



WILCLAY WILDCAT

Together in Harmony

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May and June 2015

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 4	Keep Markham Beautiful Clean Up Day	May 5	Intermediate Badminton Tournament at Wilclay
May 5	Junior Achievement – Gr. 7	May 6	SK Graduation Pictures
May 13	Kindergarten Orientation	May 14	Junior Track & Field
May 15	Gr. 4s Bruce’s Mill Water Festival	May 18	Victoria Day
May 19	Immunizations – Gr. 7 Hep B & Gr. 8 Females HPV	May 20	Special Needs Track & Field
May 25 – June 5 EQAO Assessment – Gr. 3 & Gr. 6			
June 2	Water Day with YR Fire Dept. - Primary	June 5	P.A. Day
June 10	June Music Concert	June 22	Bike Safety with York Region Police
June 24	Gr. 8 Graduation – Milliken Mills H.S.	June 26	P.A. Day

From the Administrative Team

Spring has finally arrived and we are looking forward to the warmer weather and longer, sunshine-filled days. As we move into the last couple of months of school, there is still a lot to be done and celebrated. Please read our newsletter to hear about the exciting exploits of our Character Community Awards, Eco achievements, Music, including *Suessical* and Wilclay Way initiatives. The school year may be winding down with only two months left, but rest assured that Wilclay’s staff and student body are not! The school is hard at work preparing for many more exciting and valuable learning opportunities in the areas of academics, athletics, and the arts. We are in the process of organizing for the upcoming school year. If you know of any children in our neighbourhood who qualify for Kindergarten, please ask them to register at the school. Also, if you know that you are moving, please let us know, to assist us with our planning.

Each year, EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office) conducts province-wide assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics at the primary (Grade 3), junior (Grade 6) and secondary levels to measure student achievement against curriculum expectations. The data collected is used to support our School Improvement Plan, which in turn supports all student learning. The EQAO testing this year will take place from May 25 to June 5, 2015. For additional information please contact the school office or visit the Ministry website at www.eqao.com.

Mrs. Mantle, Principal

Ms. Daly, Vice-Principal

CHARACTER CORNER:

The Character Trait for May is Perseverance –

We stick to a task and work hard even when one encounters obstacles and challenges. Students demonstrate perseverance by completing assignments and developing skills.

The Character Trait for June is Empathy –

We strive to sense and appreciate the emotions of others, to “stand in their shoes.” We try to understand issues from their perspectives even though we may not agree with them personally.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE:

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, June 1** at 6:00 in the library. This will be the last meeting for this school year. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Wilclay Way

Thank you to all of our families that participated in our Community Questionnaire. Most parents and community members thought that having a safe and respectful environment was most important, followed closely by academic excellence. Your responses and input has been put together and will be combined with the input from students and staff, to develop our vision, or touchstone for Wilclay.

CHARACTER COMMUNITY AWARDS:

We are very pleased and proud to have members of our Wilclay family recognized by the Character Community Foundation of York Region. At Wilclay, we have a phenomenal group, the Wilclay Community Support Group, who were recognized for their generosity and support, for welcoming new families and volunteering in our School Nutrition Program. On behalf of this group, Ender Lok and Velma Lee accepted the Certificate of Recognition.

One of our Grade 1 students, Arjun, was presented with the Community Hero Award for helping his father when he had had an accident.

At Wilclay, we promote positive character attributes and character traits!

MUSIC NOTES

It has been an exciting month in music at Wilclay. We started off with both the Junior Choir and the Intermediate Choir participating in Music Alive, a music festival attended by schools across York Region. Both choirs had a chance to perform and listen to the performances of other schools. We received a great deal of positive feedback from the adjudicators, as well as some things that we can work on to improve. Both choirs received a silver rating at the festival. One very noticeable thing is the sheer size of our choirs. We were the biggest choir by far on both of the days we attended. We are so fortunate to have such enthusiasm from our students.



The next great success for our students was our performance of *Seussical the Musical*. There were about 65 of our Intermediate students involved in the production of this play – actors, singers, people on sound, lights, stage crew, and those who created props and sets. The students performed the play four times. They did a fabulous job each time and maintained a high level of energy and commitment through a tiring couple of days. It was wonderful to see them develop their skills and talents as they worked through the preparation of the play. They may have made it look easy, but it is not, and they deserve to be very proud of their accomplishments.

Our final event in music this month was the participation of three bands in the Music Alive festival. This time, we had an adjudicator and one of the festival coordinators come to the school. This was the first time we have had the Grade 6 Band participate in the festival. We also had the Grade 7/8 Franklin class band in addition to the Intermediate Band. All three bands played extremely well and received a gold rating for their efforts. The adjudicator and festival coordinator could not seem to say enough good things about our students – as musicians, as an audience, and as members of a welcoming school community. It was a wonderful experience for us all.

You will have a chance to hear these wonderful bands and choirs. Mark Wed., June 10 on your calendars. This will be the evening of our June Concert, where you can hear the bands, the choirs, as well as what some students are working on in their music classes. We look forward to sharing the students’ hard work with you.

Live with character
Change our world



Wilclay Celebrates Earth Day

Dear Wilclay Community,

On Friday April 24, 2015 we were so happy to have the opportunity to go to MMHS (Milliken Mills High School) to watch a film called, "Oil & Water". The movie showed a fifteen year old boy that died from drinking toxic water from the river. This is why these two male teenagers named Hugo Lucitante & David Poritz tried to change the water source in Hugo's village, in Ecuador, into clean, non-toxic water. Many villages in Ecuador were affected by what the oil companies were doing to their land and their natural resources. People had their land taken away and their water source was contaminated by oil. 18 billion gallons of oil were put in the rivers, so Hugo and David wanted to do something about the problem. For example, David launched the world's first international company to certify oil as "fair trade," meaning oil was being drilled in a safer way that didn't do harm to the environment. After the movie, the director of the film and Hugo answered some questions from the audience. We had a great time watching the film. It taught us to take care of our environment and only take what we need.

Sincerely,

Thanya K. & Linger.L. , Gr. 4/5 Liu

How I Can Be Kind to the Earth

By: Sheran J.

Ms.Hume's Grade 2 Class

I can be kind to the earth by not wasting water when I brush my teeth. I will be kind to the earth by giving my used toys to the thrift store. I can be kind to the earth by turning off lights when I leave the room to save electricity. I will be kind to the earth by unplugging computer when I am not using it. I can be kind to the earth by recycling paper, plastic bottles and tin cans. That is how I can be kind to the earth.

How I Can Be Kind to the Earth

By: Kaylin L.

Ms.Hume's Grade 2 Class

I can be kind to the earth by turning off lights when no one is using them so there is more energy. I can turn off the faucet while I brush my teeth so there can be more clean water for the animals. I can recycle more by putting garbage things in the recycle bin so we can use it again. I can plant flowers so they can breathe in bad air and put out fresh air. I will reuse cardboard and plastic bottles. I can take toys I do not like anymore to the Thrift shop. That is how I will show love to the earth.



GRADE 8 TRIP TO OTTAWA:

52 grade 8 students and their teachers returned on Friday evening from their 3-day trip to Ottawa with lots of smiles and the need to catch up on some sleep. The bus trip to Ottawa had lots of educational activities such as trips to the Museum of History and the Museum of Science, scavenger hunts and walking tours to learn about our nation's capital, and some time to socialize at Funhaven and the Byward Market. The big challenge before we returned home was to learn to use zip-lining gear so that we could complete the outdoor treetop workout. The caves (and the helmets with lights on them) were cool, too. The trip was a great chance to explore Ottawa and to have some fun together. A wonderful time was had by all!





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

For additional information please email performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca or call 905-884-2046 ext. 241.

Simplified Chinese

约克区教育局的暑期学院是一个提供学术，休闲娱乐和体育活动的课程，它是本着安大略省幼儿园到8年级的儿童和青年课程所特意连接开设的。

从2015年7月6日至2015年8月14日，地区内12所小学每周都提供课程。

课程计划和注册信息均可在约克区教育局网站<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/summer/si/Pages/Summer-Institute-Registration.aspx> 查看。

如需要更多资料可电邮到performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca 或致电905-884-2046暑期学院办公室分机240查询。

Tamil and Hindi translations are available on our Wilclay Website

www.yrdsb.ca/schools/wilclay.ps

GETTING READY FOR "K"

Wilclay Public School

A free morning program offered by CAPC – Community Action Program for Children York Region, for both parents or grandparents and their children who will be starting **Junior**

Kindergarten in September 2015

- Come and find out what you can do to help your child succeed in school.
- See how your child learns.
- Help your child learn to problem solve and do things on their own.
- Prepare your child for Kindergarten.

NOTE: YOU MUST REGISTER BY PHONE OR EMAIL FIRST TO ATTEND.

***Parent or Grandparent must attend program with the child.
The # of classes offered will be determined by # registered.
Please register by Friday, May 15th.***

**Thursday Mornings
10:45 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.
May 21 to June 18, 2015**

***To register by phone call: Pam May – CAPC
York Region
(905)642-9965***

OR email: pam.may.capc@gmail.com

IMPORTANT: When you call or email, please leave a message with the following:

- 1. Your Name & Phone #***
- 2. Your Child's Name & Birthdate***
- 3. Name of School***



POLICE WEEK OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, May 9, 2015
from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Community Safety Village
(See map below)



- Police and community displays
- Canine Unit demonstrations
- Meet members from our Emergency Response Unit
- Motorcycle demonstrations

- Ride in a motorized car
- See the real CSI
- Free barbecue for kids
- Face painting



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For more information about Police Week activities, please visit yrp.ca.
Donations for the local food bank are welcome.



Frank Scarpitti
Mayor, City of Markham

SAVE THE DATE



ANNOUNCING MARKHAM'S TORCH RELAY CELEBRATION & MARKHAM ROTARY RIBFEST

May 4, 2015 | 11:00 a.m.
Markham Pan Am Centre, 16 Main Street Unionville

- Learn about our June 27th Celebration, hosting:
- Markham Rotary Ribfest
 - Great stage entertainment and performances
 - Pan Am/Parapan Am athletes
 - First Nations Pow Wow

