



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 படுத்தல் கடின ஒருவர் உம் ஒத்துக் கொள்ளும்.

به ایک ضروری دستاویز ہے۔ اسے اس لیے شیئوں کے پاس لے جائیں۔ جو آپ کو اس کے بارے میں سہاگے۔
ਇਹ ਇਕ ਆਵਾਜ਼ੀ ਪੱਤਰ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਸਹੀ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਸਮਝਣ ਲਈ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਪੜ੍ਹੋ।
यह एक जरूरी कागज़ है। इसे किसी ऐसे व्यक्ति के पास ले जाएं जो इसे
आपको अच्छी तरह समझ सके।
هذا الخطاب مهم جداً .. نرجو أن تجد من يشرح لك .

DATES TO REMEMBER

Apr. 8	Music Alive – Junior Choir	Apr. 9	Music Alive – Intermediate Choir
Apr. 13	Spring Photo Day	Apr. 14	Spring Photo Day
Apr. 14	<i>Suessical The Musical</i> Performance For Kindergartens	Apr. 15	Regional Parent Symposium (Sheraton Parkway)
Apr. 15	<i>Suessical the Musical</i> Performances – 8:45 a.m., 1:30 p.m & 7:00 p.m. – Each performance is open to the public		
Apr. 22-24	Gr. 8s Ottawa Trip	Apr. 24	Junior classes to Milliken Mills H.S. for Environmental Awareness
Apr. 24	Together We're Better	Apr. 29	Music Alive at Wilclay – Gr. 6, Int. & 7/8 Bands
Apr. 30	Goodman/Lui to Scanlon Creek	May 1	Skilton to Scanlon Creek

From the Administrative Team

We look forward to the remainder of the school year with enthusiasm and optimism. Spring looks like it is finally here and with it comes a sense of renewal and new growth. This same spirit exists within the walls and classrooms at Wilclay Public School. We continue to strive for excellence in all that we do with continued focus on mathematics and literacy, especially oral language. We thank our community for its enthusiastic and ongoing support of these and other initiatives.

Our Community Engagement Round Table took place April 1. We would like to thank all of the participants who came to our presentations of De-Stressing Family Life and the Role of our School Psychologist and how parents can support their children at home. A special thank you to our School Council for their support in utilizing our Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant from the Ministry of Education. We encourage our families to further demonstrate their ongoing support for our school and community by coming to one of our performances of *Suessical the Musical* on April 15. Our students and staff have been working diligently and professionally for months to prepare for our musical production. We hope you and your family members will come out and enjoy a presentation of music, song, dance and drama, right here at Wilclay Public School. The performances will be in Gym 1, which will be transformed into a theatre for the performances.

Grade 3 and Grade 6 Teachers are now well into the EQAO preparations. The provincial reading, writing and mathematics assessment will take place between May 25 and June 5, 2015. If you have a child in either of these grades, please do not book any medical or other appointments during the instructional day for these dates. It is very important that your child participate in the complete assessment.

Mrs. Mantle, Principal

Ms. Daly, Vice-Principal

CHARACTER CORNER:

The Character Trait for April is Optimism –

We maintain a positive attitude. We look on the brighter side of situations. We are able to see opportunities even in the face of adversity. We have hope for the future.

“I try to avoid looking forward or backward, and try to keep looking upward.” ~ Charlotte Bronte

“A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.”

~ Sir Winston Churchill

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE



Community Round Table

On the evening of April 1, our school hosted our annual Community Engagement Round Table event.

Our very own Dr. Saleh Jaleel provided an excellent overview of the role of a school psychologist. Parents learned about the close link between mental health and academic success, and how early identification of learning disabilities is beneficial in ensuring that the proper support and help are offered to students. He highlighted the importance of keeping the lines of communication open between parents and children, whether in English or in a native language, especially as children get older.

Michelle Cassidy, Mental Health Lead for YRDSB, presented an entertaining session on “De-stressing Family Life”. She reviewed that as parents, we serve as role models for our children on how we respond to and deal with stressful situations. She offered practical tips on communicating and maintaining close relationships with our children, which can be challenging in this age of technology and social media. She encouraged us to take the time to nurture ourselves and to celebrate the good work we do as parents, and to remember that our well-being directly impacts that of our children.

School Council wishes to thank Dr. Jaleel and Ms. Cassidy, our parent community, Tim Hortons at Midland and Steeles for their generous donation of water and juices, our ‘Tech Team’ and our Grade 8 student volunteers, who helped supervise the children during the evening. If you were unable to attend this year’s presentation, or would additional information from the sessions,

they have both been posted on the school’s website. If you have suggestions for future topics, please email us at wilclay.ps@yrdsb.ca.

MUSIC NOTES

Our final rehearsals have begun. Lines have been learned. Songs are being sung. The stage is alight and the sets packed in tight. *Seussical the Musical* is ready to go. We can't wait to have you come see our show!

Please join us for any one of our three performances on Wednesday, April 15. The performance times are 8:45 am, 1:30 pm, and 7:00 pm.

Our Wilclay community is welcome to join us for any one of these shows. There is no cost and a ticket is not required. We are really excited about sharing the students' hard work with you.

In addition to our musical, our choirs and bands are going to Music Alive, a non-competitive music festival, open to schools across York Region. The Junior and Intermediate Choirs have already performed at Music Alive on April 8 and 9. They performed for 2 or 3 other schools as well as an adjudicator, who then led a workshop with us to help us improve our skills. Both choirs performed beautifully and received a great deal of positive feedback from the adjudicator, as well as some suggestions of things we can work on. Our bands will be participating in Music Alive on April 19, with an adjudicator coming to the school to work with three of our concert band groups.

Although April is a particularly exciting month, there will still be more happening in music at Wilclay in the coming months. Our choirs and bands will continue to rehearse every week, working towards a final concert, which will take place in June.

CELEBRATIONS:

Many children wish to celebrate their birthdays with their classmates. As Wilclay is a Healthy and Nut Aware school, parents are asked *not* to bring in food, such as birthday cakes, cupcakes, cookies, or candy, for birthdays or any celebrations. Instead of sending food for a celebration, please consider donating a book to the school or class library, or sending non-food items (e.g. pencils). Thank you for keeping Wilclay healthy and safe!





DR. BETTE STEPHENSON CENTRE FOR LEARNING
INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM- SECONDARY CREDIT PROGRAM 2015-2016

Why Study International Languages at High School?

Language is our connection with our community and the world. Through language we identify the world around us, express our concerns and hopes, and share our experiences and ideas.

So what are you waiting for Grade 8's?! Now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity and register for a Level 1 YRDSB International Language CREDIT course of your choice! We offer CREDIT courses in 13 languages at 4 high schools.

Learning another language...

- can enhance intellectual functioning
- strengthens first language skills and facilitates learning additional languages
- creates pride in one's own cultural background and better understanding of other cultures
- enhances career options (source: <http://www.ilea.ca> 03/11/15)

COURSE	Level 1 (Grade 9/10)	SCHOOL LOCATION			
		MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	RICHMOND HILL H.S.	THORNLEA S.S.	UNIONVILLE H.S.
CANTONESE	LKC BD	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
FARSI	LYF BD			Saturday	
GREEK	LBG BD		Saturday		
GUJARATI	LIG BD	Saturday			
JAPANESE	LKJ BD			Saturday	Tuesday
KOREAN	LKK BD		Saturday		
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED	LKB BD	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Tuesday
MANDARIN TRADITIONAL	LKM BD	Saturday		Saturday	
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED AP	Grade 12 Course Only	Saturday			
PUNJABI	LIP BD	Saturday			
RUSSIAN	LRR BD		Saturday		
SPANISH	LWS BD		Saturday		
TAMIL	LIT BD	Saturday			
URDU	LIU BD	Saturday			

SCHOOL LOCATION	ADDRESS	SUBMIT REGISTRATION FIRST CLASS OF CLASS
MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	525 Highglen Ave. South of 14th Ave., East of McCowan Rd.	September 19, 2015 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
RICHMOND HILL H.S.	201 Yorkland St. East of Yonge, North of Elgin Mills Road	September 19, 2015 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
THORNLEA S.S.	8075 Bayview Ave. South of Highway #7	September 19, 2015 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
UNIONVILLE H.S.	201 Town Centre Blvd. Warden Ave. & Highway #7	September 22, 2015 5:45 pm to 9:30 pm

Register online via Career Cruising commencing May 4th, 2015.

- See attached *Career Cruising Tip Sheet* for registration instructions
- Once you have registered, print a sign-off sheet and get your parents to sign for parental approval
- Students who have pre-registered will not need to register again in September
- Attend the first class according to the above schedule and bring your signed Career Cruising Sign-off Sheet
- Course schedules will be posted in the foyer of the International Languages school on the first day of class



The York Region District School Board **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 entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Weekly Sessions July 6, 2015 to August 14, 2015

Programs are offered at [locations](#) in Richmond Hill, Markham, Stouffville, Newmarket, Woodbridge, Vaughan and Georgina from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm with extended YMCA before and aftercare programs available at all locations [YMCA Before and Aftercare Registration](#)

Aldergrove S.I.	150 Aldergrove Drive, Unionville
Armadale S.I.	11 Coppard Ave., Markham
Crosby Heights S.I.	190 Neal Drive, Richmond Hill
Discovery S.I.	120 Discovery Trail, Maple
Lakeside S.I.	213 Shorecrest Road, Keswick
Lake Wilcox S.I.	80 Wildwood Ave., Richmond Hill
Maple Leaf S.I. (formally Prince Charles P.S.)	155 Longford Dr., Newmarket
Milliken Mills S.I.	289 Risebrough Circuit, Unionville
Oscar Peterson S.I.	850 Hoover Park Drive, Stouffville
Sixteenth Avenue S.I.	400 Sixteenth Avenue, Richmond Hill
Unionville Meadows S.I.	355 South Unionville Ave., Markham
Woodbridge S.I.	60 Burwick Avenue, Woodbridge

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 Markham Life magazine
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