 Immunizations
  - Jan. 27 to 30 Dental Screening
- Mark your calendar – Friday, February 5 – Dance-a-thon



### **From the Administrative Team**

The school year continues to go by quickly. Our students have had a successful block of learning, and are well on their way to completing the first term of this school year. Progress Report Cards go home December 10<sup>th</sup> and Term I reports will be going out during the month of February. If they have not already done so, this is the time for students to set goals for learning for the remainder of Term One. We look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 16. To all those who celebrate Christmas, Kwanzaa, New Year's Day and Orthodox Christmas, we would like to wish you and your families very happy celebrations. Have a safe and enjoyable winter break.

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.

*Be true to your work, your word, and your friend.*

~Henry David Thoreau

**For the month of January, Wilclay will be focusing on the Character Trait: *Respect*.**



## SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE:

Here are some highlights from our Nov. 16 School Council meeting:

Our P+ teacher, Charmain Brown, provided an overview of her role and shared exciting news about upcoming events such as a Parent Workshop planned for January and the launch of the Wilclay Way in February. Topics for the Parent Workshop will be decided via a parental survey, which will be distributed along with your child's progress report in December.

Council approved funding requests for soccer shin pads and classroom iPADS/other technology. Once again, the school will benefit from the school board's Technology Cost-sharing Program whereby funds are matched in a ratio of 2.5 to 1 (ie. for every \$1 our school spends on technology, the board pays \$2.5). Teachers and students have consistently noted the benefits of using technology in the classroom to create diverse and unique learning opportunities.

Our Dance-a-thon will be Friday, February 5, 2016. As in past years, this event raises funds for important school programs and resources.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2016 in our school library. All parents are welcome to attend!

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

### Parent and Family Survey

In response to the feedback from the Community Engagement Round Table in the spring and in efforts to work with parents/families in supporting the academic and social-emotional success of their child(ren), we would like to introduce parent workshops at Wilclay Public School.

Please take a moment to complete a survey at the link below. Select your top three (3) topics of interest for upcoming workshops. If you prefer using a paper copy of the survey, this will be made available with your child's Progress Report Card, with Chinese and Tamil versions included. We will use this feedback to plan for upcoming workshops.

Click here for Parent & Family Survey: <https://goo.gl/5519Un>

Thank you for your support and we look forward to your participation in upcoming workshops!

## MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEE:

It is that time of year when our schools brim with energy and excitement for the many diverse celebrations taking place across our region. I am always happy to join the festivities happening in our schools and appreciate the efforts of our students, staff and community members to bring the holiday season alive.

As we wind down 2015, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and guardians for their support of our students and staff over the past few months. A school community is only as strong and welcoming as the people who make up that community. Our students, staff and community members have continued to demonstrate respect, character and commitment in their work and interactions over the last few months. As a trustee, I consider myself very fortunate to work with such supportive community and staff members.

On behalf of all of the trustees and staff of the York Region District School Board, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy holiday season. All the best for 2016!

*Juanita Nathan*



## MUSIC NOTES

Our co-curricular music activities are in full-swing. We have Junior and Intermediate Choirs as well as a Grade 7 and a Grade 8 Band, all of which practise once each week at recess or lunch time. Our Junior and Intermediate Choirs performed at our Remembrance Day Assembly in November. We are now busy preparing for our **Winter Concert and Sing-a-long**, which will take place on **Wednesday, December 16 at 7:00 pm in Gym 1**. We invite you all to join us to listen to our very talented students, as well as join in our tradition of singing seasonal songs together. If you have never had the chance to join in to Mr. Littleford's version of "The Twelve Days of Christmas," this is an evening event you should not miss. After the winter break, we will be starting auditions and rehearsals for the Intermediate Division's production of this year's school musical "Disney Jr.'s Mulan." The choirs and bands will also begin preparing for their participation in the York Region music festival, Music Alive.

## WILCLAY'S SAFE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PROGRAM

The safety of our students is a priority. Our safe arrivals programs and safe departures protocols are in place so that we can account for the whereabouts of absent students.

Parents/guardians, inform the Wilclay office if your child is going to be absent or late to school or an after-school event that he or she has planned to attend. Where possible, notify the school in advance. Call the school and leave a message on the answering machine (905-470-1447) or with the office.

If you have not informed the school of your child's absence in advance, the school will take the following steps, in this order, to ensure your child is safe:

1. We will call your home.
2. If we do not reach you at home, we will call your work and/or cell phone.
3. If we cannot reach you at work, we will call your emergency contact number.
4. If we cannot get information from your emergency contact about your child's location, we will speak to a sibling if one is in the school.
5. If we are still unable to get information, we will consider your child missing and we will contact York Regional Police.

For more information, see Board Policy and Procedure #665.0, Safe Arrivals and Departures – Elementary Students



## Student Transfer Requests into Secondary Schools for September 2016

Each year the York Region District School Board staff work collaboratively to balance student enrolment and accommodation needs in an effort to ensure that students living in a school attendance area can attend their local secondary school without overflowing to other schools. Further, those accepted on transfer into courses and/or programs outside their home school attendance area need to be accommodated without displacing or limiting opportunity for students who live locally. To this end, this letter is to inform you of the status of new student transfer requests into secondary schools for September 2016.

The following list of schools is provided to assist students in their course selection and pathways choices:

### A. The following schools will not be accepting new student transfer requests for the 2016-2017 school year:

**CEC Central:** Bayview Secondary School, Richmond Hill High School, Langstaff Secondary School (French Immersion only)

**CEC East:** Bur Oak Secondary School, Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School

**CEC North:** Newmarket High School

**CEC West:** Emily Carr Secondary School, Vaughan Secondary School (French Immersion only)

Note: Transfer requests may be considered in extenuating circumstances, with prior approval from the Superintendent of Schools, for specific program reasons (i.e., Alt. Ed.)

### B. The following schools will be open to new student transfer requests into grades 9-12 for the 2016-2017 school year:

**CEC Central:** Alexander Mackenzie High School, Aurora High School, Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School, King City Secondary School, Langstaff Secondary School (Regular Track only),

Richmond Green Secondary School

**CEC East:** Markham District High School, Markville Secondary School, Middlefield Collegiate Institute, Milliken Mills High School, Unionville High School

**CEC North:** Dr. John M. Denison Secondary School, Huron Heights Secondary School, Keswick High School, Sir William Mulock Secondary School, Stouffville District Secondary School, Sutton District High School

**CEC West:** Maple High School, Stephen Lewis Secondary School, Thornhill Secondary School, Thornlea Secondary School, Tommy Douglas Secondary School, Vaughan Secondary School (Regular Track only), Westmount Collegiate Institute, Woodbridge College

Transfer requests from Grade 8 students must accompany the Registration Forms and are due to their **home school** by **February 1, 2016**. As well, students currently attending secondary school are to submit transfer request forms to their principal by **February 1, 2016**. Students will be notified of the decision of their transfer request by February 8, 2016. Please note that course selection forms for all students must be submitted in Career Cruising by **February 22, 2016** (please see your classroom teacher, the guidance department or school principal with questions regarding course selection).

For more information on attendance areas and student transfers, students and parents/guardians are encouraged to review the process outlined in [Board Policy #108 Student Accommodation – Attendance Areas and Student Transfers](#).

## **CANADIAN FEDERAL ELECTION RESULTS:**

In Canada, October 19, 2015, the federal election campaign to choose a new Prime Minister ended and the Liberals have won. The Liberals have 184 seats, the Conservatives have 99 seats, the NDPs have 44 seats, the Green party, 1, and the BQs 10. Since the Liberals have made their promises seem very appealing, they have become a majority government, with Harper and the Conservatives being the official Opposition. The NDP has become the third party in the government. It may be difficult for the Liberals to keep their promises because it is going to require a great deal of action to get it going. As you may know, Justin Trudeau is the new Prime Minister with lots of hope and promises for the future. The reign of Stephen Harper has ended and the Liberals have just begun to change Canada.

-Rebecca

Federal Election Results Oct 27, 2015

Every four years there is a federal election. It was to choose the next Prime Minister and a new government too. The five parties that were competing are the Conservatives, Liberals, NDP, BQ, and the Green Party. Out of the five parties one party won. It was the Liberals! They got 184 seats out of the 338 seats, and it gave them a majority government because they got over 170 seats! It was easier for them to do what they wanted to do because they are a majority government. Their leader is Justin Trudeau. The party that will form the Official Opposition is the Conservatives, because they got the second highest votes. They got 99 seats out of 338 seats. The next federal election will be in the next four years.

By: Natalie



The Red Wave

Oct 22, 2015

If you missed the Canadian federal election on Oct. 19, 2015 and you're wondering what happened then this is the story for you. The Liberals started out strong with a surprising 33 seats before any other party got one seat. The next party to score 1 seat was the Conservatives. They were getting seats fast, but the Liberals were getting them even faster. When the Liberals reached 184 they knew they were a majority government. Once the results came in the Liberals destroyed the other parties with a majority government of 184, the Conservatives got 99, the NDPs got 44, BQ got 10, and the Green Party got 1. Stephen Harper (leader of the Conservatives) resigned, because they lost most of their seats in the GTA (Greater Toronto Area). Stephen Harper knows that they wanted a new Prime Minister. The Liberals won by so much that everyone called it a *red wave*. Since the Liberals got 184 it will be easy for them to do what they want. The party that makes up the Opposition is the Conservatives. So, if you missed the elections that's pretty much what happened.

By Benny



Ms. Chen and Ms. Slack's Kindergarten Class

In Kindergarten, we are learning about the Fall/Autumn season. Our class went on several nature walks. The children found leaves of many colours, sticks, pinecones and acorns. The Teachers read books on Fall/Autumn and later extended the children's learning through math activities like sorting and art activities like leaf rubbings, paintings and leaf creations. The children learned about different types of leaves and their names. We also talked about why the leaves change colours and they had the experience of raking and jumping into the Fall/Autumn leaves. Here our class is taking a look at our display.

*Milliken Mills High School*



*Grade 8 Open House*

*Wednesday, December 9, 2015*

The presentation and tours will be conducted in English, Cantonese, Mandarin, Tamil and Urdu/Hindi

*6:30-8:30pm*

- Welcome
- Pathways Presentation
- School Tour
- Course/Club Fair
- Refreshments

# Stay and Play

*FREE program for parents/grandparents and their children (2.5 & 3 yrs. old)*

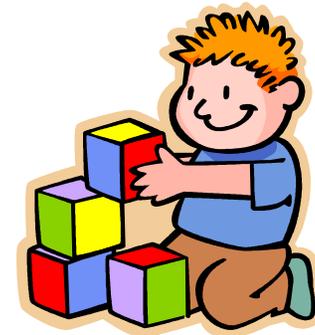


Community Action Program  
for Children (CAPC)

**Date:** Jan. 14 – April 7, 2016  
Every Thursday morning

**Time:** 10:45 – 12:10

**Location:** Wilclay P.S.  
(Staff Room)



- Songs, puzzles, craft, toys, parenting information.
- Parent or grandparent attends program with child.

**YOU MUST REGISTER FIRST BEFORE ATTENDING**

*Register by phone or email Dec. 14 to 18<sup>th</sup> by calling: Pam May 905-642-9965*

*OR email: [pam.may.capc@gmail.com](mailto:pam.may.capc@gmail.com)*

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

***OR ATTEND REGISTRATION IN PERSON AT THE SCHOOL Thurs. Jan. 7, 10:30-12***

*\*Please note priority will be given first to families who have never attended before.\**

# Stay and Play



Community Action Program  
for Children (CAPC)

-这是免费的学前儿童活动

-欢迎父母亲或祖父母带同其两岁半至三岁儿童参加

日期：二零一六年一月十四日至四月七日

逢星期四上午

时间：十时四十五分至十二时十分

地点：Wilclay小学（教职员活动室）。

\*唱歌、拼图游戏、美劳、故事及育儿知识/资讯

\*父母亲或祖父母必须携同儿童出席。\*

## 必须预先报名

十二月十四日至十八日接受电话或电邮报名

致电留言：Pam May(905)642-9965或电邮至pam.may.capc@gmail.com

请提供以下资料：阁下姓名、联络电话、参加子女的姓名及出生日期。

或于一月七日星期四上午十点半至十二点亲临Wilclay小学报名

\*注意：从未参加过学前活动班的家庭将获优先权。\*

