



WILCLAY WILDCAT

We Learn. We Respect. We create.

We are Wilclay.

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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 படுத்தல் கடின ஒருவரால் எடுத்துக் கொள்ளும்.

ہر ایک صورت و سناویزہ کے کسی ایسے شخص کے پاس لے جائیے جو آپ کو اس کے بارے میں سہولت دے سکے۔

ਇਹ ਸਬਤਾਵੇਂ ਸਹੂਲਤ ਹੈ: ਕਿਸੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਦਿਖਾ ਕੇ ਕਿਸੇ سے ਸਹਾਇਤਾ. ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਸਮਝਣ ਵਿੱਚ ਮੁਸ਼ਕਲ ਦਾ ਸਾਹਮਣਾ ਕਰ رہੇ ਹੋ.

यह एक जरूरी कागज़ है। इसे किसी ऐसे व्यक्ति के पास ले जायें जो इसे आपकी तरह समझ सके।

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

ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

Dear Families,

You may recall hearing about Wilclay's Challenge of Practice. We have reviewed the evidence of our students' learning and used that to focus on meeting our students' greatest educational needs. We have focussed on the development of our students' oral language as a tool to take risks in their learning, use higher order thinking skills, and make their thinking visible. In the past three years, we have had professional development sessions, guest speakers, and followed a process of planning and teaching together, to give students more opportunities to develop these skills. In keeping with the York Region District School Board's and the Ontario Ministry of Education's focus on mathematical instruction, we have spent this school year applying our Challenge of Practice to math instruction. We are working towards seeing a mathematical community in every classroom, where children are actively engaged in their math learning, thinking deeply about math, making their thinking visible in a variety of ways, and able to make real-world connections with their mathematical learning.

At home, you can support your child's mathematical learning in many ways, such as talking about the math they are doing at school, playing games or doing puzzles that involve mathematical thinking (eg. counting money in Monopoly, planning strategy in checkers or chess), engaging children in jobs around the house that involve measurement (cooking or basic repairs), reading maps and calculating distance or time, estimating while shopping.

This newsletter contains information about some of the great things that have been happening at our school in the past month, as well as what to expect in the coming month. Wilclay is a wonderful place filled with wonderful students and we have a lot going on. Please make sure that you look at the calendar at the end of the newsletter. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

WILCLAY'S NEWS

Lost and Found

There are many items in our school's lost and found box. The lost items will be laid out on a table in the hallway by Gym 1. All of our students will be encouraged to walk by the table to claim anything that belongs to them. Items not picked up by Friday, June 17 will be donated to charity.

Oral Presentations

The Intermediate Division has recently completed its oral presentation unit. Each student had an opportunity to perform an oral presentation in front of their own class. The presentations were from a wide variety of sources – spoken word, comedy skits, speeches, rants, and debates. Two presentations were selected from each class to present in front of the entire division in the Gym. It was a fantastic experience to be able to watch these very impressive performances. The results of this event were as follows:

3rd Place – Cindy from 8L

2nd Place – Thamirah from 7H/V


1st Place – Steve from 8K

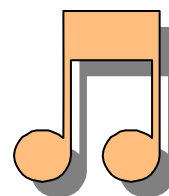
Athletics

The Intermediate Badminton Team competed in the area co-ed doubles tournament. Our athletes represented Wilclay extremely well with their excellent sportsmanship and display of athletic talent. Emily (8S) and Steve (8K) placed first out of all of the teams from the 13 schools in our area. They then went on to place 5th out of 24 teams at the Regional Championships. We are very proud of their accomplishments!

The Track and Field Meet will be at Bill Crothers Secondary School on Thursday, June 8, 2016. There are 98 students from the Junior and Intermediate divisions who will be going to compete in a variety of track and field events throughout the day. We have seen them practicing every day at morning recess, and we wish them all the very best.

Music Notes

 Our performance of Mulan Junior was a tremendous success. There were four separate performances over two days. Our grade 7 and 8 students put in an enormous effort as actors, singers, set designers, backstage crew, lighting crew, and sound crew. Our students rose to meet great challenges. When students are involved in a production like this they develop a strong work ethic, time management skills, performance skills, confidence, and the ability to cope under pressure. These are all essential skills that they will use throughout their educational careers, and in the workplace. The students should be very proud of themselves. If you missed the play, or if you want to relive it, there are photographs playing continuously on the screen in the front hall of the school.



In addition to the play, we have had a junior choir, an intermediate choir, a grade 7 band, and a grade 8 band. The students involved all gave up a recess or a lunch hour once each week to practice singing or practice their instruments. All of these groups went to the York Region Music Alive Festival and received a silver or gold rating for their performances. Again, the students involved develop many skills that will benefit them as they move forward.



Ottawa Trip

In April, an enthusiastic group of grade 8 students got on a bus with four teachers and went off to explore the nation's capital, Ottawa. The students went to museums, the RCMP stables, had guided tours of central Ottawa, the Supreme Court, the Byward market, and explored the area around the Parliament Buildings. On the final day, the students challenged themselves with cave exploration and a high ropes challenge and zipline course. It was a wonderful experience for all students who attended. The students got to see another city, learn about Canadian culture, government, and history. In addition, the students developed their social skills through living and dining with their peers, as well as gained a sense of confidence and independence that they will need in high school and beyond. Thank you very much to the students for making this trip such a wonderful success.





WeCare at Wilclay

The students and staff were very moved by the devastating Fort McMurray wildfires and decided to raise funds to help those in need. The students of the WeCare club came up with the idea of a **Tape-the-Teacher-to-the-Wall** event as a way to raise money. The students were very interested and had lots of fun taping Mr. Littleford, Mr. Si, Ms. Lee, and Mr. Halfin to the wall of the gym. Students and staff also brought in donations for this worthy cause as well. Thanks to the school matching the students' donations, we raised \$1000. Way to go Wildcats!! A big special thank you goes to Murray Wicks from Markham Home Hardware for donating the duct tape for the cause.



School Council News

Our fourth and final meeting of the year was held on May 30. Several funding requests were received and approved including an outdoor classroom, therapeutic activities for the CYW program and soccer shin pads. Council was happy to learn that the Parent Engagement Round Table and the Chai and Chat sessions were successful; feedback from both events were overwhelmingly positive and further strengthened our commitment to work with school staff and parents to ensure that student achievement and well-being remain a top priority.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 19, 2016 at 6:00 pm in our school library. Please consider joining us. You will meet a friendly and dedicated group of staff and parents, learn first hand about what is happening at the school, and have the opportunity to share your opinions and make decisions on important educational matters.

Enjoy a safe and happy summer, and see you in September!



SUMMER INSTITUTE @ Aldergrove PUBLIC SCHOOL
For Elementary Students Kindergarten to grade 8:

The York Region District School Board's Summer Institute is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth from Kindergarten to Grade 8. The morning includes a language block where students are engaged in "fun and enriching learning activities that address reading, writing, media, and oral communication." In the afternoon, students are engaged in "purposeful, intentional learning" through a variety of fun activities. Weekly sessions are offered at eleven elementary schools throughout the region from **July 4, 2016 to August 12, 2016 including Aldergrove PS**. Application forms are available in the Wilclay PS office. Email performanceplus.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca for further information.

If you are looking for activities for your children during the summer, please check out this summer program as it is affordable, focused on learning and fun. The cost for a YRDSB student is \$120 per week.



June 2016 Calendar of Events



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 (Day 4)	7 (Day 5) -8L to Walmart	8 (Day 1)	9 (Day 2) -Area Track and Field Meet – Bill Crothers Secondary School	10 (Day 3)
13 (Day 4) -Grade 6's at Mansfield	14 (Day 5) -Grade 6's at Mansfield -7T and 7K at Milne -7H/V at Heritage Schoolhouse	15 (Day 1) -Grade 6's at Mansfield -7/8K at Heritage Schoolhouse	16 (Day 2) -6/7T at Heritage Schoolhouse -Kindergarten Graduation -MaRS Centre with Mr. Skilton with some students from 4S and 6S	17 (Day 3)
20 (Day 4)	21 (Day 5)	22 (Day 1) -Teacher Appreciation Lunch, Wilclay PS Staffroom, 12:20 pm	23 (Day 2)	24 (Day 3) -Grade 5's at McMichael Gallery -Volunteer Appreciation Tea, Wilclay PS Library, 10:00 am -Grade 6, 7, 8 Dance
27 (Day 4)	28 (Day 5) -Grade 8 Graduation, Milliken Mills High School, 6:30 pm -Report cards go home	29 (Day 0) -Half Day of school – 11:30 am dismissal	30 PA Day – No School	Looking Ahead: See you on September 6, 2016 for the first day of school. Office is open for new registrations on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at 9:00 am.