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இது ஒரு முக்கியமான பத்திரம். இதை வாசித்து விளங்கப் படுத்தித்
கூடிய ஒருவரின் பெயரில் செல்லவும்.

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و این را به این امر می سازد. و این را به این امر می سازد.

यह एक बहुत ही महत्वपूर्ण पत्र है। इसे किसी ऐसे व्यक्ति के पास ले जाना है जो इसे
सही ढंग से समझ सके।

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 1	<i>Curriculum Night</i>	Oct 1	<i>Fall Picture Day</i>
Oct 9	<i>Dance-a-thon Kick off Assembly</i>	Oct 10	<i>Regional Cross Country Meet</i>
Oct 13	<i>Thanksgiving (no school)</i>	Oct 24	<i>Dance-a-thon</i>
Oct 27	<i>PA Day (no school)</i>	Oct 31	<i>Intermediate Dance</i>

From the Administrative Team

We have had a great start to the 2014 – 2015 school year here at Wilclay Public School. We welcomed many new staff, students and families to our community and dynamic learning environment.

We had a very successful Terry Fox run. Thanks to Mr. Littleford for organizing this very important fundraiser for cancer research. Our next fundraiser is the Dance-a-thon. This will be held on Wednesday, October 24th, 2014. The School Council plays a big role in helping us organize this event, and money raised will support school initiatives. In the past, we have bought computers, Smart Boards, musical instruments, and playground equipment for the school with this money. We ask our Wilclay community to support us once again this year. As always, we appreciate your partnership with us!

With fall upon us, the weather will be changing and getting cooler. Please make sure your child(ren) are dressed according to the weather. All of our students go out to play for 15 minutes in the morning and 40 minutes after lunch. Parents are encouraged to check the weather report on the radio, television or online to ensure that their children are dressed to be comfortable playing outdoors. If your child is too unwell to play outside then it is best that he/she stay home for the day until feeling well enough to participate in school activities.

Our thanks are extended to all of the families who participated in our highly successful Curriculum and Meet the Teacher Night. We hope that you enjoyed your evening, meeting your child's/children's teacher/s and learning about their school year and curriculum expectations. Parent engagement and partnerships between the home and school are essential for student success. As always, we encourage you to participate in school activities, connect with your child's teacher and call the office with any questions you may have.

Mrs. Nan Mantle, Principal

Ms. Maureen Daly, Vice-Principal

CHARACTER CORNER –

October is...Courage Month!

The Character Trait for the month of October at Wilclay is Courage. Courage means doing the right thing even when it is difficult. People show courage by trying new things and following their conscience, even if it means not following their friends.

"Courage is when you stand up for what is right." ~ D. B. Forest

"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen." ~ Winston Churchill

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The School Council met on Monday, September 23 in the library at 6:00 P.M. This year the School Council will be meeting on the following dates:

Nov 24th

Mar. 2nd

April 1st

June 1st

All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. Some of the highlights of our last meeting are:

Dance-A-Thon: Wilclay's annual Dance-A-Thon will be taking place on **Friday, October 24th**. This is our major fundraiser for the year. Students from all grades will be showing off their fancy footwork as they groove to popular tunes. The funds raised support important programs in the school, such as library, technology resources, School Nutrition Program (e.g., snacks) and playground/gym equipment. This year a portion of the money raised will be used to support the purchase of new technology and learning devices such as laptops, ipads and netbooks which enhance engagement and learning opportunities. Pledge forms will be sent home after the kick-off assembly on Thursday, October 9th.

Students will have the chance to earn tickets for our prize raffle and the top fundraiser will be awarded a special prize. Classes which raise a target amount will celebrate with a class pizza party.

If you have a new toy, game or book that you'd like to donate to our raffle, kindly drop it off to the office by Oct. 17. Thank you for your support!

School Nutrition Program: Our School Nutrition program is up and running. We will be serving nutritious snacks to all our students. Community volunteers run this incredible program. If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact the office.

School Council Elections: Elections for this year's School Council took place at our first School Council meeting on September 23rd. Similar to last year, our School Council Chair will be a shared position. This year's Co-Chairs are: Thayalini Thiyagarajah, Navanithy Chandran and Velma Lee. Thenali Thiruchselvam was elected Secretary and Christine Liang was elected Treasurer.



Next Meeting: The next School Council meeting will be held on **Monday, November 24th** at 6:00 p.m. in the Library.

Bicycle and Helmet Safety

Cycling is the most popular outdoor activity among young Canadians. Unfortunately, every year 50,000 children are seriously injured in bike related mishaps. Wearing a certified



helmet can reduce the risk of serious head injuries by 85 per cent.

Children and youth (under 18) are required by **law** to wear a helmet with the chin strap clip fastened under the chin when cycling. Kids imitate their parents.

Ninety-eight per cent of children will wear their helmets *if* their parents do, so wear one every time you ride.

Before age ten, most children do not have the skills to cycle safely on the road and they need help to make good choices. Children under nine years should cycle with responsible adults at all times.

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

If your child is going to be late or absent, **please telephone the school and let us know at (905)470-1447**. If we do not receive a message on our machine or telephone call in the morning, we will telephone your home or place of work to find out why your child is not at school. If you know your child will be absent, please let the office know. In the event that we cannot reach a parent or an emergency contact, the police will be notified.



HEALTHY SNACKS, LUNCHES AND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:

Wilclay Public School is a nut/peanut safe school. To support a safe and positive school for all, parents are asked NOT to send food containing peanuts and peanut related products to school with your child.



For Birthday Celebrations: Parents are asked to please consider healthy, nutritious snacks and birthday treats such as fruit, veggies and dip, cheese and crackers instead of donuts, cakes and candy. Many children enjoy celebrating their birthday with their classmates and loot bags with pencils, stickers or other non-food items are another healthy alternative to birthday cakes.



MS. SOMANI'S LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to the school year! This month is library month and we will be introducing a program called a Book Challenge Bucket. Your children will be asked to challenge a friend, family, teacher to read a book or books that they have enjoyed. Once the challenge has been completed, they will drop the bucket into another bucket in the library. This program will run from Oct. 6 - Oct. 31. On Oct 31, we will draw a winner from each of the divisions and award them a prize. For more information on this, please go to the website

<http://www.thestar.com/entertainment/books/2014/09/15/move-over-ice-bucket-challenge-for-the-book-bucket.html>
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Please encourage your children to participate and enjoy reading. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact Mrs. Somani at 905-470-1447. The buckets can be found on your child's google account or in the library. Happy Reading!



Wilclay Runs!



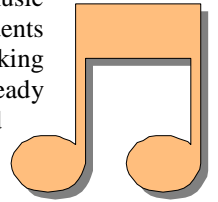
Wilclay's Cross-Country Team has had great success this season. Over 80 students between Grades 4 and 8 joined the team this year. They trained every day during morning recess, as well as occasionally staying after school for longer runs. Over 60 students participated in the Area Cross-Country Meet on September

29. At that meet, students ran races ranging from 1.2 km for Grade 4's, up to 2.6 km for Grade 8's. Each race had from 150 to 200 students from many schools running at the same time. Our Wilclay students performed very well at this meet. Two of our Grade 7 students even qualified to go to the Regional Meet by coming 3rd and 15th in their races. Way to go Wilclay!

Music Notes

We are off to a good start in the music program this year. The Grade 7 and 8 students have their instruments out and are making music again. The Grade 6 students are already trying out the band instruments and deciding what they might like to play.

In addition to what we do in music class, many enthusiastic students are choosing to join the choir and play in the band. This gives them the opportunity to try some music that is more challenging than what we might do in class, as well as several opportunities to perform their skills throughout the year. Intermediate Choir will be every Day 2 at lunch, and



Intermediate Band will take place on Day 5 at lunch. All Grade 7 and 8 students are welcome to join. There will also be a Junior Choir for Grade 4, 5, and 6 students beginning on Day 3 at lunch. There will be a Grade 6 Band beginning in January. If your child goes home for lunch, but wants to join one of these activities, they should bring their lunch on the day of the activity.

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS

This year Hallowe'en is on Friday, October 31st. As Hallowe'en approaches, we encourage all our families to consider healthy choices and to remember our students with anaphylactic allergies – no sharing of food, snacks or Hallowe'en treats! If your child chooses to wear his/her costume to school in the afternoon there are a few simple rules to follow:

- Under the Province Safe Schools Legislation students may not bring toy guns or replicas of any weapons of any kind.
- Guns, knives, or fake blood cannot be brought to school. Such items may cause fear, anxiety or misunderstandings and must be kept away from the school. This applies to students at all grade levels.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR CHILDREN

- Wear a properly fitted costume that is bright and non-flammable
- Use reflective tape on your costume so you can be seen in the dark
- Use face make-up or enlarge the eyes on your mask so you can see well
- Visit the front door of well-lit homes and NEVER go inside
- Have a trusted adult check your treats before eating them
- Go out with an adult or a group of friends
- Only nut-free/peanut free treats can come to school for snack.



Wilclay Public School EQAO School Report
Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics
Primary Division (Grades 1-3) and
Junior Division (Grades 4-6), 2013-2014

The EQAO assessment conducted by the Education Quality and Accountability Office, provides timely information about student achievement in Ontario Schools. This is based on The Ontario Curriculum. This is a summary of our school EQAO results from the last school year. At the school level, these results are just one of the many tools which support student learning. These results are a snapshot of achievement and are considered alongside school-based information that we can use to improve student learning.

**PERCENTAGE OF ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE
PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4), 2013–2014**

