



# WILCLAY WILDCAT

*Together in Harmony*

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

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| March 2       | Wilclay Way Launch                | March 7        | School Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Library |
| March 8       | Grade 8 Graduation Photos         | March 9        | Chai and Chat, 1:30 – 2:45 p.m.            |
| March 11      | Intermediate Dance, p.m.          | March 14 to 18 | March Break                                |
| March 22      | Gr. 4s to ROM                     | March 25       | Good Friday                                |
| March 28      | Easter Monday                     | April 1        | Music Alive at Wilclay                     |
| April 4       | Autism Awareness Month - Assembly | April 5        | Gr. 3 Fire Safety                          |
| April 12      | Gr. 2s to Young People’s Theatre  | April 13       | Community Engagement Round Table           |
| April 14      | Gr. 4 - Scientists in the School  | April 19       | Gr. 1 W-K - Scientists in the School       |
| April 20 – 22 | Gr. 8 Ottawa Trip                 | April 26       | Autism Awareness Month - Mini workshops    |

### **From the Administrative Team**

We are looking forward to the final term. We hope that in talking with your child about his/her First Term Report Card, goals have been made and action plans developed to improve in Term 2. Please continue to check your child’s agenda daily and to communicate with his/her teacher regarding any questions or concerns you may have regarding your child’s learning, progress and well-being.

Grades 3 and 6 teachers will be well into their preparations for EQAO after the March Break. The provincial reading, writing and mathematics assessment will take place between May 25 and June 8, 2016. This will be another opportunity for our students to demonstrate how they are doing relative to their peers. 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. More detailed information will be sent home closer to these dates.

The March Break will begin on Monday, March 14 and we look forward to seeing all of our students when we return on Monday March 21. The entire staff at Wilclay wishes each and everyone a safe, happy and restful holiday.

Mrs. Mantle, Principal

Ms. Daly, Vice-Principal

## CHARACTER CORNER:

### The Character Trait for March is *Fairness*



We are sensitive to the needs of each individual. We treat each other as we wish to be treated ourselves. We interact with others without stereotyping, prejudice or discrimination. We stand up for human rights.

### 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.



“You miss 100% of the shots you never take.”

– *Wayne Gretsky*

“If you can DREAM it, you can DO it.”– *Walt Disney*

## SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE:

Our next School Council Meeting is Monday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the library. Everyone is welcome

Our Dance-a-thon was once again a huge success! We raised a record amount, over \$7,900, which will be used to support key school programs and activities, including our Wilclay Way Launch. Congratulations to our top 3 grand prize winners, Matthew L, Abbie E, Adam S. and kudos to the following classes that earned a well deserved pizza lunch: Ms. Yang's Gr. 2s, Ms. Hume's, Ms. Goodman's, Ms. Taylor-Bloomfield's, Ms. Lee's, Ms. Neudoerffer's, Ms. Vindinovski's, Ms. Kleinberg's, and Ms. Schroedter's.

Our fundraiser wouldn't have succeeded without the hard work from many individuals and groups. School Council would like to extend our deep appreciation to Mr. Littleford, Ms. Schroedter and their respective Gr. 8 classes, and parent volunteers for the countless hours they've devoted to this event. You've proven that teamwork accomplishes great things!

A special thanks goes out to parents and staff for donating raffle prizes, and to the following

companies/individuals for their generous support: Mastermind, Costco, Dairy Queen, Purdy's Chocolates, Markville Walmart, Loblaws, Joyride, CNE, Art Gallery of Ontario, Ontario Science Centre, Toronto Zoo, Toronto Raptors, Toronto Blue Jays, Reginos Pizza, Subway, Pizza Pizza, Mr. Mike Zigomanis and Mr. Shyam Ali. Thank you once again to our students and parent community for supporting our school - let's do it again next year!

### Mark your calendar –

Wednesday, April 13 – Community Engagement Round Table

### A Snowy Day – Gr. 1 McIntyre





### Help Keep Wilclay a Healthy School

Student absences have increased recently within several schools in York Region, related to illnesses with respiratory and enteric symptoms.

**To protect staff, students and families from getting ill, remember to:**

- Stay at home when you are sick, and keep your child home if they are sick
- Keep healthy by eating healthy foods, being physically active and ensuring your immunizations are up-to-date, including the seasonal flu shot
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available
- Cough and sneeze into your sleeve or a tissue, not your hand, and throw away used tissues immediately
- Avoid touching your face
- Clean and disinfect common surfaces



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**Symptoms of respiratory and/or enteric illness can include:**

- Headache
- Chills
- Fever (over 38 degrees Celsius or 100 degrees Fahrenheit)
- Muscle aches and fatigue
- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Sore throat
- Watery eyes
- Loss of appetite
- Nausea and vomiting
- Diarrhea

If you or your child are sick and do not improve, contact your health care provider.

Many viruses are common active at this time of year, for example norovirus and influenza (flu). Both viruses are very contagious and can be spread by contact with contaminated surfaces, such as door knobs or eating utensils. For more information, read the norovirus and flu fact sheets online at the following links:

[Norovirus fact sheet](#)

[Flu fact sheet](#)





## Wilclay Way is Launched!

On March 2, our touchstone, the Wilclay Way, was officially launched! After more than a year of working with students, staff, parents and community members, our Wilclay Way touchstone has been created, proudly displayed in our front foyer and reflects who we are at Wilclay.

The day began with our guest speaker, Shayne Smith, who talked to us about his life experiences, determination, positive outlook and “No Limits”!



Each student at Wilclay created a kite of what the Wilclay Way means to them.



We sang our new song *Wilclay is the Way!* We made up new verses.



The day ended with an assembly, including a slide show of our day’s journey to launch the Wilclay Way and lastly, a Clap Out!

# Wilclay Celebrates Lunar New Year



## Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year is one of the important celebrations in China. Before Chinese New Year, they clean the house, throw the old stuff, also they buy the new stuff for our Chinese New Year. Also people start to buy the new clothes, presents, decoration materials, good foods for their Chinese New Year. They have to clean their houses because they have to sweep away the bad luck and everything is clean and comfortable. You can do TV shows, board games until the Chinese New Year comes. The kids wait for the red envelope. In the envelope there is a money and candy. Every kid is having so much fun at Chinese New Year!

We celebrated Chinese New Year at home. My mom made dumplings for me. In the dumpling there is money. Because in my mom's place they have to put money inside it. We ate lots of dumplings but when we ate it, my cousin got the most money. I was so sad. And then my mom and dad gave me the money. They give us 20 dollars for each person but this is monkey year! My mom added 20 dollars for me! And I put my red bag under the pillow. Hope this year is good.

Dragon dance is another popular celebration in Chinese New Year. The dragon dance is very colourful. You can see the dragon dance at the street. In the morning, lots of people gathered at the street and they wait until the dragon comes. It's so loud and so beautiful. The strong men are hitting the drums and everybody is being strong. Everyone claps their hands, touches the dragons and everybody is having a fun when they watch a dragons. Sometimes, there is a TV announcer reporting about dragon dance. At night, you can see beautiful fireworks at the beautiful black sky.

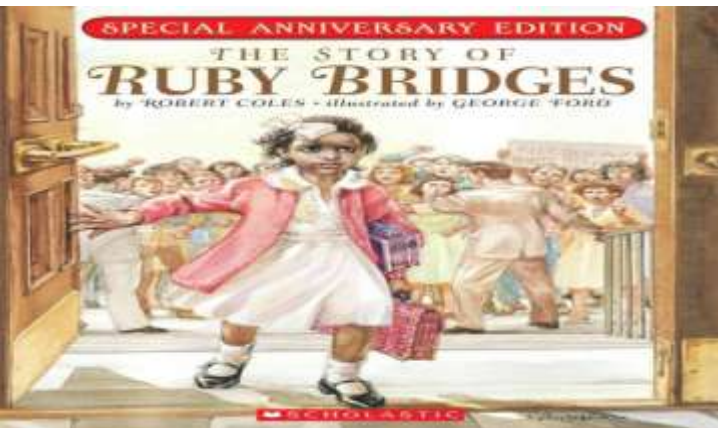
When you come back from watching and do everything that you want to, your family gives you a red envelope for you. If you want to have, you have to say "gong xi fa cai" it means "make more money" then your families can give you a red envelope. Inside of the red envelope, there are moneys and sometimes candy. There are 12 animals for Chinese New Year and this year is 2016, it is monkey year. So if you are born in 2004 or 2016, you're born in the monkey year. Also there is lantern festival. Basically you celebrate the New Year. The lantern festival is so beautiful with lanterns. There is a red color with it.

Hope this year is good year!!

By: Sophia, Gr. 6 Si/Parameswaran



# Wilclay Recognizes Black History Month



## The Story of Ruby Bridges

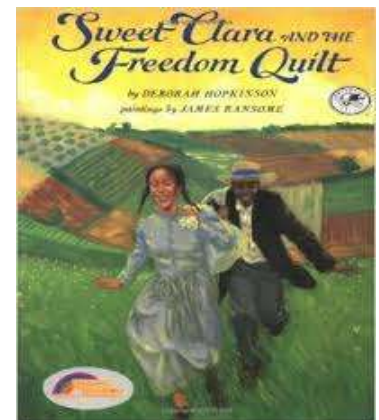
We read a book called *The Story of Ruby Bridges* by Robert Coles. I think the most important idea in this book is to never let the mean words to get to you, because Ruby Bridges stood in the middle of the crowd and prayed even though people said unkind things about her. In the end she got her wish to go to school with white students like herself because she never gave up.

By: Ivan Y. 5TB

## Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt

We read a book called *Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt* by Deborah Hopkinson. I think the important idea is that you should never give up, because when Clara was moved from North Farm to Home Plantation she kept telling her friend Jack that she was going to get back to her mother, and she did. That shows that if you keep trying and if you never give up then you can achieve your goal.

By Benny 5 T-B



## I Have a Dream

I have a dream that someday everyone can live in a peaceful and happy world. There is no war, everyone can be judged equally. Everyone has enough food every day. People can go wherever they want. No colour separated, everyone is treated the same. Everyone has a chance to learn, EVERYBODY IS HAPPY.

This is what I will do to help make this dream a reality. We can let rich people donate money for poor people, and they can drink clean water and eat healthy food. No one will think “black” people are different from “white” people. They can study from each other country’s culture, and they can know more about each country’s festivals.

By: Heidi, Gr. 6 Si/Parameswaran

