



WILCLAY WILDCAT

Together in Harmony

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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 படுத்தம் கூடிய ஒருவரின் அறித்துச் செல்லவும்.

به ایک صورتی دستاویز ہے۔ اسے کسی ایسے شخص کے پاس لے جائیں جو آپ کو اس کے بارے میں سمجھ سکے۔

यह एक जरूरी कागज़ है, इसे किसी ऐसे व्यक्ति के पास ले जाएं जो इसे समझ सके।

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Feb. 1 P.A. Day | Feb. 2 Gr. 4 students to Toronto Symphony |
| Feb. 4 National Sweater Day | Feb. 5 Dance-a-thon |
| Feb. 8 Lunar New Year | Feb. 9 Gr. 2 Fire Safety |
| Feb. 15 Family Day – No School | Feb. 18 Gr. 1 Agnihotri to MS Hospital |
| Feb. 18 Report Cards go home | Feb. 23 Gr. 7 Vidinovski/Halfin to Milne |
| Feb. 24 Gr. 7 Temelkovski/Kleinberg to Milne | Feb. 25 Gr. 4 Skilton to Milne |
| Feb. 26 Gr. 4 Goodman to Milne | Feb. 29 Gr. 2 Tzatzanis & Proctor/Primiani to Milne |



NATIONAL SWEATER DAY – February 4:

Wilclay is an Eco school. We do our best to decrease our global footprint. At Wilclay, our furnace, or boilers, will be turned down 2 degrees. By making an effort to turn down your heat just 2 degrees, and putting on a beautiful sweater, you can show your willingness to use energy wisely, not wastefully - and take action against climate change. Wear a sweater to school!

From the Administrative Team

As we approach the half-way point of our academic school year, we will be distributing first term Ontario Provincial Report Cards on Thursday, February 18, 2016. We ask that you take the time to discuss the report card with your child(ren) in order to plan effectively for the second half of the school year. Whenever possible, turn your daily activities into learning experiences, such as trips to the grocery store or listening to the news on the radio. Please do not hesitate to contact your child(ren)'s teacher for any further clarification or guidance.

Kindergarten registration has begun for students entering Junior Kindergarten (born 2012) or new Senior Kindergarten students. Registration forms are available in the office. **Students currently in Kindergarten at Wilclay are not required to register for September 2016.**

Mrs. Mantle, Principal

Ms. Daly, Vice-Principal

CHARACTER CORNER:

The Character Trait for February is *Initiative*

LIFE IS:

WHAT HAPPENS
TO ME
WHAT I MAKE
HAPPEN



We act without being prompted by others. We are eager to do what needs to be done without having to be told to do it. We take the first step towards the achievement of a goal.

“The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don’t wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope.”

~ Barack Obama

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE:

Our Dance-a-thon is coming!

Our annual Wilclay Dance-a-thon will be held this **Friday, February 5**. This is our major fundraiser for the year. Students from all grades will be showing off their fancy footwork as they groove to popular tunes. The funds raised support important programs in the school, such as technology resources, the library, our School Nutrition Program (e.g., snacks), our music program (e.g., microphones), our Wilclay Way Launch, as well as playground/gym equipment. Pledge forms have been sent home. Students will have a chance to earn tickets for our prize raffle and the top fundraiser will be awarded a special prize. Classes which raise a target amount will celebrate with a class pizza party.

Please support our fundraising!



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ADDITIONAL ELEMENTARY P.A. DAY:

As a result of provincial labour negotiations, a **P.A. Day has been added for all York Region District School Board elementary schools on Friday, May 6, 2016 and secondary schools on Friday, June 3, 2016.** You can see the full updated school year calendars on YRDSB’s [website](#).

These additional P.A. Days are mandated by the Ministry of Education. On these dates, teachers will be taking part in professional development on provincial education priorities identified by the Ministry of Education.

MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEE:

Although winter still feels far from over some days, we are now halfway through the school year. With report cards coming home, this is a good time to review progress and celebrate what your children have learned both inside and outside of the classroom. This is also a good time to set goals for the months ahead.

One of our goals set out in the Board of Trustees’ [Multi-Year Plan](#) is to “continuously increase student achievement and well-being through a culture of caring and learning.” Developing this supportive culture includes engaging parents/guardians and other members of the school community in public education and working together to create safe and supportive school environments that enable students to thrive.

As parents/guardians, there are many ways you can get engaged in your child’s education and support their learning, including talking with them about school, communicating with teachers, attending school events or school council meetings, and volunteering in the school. However you get involved, know that you are making a difference.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish you all the best an enjoyable and successful second term.

Juanita Nathan

SAFE SCHOOL DISMISSAL:

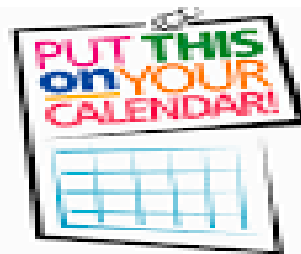


In order to help the safe dismissal process after school, we have begun a new strategy for the primary division.

Primary (Grades 1 and Grades 2) End-of-Day Dismissal

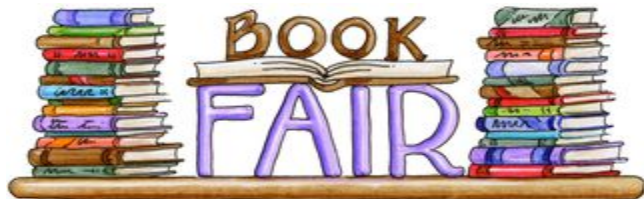
- Pylons will be placed on the ground to indicate where parents should stand for pick up.
- Parents should stand behind the pylons and wait for their children to be dismissed by the teacher.
- All children should be picked up by 3:00 p.m.
- Older siblings can go to the younger siblings door to be picked up.
- At 3:00 p.m., all students will be brought to the primary doors to be picked up by their parents/caregivers.

As always, your child's safety is our primary concern. We hope that this will make the safe dismissal process easier for both you and your child.



Mark your calendar –

Wednesday, March 2 – Wilclay Way Launch
March 7 - School Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 13 – Community Engagement Round Table



SUPPORT WILCLAY'S BOOK FAIR!:

Tuesday, February 9th to Friday, February 12th,
Hours are 10:10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We are happy to announce that the fall Book Fair was a great success! We raised over \$3500.00 which gets us \$2000.00 back in products from Scholastic for your children. Congratulations!

FAMILY DAY:

Monday, February 15 is Family Day. We hope you will spend this day with members of your family and take pleasure in this time together. There will be no school. Enjoy the day!



Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee (EIAC)

The York Region District School Board invites community members to apply for a position on the **Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee**. There are eight community member positions available.

The Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee is responsible for supporting York Region District School Board's commitment to equitable and inclusive schools and workplaces. EIAC will build on the work of the former Race Relations Advisory Committee and will provide advice and consultation to the Director of Education and the Board of Trustees on matters of equity and inclusion.

Please complete the [on-line application](#) form, on the York Region District School Board website, by **Thursday, February 11, 2016**. If you require a hard copy, have questions or require assistance, please contact Board and Trustee Services at 905-727-0022 ext. 2049.

DIVERSITY
is our STRENGTH
EQUITY
is our COMMITMENT
INCLUSION
is our GOAL

Wilclay Celebrates Tamil Heritage Month



Tamil Heritage Month, January, 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. According to the Tamil calendar, January 15, 2016 is “Thai” and the start of the Tamil New Year. Thai Pongal is the most important and widely-celebrated festival amongst Tamils around the globe. At Wilclay, Tamil Heritage Month was celebrated and recognized in a number of ways, including displays, dance, presentations and celebrations of Thai Pongal.

