



# 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 படுத்தக் கூடிய ஒருவர்டம் எடுத்துச் செல்லவும்.

یہ ایک ضروری دستاویز ہے۔ اسے کسی ایسے شخص کے پاس لے جائیے جو آپ کو اس کے بارے میں سہولت دے سکے۔

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

ਇਹ ਵੱਡਾ ਗੁਰਮਤਿ ਦਾ ਭਾਗ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਵੱਡੇ ਗੁਰਮਤਿ ਦੇ ਭਾਗਾਂ ਦੀ ਸੂਚੀ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਵੱਡੇ ਗੁਰਮਤਿ ਦੇ ਭਾਗਾਂ ਦੀ ਸੂਚੀ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ।

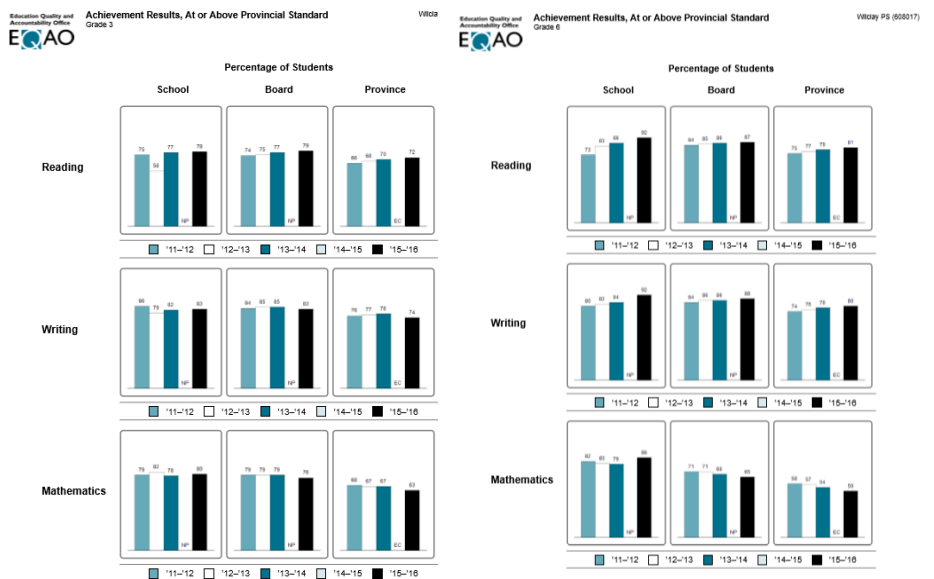
यह एक बड़ी भाग है। इसे किसी ऐसे व्यक्ति के पास ले जायें जो इसे आपको समझा सकें।

## ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE – EQAO Results

Last spring, our grade 3 and 6 students participated in writing the provincial EQAO assessment. The assessment measured achievement in the area of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Individual student results were sent home in October. The school's overall performance can be seen below, with reference to achievement in the board and in the province.

As can be seen, our students are doing very well. Their achievement is a reflection of their own perseverance and effort, the dedication and commitment of their teachers and the support and guidance of their caring families!

Staff at Wilclay is continuing to analyze the results in detail, focusing on contextual, attitudinal and achievement data. We will be using this analysis to help form our next steps for school improvement.



## TERRY FOX

Wilclay Staff and students participated in the Annual Terry Fox Run on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The Terry Fox Run is a non-competitive event where people get together as individuals, families, and groups to raise money for cancer research in Terry's name. It is a day of celebrating Terry's legacy and helping to keep alive his dream of finding a cure for cancer. The Wilclay Community raised a total of \$682.60 that will go towards Cancer Research. Thank you!



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all of the families at Wilclay Public School for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair.

We are very happy as we sold books and other items for a total of **\$3597.00**. This means that we will be receiving back **\$2145.70** in products from Scholastic Canada.

Please encourage your children to let the Mrs. Somani know if they would like books from Scholastic for the library. Once again, thank you so much for your continual support.





## CURRICULUM NIGHT

Thank you to our families for coming out for 'Meet the Teacher' night!

It was a night for:

- networking,
- seeing firsthand what the students will be learning,
- understanding homework expectations
- learning about teacher's communication strategy
- sending your child, a message that you care
- and much more...

If you have not yet met your child's teacher, we encourage you to connect with them soon.

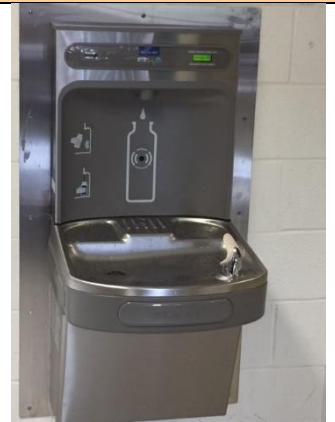


## WATER BOTTLE RE-FILL STATION

Staff and students are excited about our water bottle refill station on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The refill station has an easy button to use, to refill water bottles. The 'green ticker' on the machine then tracks how many plastic water bottles have been saved from being eliminated in our landfills.

Within the first week of installation, Wilclay saved 208 plastic water bottles!

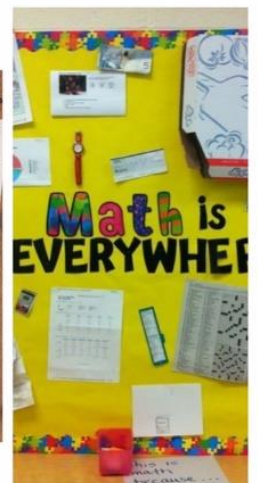
We eagerly await our second station to be installed on the main floor.



## CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS - MATHEMATICS

Mathematics is everywhere and teachers at Wilclay are approaching the subject in ways that help students make connections to their world. Students are encouraged to look around – indoors, outdoors or on the go.

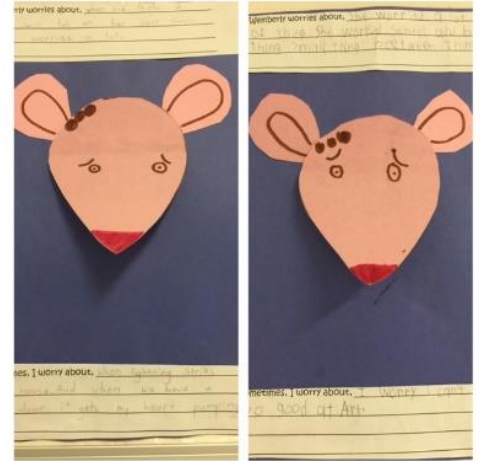
Making math a part of your daily routine, helps children understand that math is fun -- and important. You can help your child master early math skills such as counting, number recognition, shapes, patterns, simply by going about daily activities such as setting the table, or going to the grocery store!



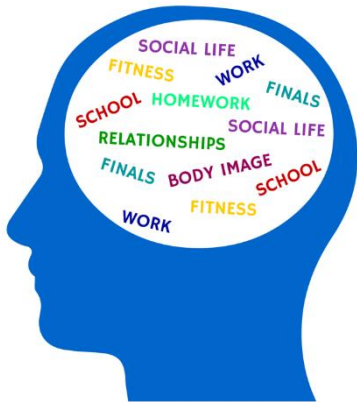
## CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS – MODERN LEARNING

Modern Learning is about designing learning environments where the students are at the center of it all. It means giving students a voice to make sense of their learning. It begins with asking students to share their thinking, to ask questions and to collaborate with one another. Modern Learning focuses on the fostering of transferable skills such as:

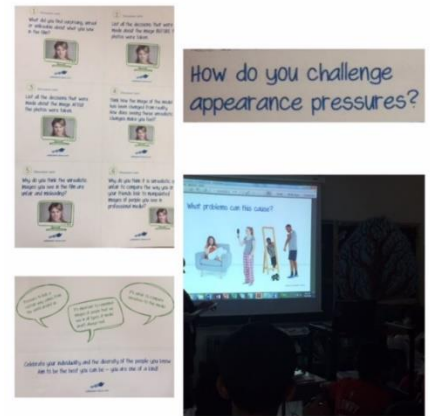
Collaboration	Creativity
Critical Thinking	Communication
Metacognition	Problem Solving



## CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS – MENTAL HEALTH



Our Mental Health is affected by numerous factors from our daily life. School, homework, social life, body image and more are all aspects of stress that is taken on by our students. We need to be aware of these issues and address them before they arise. Our Grade 6 students at Wilclay engaged in a Self Esteem workshop conducted



by Dove Canada. In this workshop, students engaged in discussions around what defines personal beauty and how to address pressures around appearance. It was a great program geared to inspire confidence in our children.

## HEALTHY SNACKS AND LUNCHES

Wilclay Public School is a nut-free school. To support a safe and healthy school for all, parents are asked NOT to send food containing any nut/tree nut products. This includes Nutella spreads that have hazelnuts.

Students are encouraged to prepare their snacks/lunch from the night before with their parents. There is a greater likelihood of them eating their snack/lunch when they have prepared it themselves.



# LEARNING DISABILITY

By definition someone with a learning disability (LD) has average to above average intelligence.

LDs impact certain skills, most of which can be improved with the right supports.

Because LDs usually exhibit in the school system, those with LDs can be identified early in life, and early intervention improves confidence.

Visit [www.ldayr.org](http://www.ldayr.org) for more information about their programs and services offered throughout the region, including educational services, workshops, social skills programs, tutoring services and much more!

Ever study for a test BUT end up just staring at the pages?

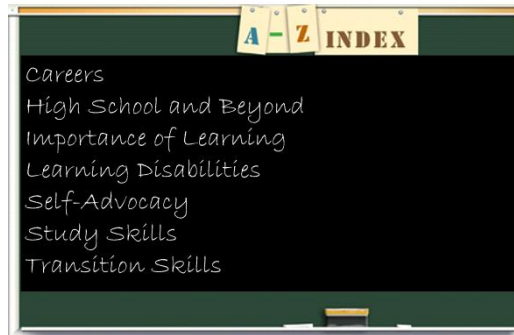


Designed for  
**GRADE 6 - 9 STUDENTS** living with **Learning Disabilities and/or ADHD**

To provide the opportunity to learn and talk about:

- **Understanding** their assessment and I.E.P
- **Strengthening** self-advocacy skills
- **Study Skills** and strategies for success
- **Making choices** and choosing paths

## TOPICS



**TIME:** 1 to 1½ hours per session

**WHEN:** available by appointment.

**WHERE:**

Learning Disabilities Association of  
York Region  
11181 Yonge Street, Unit 221  
Richmond Hill, ON  
L4S 1L2

# HALLOWEEN

## 7 SAFETY TIPS FOR CHILDREN BEFORE TRICK-OR-TREATING THIS HALLOWEEN

1. Wear a properly fitted costume that is bright and non-flammable. Use reflective tape on your costume so you can be seen in the dark.
2. Visit the front door of well-lit homes and never go inside.
3. Plan a route close to home and a time to be home.
4. Have a trusted adult check your treats before eating them.
5. Go with an adult or a group of friends.
6. Hold a flashlight to help you see.
7. Only walk on sidewalks or on the far edge of the road, facing traffic.

**STAY SAFE!**  
Halloween Safety Tips



**HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS**



# GROWTH MINDSET

Growth Mindset is a belief that promotes self-esteem. Within this, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment.

Growth Mindset within Mathematics is an approach to teaching math with a belief that all students can learn to high standards with a nurturing environment, given sufficient time and developmentally appropriate goals.

## Growth Mindset (What to say)

"If you catch yourself saying, 'I'm not a math person', just add the word 'yet' to the end of the sentence.

## Fixed Mindset (What not to say)

"That's OK, maybe Math is not one of your strengths."

Pupils with a growth mindset	Pupils with a fixed mindset
Believe that talents can be developed and great abilities can be built over time	Believe that talent alone creates success
View mistakes as an opportunity to develop	Are reluctant to take on challenges
Are resilient	Prefer to stay in their comfort zone
Believe that effort creates success	Are fearful of making mistakes
Think about how they learn	Think it is important to 'look smart' in front of others
	Believe that talents and abilities are set in stone, you either have them or you don't.

## TWITTER NEWS @WilclayPS

We are excited to let our families know that we have a Wilclay Twitter account. You may follow us using any of the two methods below.

1. Use the Twitter app on your phone and follow us **@WilclayPS** to be informed about what our students are learning and engaged in, on a weekly basis.
2. Use this URL on your computer browser to follow us.

<https://twitter.com/wilclayPS>

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## TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE

It's time to remind children about being safe in our community.

It's a good time for parents to remind children about personal safety.

Here's what children need to know:



**Get Smart Stay Smart  
PLAY Smart**

- Their name, age, telephone number, address, city and province. This can be done through rhyme or song.
- How to contact their parents at any time, by memorizing cell or work numbers.
- How and under what circumstances to call 911.
- To never approach or enter a stranger's vehicle. A responsible adult would never ask a child for directions or any other question for that matter.
- Make sure they know they have a right to say "no" to an adult, especially when the adult is asking them to do something they have been taught is wrong or feels uncomfortable. Reminding children of this right is important because children are taught from a young age to respect adults.
- To always tell parents where they will be and to never enter someone's home without their parent's permission.
- If home alone, never admit it when answering the phone. Never answer a knock at the door or speak through it. Adults can be very persuasive. Teach your child to call you if there is a knock at the door and if they fear for their safety, teach them to call 911. Make sure they know that police officers are there to help them and would not get mad if it were a false alarm.
- If they think they are being followed or are in danger they should run home or to a public place. If someone grabs them, they should try to get away, yelling and screaming while doing so.
- It is important to play in safe areas, never take shortcuts and stick with a buddy whenever possible.

It is never too early or too late to teach children the importance of personal safety. Common sense, communication and consistency are the keys. Remind children to alert a responsible adult if something strange happens that makes them feel uncomfortable. Remember, crime prevention is everyone's responsibility.

For more information on this subject, visit [www.yrp.ca](http://www.yrp.ca).

## CHAI AND CHAT

Join us on **Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup>**, for 'Chai and Chat' to learn all about the Provincial Report Card and how to support your child with their next steps.



## UPCOMING DATES

EVENT	DATE
PA Day	October 28
Grade 1 Fire Safety	November 1 / 15
Grade 3 Pickering Museum Village	November 1
Gr. 6 Trip to Mansfield	November 2-4
Photo Retakes	November 2
Take Our Kids to High School (Gr. 8)	November 2
Movie Night	November 2
Dental Screening (JK/SK/2/4/6/8)	November 8
Chai and Chat	November 10
Remembrance Day Assembly	November 11
Intermediates @ Cineplex	November 18
Grade 3 VIP	November 21
Grade 8 VIP	November 22
Report Cards Sent Home	November 23
Interviews	November 24/25

## 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



## SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Wilclay will be accepting online payments through School Cash Online. This method of payment allows parents the convenience of paying online for school events and products, and also approve permission forms. All School related expenses such as pizza lunches, sub lunches, field trips and fundraisers will be collected online. Attached, please find information guidelines for how to register. We thank you for your ongoing support in all our school initiatives.



**School Cash ONLINE**  
www.schoolcashonline.com



**KEVgroup**

# **WILCLAY PUBLIC SCHOOL is accepting online payments through School Cash ONLINE!**

School Cash Online provides the following benefits:

- A convenient fee payment option that saves time
- Reduces paper
- No more need to send cash or cheques to school
- A quick way to register. It takes less than 5 minutes to register.

Parents that opt to participate will receive notification via email of student fees owed (both required and optional), and can make secure online payments by credit card or Interac and receive a receipt.

To view a presentation about the program, go to <http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/>.

## **Follow the easy steps on the next page to register and get started!**

# SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

## Step 1: Register

- Click on the School Cash Online button on our school's website at <http://wilclay.ps.yrdsb.ca/> and select the **"Get Started Today"** button.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps

**\*For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.**

## Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be automatically forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.

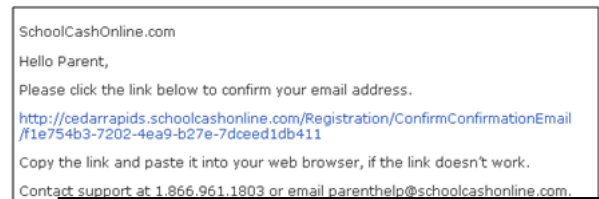


## Step 3: Find Student

**NOTE: A STUDENT NUMBER IS REQUIRED (NOT THE OEN#)**

*This step will connect your children to your account.*

- Enter the School Board Name
- Enter the School Name
- Enter Your Child's Student # and Last Name
- Select **Continue**
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**
- Your child has been added to your account



### Find Student

1. Type in the School Board name and select one from the list

York Region District School Board  
 Change school board name.

2. Select a school

Select school...

3. Enter student information

Student Number

Last Name

**Continue** (No students? [Click here](#))

## Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select **"Add Another Student"** option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select **"View Items For Students"** option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

## NEED HELP?

If you require assistance, select the **GET HELP** option in the top right hand corner of the screen or contact **School Cash Online – Parent Help Desk** at 1-866-961-1803 or [parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com).