



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 கடினம் ஒருவர் உடல் எடுத்துக் கொள்ளும்.

به یک صورت دستاویز است. کسی ایسے شخص کے پاس سے جائے جو آپ کو اس کے بارے میں سہاگے -

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

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 2	P.A. Day – No school for students	Feb. 16	Family Day
Feb. 18	Grade 8 Grad Photos	Feb. 19	Lunar New Year
Feb. 19	Report Cards go home	Mar. 2	School Council Meeting

From the Administrative Team

In December, we let our Wilclay Public School community know that the York Region District School Board's pilot project of School Day had concluded and our school would discontinue its use. In keeping with our Eco School initiative, we will continue to use electronic ways to communicate as much as possible. In the next few days we will send home a form requesting your consent to receive electronic messages and communication from the school, including class news, notices about upcoming events (e.g., pizza, photos) and the monthly school newsletter. If you have not already returned the form, please do so as soon as possible.

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 19, 2015. These reports, as outlined in the Ministry of Education's *Growing Success* policy, reflect student learning to date. Please note that student achievement of curriculum expectations, as well as learning skills, will be included on the report card. Teachers will also be sharing next steps for learning for each student to assist students, parents and teachers in working collaboratively to improve student achievement. We ask that you take some time to discuss the report card with your child(ren) in order to plan effectively for the Second Term 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.

Please note that Kindergarten registration has begun for students entering Junior Kindergarten or new Senior Kindergarten students, in September 2015. Children born in 2011 are eligible for Junior Kindergarten and those born in 2010 are eligible for Senior Kindergarten. **Students currently in Kindergarten at Wilclay are not required to register for September 2015.** Registration forms are available in the office.

Mrs. Mantle, Principal

Ms. Daly, Vice-Principal

CHARACTER CORNER:

The Character Trait for February is Initiative –

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 steps towards the achievement of a goal.

“Initiative is doing the right thing without being told.”

~ Victor Hugo, French Poet, 1802 - 1885

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

We are still welcoming volunteers to help out with our student nutrition program on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:45 am and/or our pizza lunch program on Wednesdays from 11:00 am-12:45 pm . If interested, please stop by the office during school hours to speak with Ms. Ender Lok.



Wednesday, April 1, 2015 –

Save the Date!

Wilclay Public School's Annual
Community Engagement Round Table

LIBRARY NEWS FROM MS. SOMANI

We are happy to announce that we have purchased rights to a new program for grades K-5 called Raz-Kids that encourage children to read. For more information, please contact your child's teacher.



Thank you to all who participated in the Book Bucket Challenge. The winners will be receiving their prizes shortly.

JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL

The Junior Co-Ed Volleyball team has been busy these past few months preparing for their Area tournament the past week. The students showed great dedication coming regularly to practices 4 times a week and working hard to become a cohesive team. They encouraged and helped one another to improve. They have shown tremendous growth in the development of their skills that allowed them to be a powerful team to face. Throughout the Area tournament on January 20th, they displayed these skills to take them to the semi-final where they eventually finished 4th out of 13 teams. As usual, they displayed their Wildcat spirit, by being very responsible throughout the day watching others play and working on school work. They should all be congratulated on a tremendous season. Until next year....



LEGO CLUB

Grades 1 and 2 Lego Club is back!

Alternating Wednesdays at lunch in the library, with Mrs. Weber-Kramer and Mrs. Larsen.

MUSIC NOTES

There is a lot going on in the Music Department these days. The Grade 6 Band has just started meeting during morning recess on Day 4. These students have only been playing their instruments for a little over a month, and they are already making real music together. The Intermediate Band and both the Junior and Intermediate Choirs are also meeting once a week, each, at lunch time. They are working hard to prepare songs for the Music Alive Festival in the spring. This is an opportunity for our students to meet with choirs from other schools, perform for each other, and get feedback from an adjudicator. The Intermediate Band is also preparing for Music Alive.

In addition to all of that, auditions have been held, the cast has been chosen, and rehearsals are underway for the Broadway Junior version of "Seussical the Musical." This is a musical version of the Dr. Seuss story *Horton Hears a Who* with extra characters from different Dr. Seuss books taking their part in Jojo's flight of the imagination. We are so lucky to have such talented and enthusiastic students at Wilclay, willing to take on a musical theatre project of this magnitude! Performances will be on Wednesday, April 15 - a morning, afternoon, and evening show. Watch upcoming newsletters for more details.



FAMILY DAY

Monday, February 16 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!





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Inspire Learning!

Message from our Trustee

The arrival of February is an exciting and busy time in our schools. It marks the mid-point of the school year, the end of secondary exams and the arrival of mid-year report cards. February also brings us longer daylight hours, the beginning of the end to winter and of course, the excitement of the approaching spring break!

It is my hope that at this point, parents have seen signs of academic growth and development in their children. I encourage all parents to carefully review their child's report card and reflect on the learning that has taken place since September. Now is a good time to celebrate your child's accomplishments and set goals for the rest of the school year.

February may be the shortest of the 12 months, but it is a busy time. There are still lots of learning, and opportunities for growth, ahead. With that in mind, I wish you all an enjoyable and successful second term.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by email at Juanita.nathan@yrdsb.edu.on.ca or by phone at **416-885-3479**. If you would like to be kept informed about various initiatives or topics that relates to your child's education and wellbeing, please send me your email address and I would be happy to keep in touch with you on a regular basis.

Sincerely,

Juanita Nathan

Trustee | York Region District School Board
City of Markham – Ward 7&8

Scientist in the School



On January 28th, a scientist named Mrs. Johnston came to visit the Grade 5 classes. Mrs. Johnston taught us many new and interesting facts about solids, liquids and gases. We did many cool experiments, like finding the mysterious ingredient. We mixed citric acid and baking soda to make a pink/purple fizz. We used safety glasses when we had to pour the citric acid into the Ziploc bag. We got to do a lot of hands on activities that were really fun. It was really fun to use citric acids and indicators. When we poured it all together, it turned black. We really enjoyed having Mrs. Johnston at our school.

By: Panucha, 5 T.B

Trip to Kleinberg

On January 20, fifteen grade fives from Wilclay were chosen to go to the V.O.I.C.E program to learn art techniques. Day one at the McMichael Art Gallery we learned about sketching and shading. We met an artist named Lorne and a girl named Vonnie. There were three volunteers that helped us with our art. When we went in the room that we draw in, Lorne told us to write down the word 'Respect' on our art books. Then the artists gave us a portfolio bag to decorate with fabric markers. We went through the different rooms at the gallery and saw many different pieces of art. While we went through room one, we saw the first painting that the McMichaels bought. We went to room six to draw some pictures. We got to pick a painting to draw. It was fun. Later on we went to the cafeteria to eat our lunch. Afterwards we went back to our original room to draw a picture by Tom Thompson, a famous Canadian artist. Lorne taught us step-by-step what we needed to add to the picture and what we had to do. Vonnie shaped a vase and then she gave us a piece of paper and we had to shade something in the room. At the end we drew and wrote something in our art book about what we learned today.

On January 27, 2015 the fifteen grade fives went to McMichael again. This time we learned how to make a sash. A special guest named Emily came in to teach us all about sashes. We learned about why people wear sashes, what's their use and how people wear them.

We learned about this tribe called Metis. They have both French blood and Native blood. They wove sashes with their hands. It takes them about two hundred hours to make a sash. That was before people started getting into sashes. Companies started weaving them with looms. The handmade ones were better though, so no one bought the machine woven ones.

Later on Emily showed us how to make a friendship bracelet. We watched a video about how we make it. Then it was lunch. After lunch we went back and re-watched the video. Then we started to make the friendship bracelet step-by-step. Many people were confused, but later we got the hang of it. Time ran out so we packed up and went back to the bus and went back to the school. On our way back we saw Canada's Wonderland. Everyone went WOOOW!!!!

By: Vicki and Candace, 5 T.B.

