



# Wilshire Elementary School

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### SCHOOL HOURS

**Outdoor supervision begins: 8:40 am**  
**Instructional time: 8:55–10:35 am**  
**Recess-10:35-10:55 am**  
**Instructional time: 10:55 am–12:35 pm**  
**Lunch-12:35-1:35 pm**  
**Instructional Time: 1:35-3:15 pm**  
**Dismissal: 3:15 pm**

**Principal**  
Mark McTaggart

**Vice-Principal**  
Pam McInnis

**Admin. Assistant**  
Raffaella Molinaro

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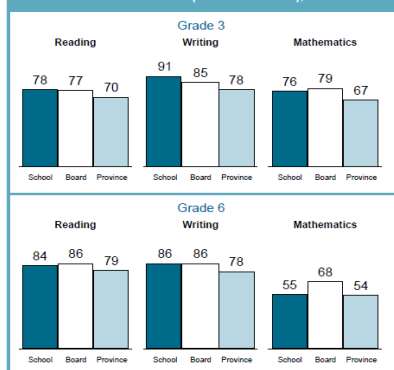
## ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

We have had a great start to the school year! September has been a busy month full of activities including the annual Terry Fox Run, which raised \$1987.65. Many clubs and teams have started including: Intermediate Volleyball, Cross Country, Lunch Monitors and Library Helpers.

Reflecting the work of our School Improvement Plan (SIP), our staff continue to work collaboratively on inquiry based learning with a particular focus in Mathematics. Each classroom has a dedicated math block during which time students are engaged in meaningful learning experiences. Teachers have also been working with students on establishing routines that support the development of appropriate structures and attitudes related to math success.

Research tells us that when parents are involved in their children's learning, students are more likely to experience success. We value the partnership between home and school and encourage parents to continue to be involved in school life. If you have specific questions about how you can best support your child, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

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



Our school results for EQAO have been reported. The following results indicate the percentage of participating students achieving at or above the provincial standards: It is important to note that the school scores provided are for All students. These scores include the students who did not participate in the assessment for various reasons (absent, Special Education or Stage One English Language Learner).

**The scores for participating students (all those that participated in the assessment) are as follows: At or above Provincial Standard-Grade 3: Reading 78%, Writing 91%, and Math 67%.**

**At or above Provincial Standard-Grade 6: Reading 84%, Writing 86% and Math 55%.** To view samples of student work and to understand what work at each level looks like, visit the EQAO Web site, [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com).

Your continued support is important and greatly appreciated by your child, the staff and the school community!

*Mark McTaggart*



Principal

*Pam McInnis*

Vice-Principal

### Important Dates

- \* Oct. 2 We Day
- \* Oct. 2 Area Cross Country Meet
- \* Oct. 2 Curriculum Night & BBQ
- \* Oct. 3 Gr. 7 and 8 immunizations
- \* Oct. 6 School Council Elections
- \* Oct. 14-15 School Photos
- \* Oct. 17 Regional Cross Country Meet
- \* Oct. 17 Kindergarten Field Trip
- \* Oct 20 Bus Safety
- \* Oct. 21 Peace Tree Conference
- \* Oct. 27 P.A. Day

Meet The  PLEASE JOIN US ON  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2**  
 Teacher Night FOR  
**CURRICULUM NIGHT/MEET THE  
 TEACHER NIGHT & BBQ**  
**MEET YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER &  
 LEARN ABOUT THE CURRICULUM EX-  
 PECTATIONS FOR THE YEAR.**  
**DINNER: 5:30-6:30 PM**  
**IN-CLASS VISITS:**   
**6:30-7:30**

**Physical Conduct Expectations and  
 Playground Expectations**

In order to prevent physical injury and because of our concern for student safety, students at Wilshire E.S. are expected to avoid activities that involve aggressive play and touching. Activities that are not acceptable include wrestling, piggy-backing, tripping, pushing, shoving, body-checking, poking, punching, and other forms of play in stairwells, hallways and playgrounds. During recess breaks, students are able to play organized games such as basketball, soccer and foot hockey as well as activities such as skipping and tag.

On the playground students will play safely without the use of rough play (wrestling, piggy-backing, pushing/shoving, body-checking, tripping, play fighting) or violence.



**Peanut/Nut Safe Environments**

Wilshire Elementary School is a nut safe environment. We appreciate your support in working towards providing a safe environment for all of our students.

*What do I do?*

The most important thing you can do is to avoid sending any foods from home that may contain peanuts and/or nuts. Check the ingredient list for **peanut oil, peanut butter, peanut sauce, peanut flour, peanut meal, mixed nuts, ground nuts, goober nuts, goober peas, artificial nuts and granola nuts**. There are many hidden sources of peanuts/nuts in foods. Some examples include cookies, chocolate, granola bars, some cereal bars, and some vegetable oils and shortening.

**Substitute Peanut Butter Products:**

**We encourage you to avoid the use of substitute peanut butter products. These products look, taste and smell like peanut butter and can mimic this known allergen and may cause anaphylaxis in some children. It can be confused as peanut butter, or worse yet, peanut butter could be confused as this soy-based product.**

Thank you for your understanding and your willingness to promote a safe school for all of our students!



**School Council**

We have very dedicated and committed parents in our school community. Council members support our school initiatives in a variety of ways. School Council is a very helpful, advisory group which offers suggestions and recommendations to the school administration. As well, the Council members organize many community events, fundraising initiatives and support hot lunch programs. We meet approximately once a month for two hours in the evening. If you are interested in being a member of our school council, please fill in the form sent home with the school information packages. If we have a large number of interested members, School Council will be determined by an election process on

**Monday, October 6th, 2014**

**Council meetings start at 7:00 pm. In the library.**

**Birthday Celebrations**



In keeping with the nut safe policy, please **do not send food to school with your child to celebrate his or her birthday.**

**REMEMBER TO BOOMERANG YOUR LUNCH TO SUPPORT OUR ECO INITIATIVES AT WILSHIRE**

- Reusable containers and water bottles
- Take home organic waste to dispose of in your green bins

### **Guide to the School Year**

Parents/guardians, as you may have noticed, the table of contents in the Guide to the School Year is incorrect. Due to a page numbering error, the page numbers are off by three pages. We apologize for any inconveniences. Please be assured that processes are being reviewed at the Board to avoid this error in future. We encourage you to use the [online version of the guide](#), which has the additional benefit of being searchable.

### **CANADA'S ANTI-SPAM LEGISLATION (CASL) – IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO PAR- ENTS/GUARDIANS**

The school requires your consent to send you any electronic messages which contain advertising or promotions such as school fundraisers, lunch programs, field trips, purchasing of student photos, books, and community based parent workshops where a financial transaction is required. To subscribe to these electronic messages, please visit the school's website ([Wilshire.es.yrdsb.ca](http://Wilshire.es.yrdsb.ca)). At the bottom of the main webpage, you may indicate your consent. You may choose to unsubscribe at any time. You will continue to receive emails on all other school matters.

### **Adjustments to the Safe Welcome Program**

As a result of parent and staff feedback, and working in cooperation with York Region District School Board Plant Services staff, the Safe Welcome program is being adjusted to allow more effective access to schools. These changes are:

- The school front door is **unlocked** between the time of the dismissal bell and when the main office closes (3:15—4:00).
- Access to the childcare program door is a **keyed entry** once the front door is locked
- An appropriate door is to be **unlocked 15 minutes** before a permit begins, and is to be **locked 15 minutes** after the permit begins.

The Safe Welcome Program will continue to be monitored to ensure the safety of everyone.



### **Bucket Drumming Donations**

Thank you to the following organizations for their very generous donation of the paint buckets for the Wilshire Elementary School Music Program:

New Sun Painting  
Verda Paints  
General Paints  
Benjamin Moore Paints

The music program has benefited greatly from your donation as the students are enjoying the opportunity to show their musical talents using the Ontario curriculum in a child friendly way. Bucket drumming is gaining popularity as an alternative to expensive instruments and there are performing groups who use buckets exclusively.

Thank you again for your donation, as it is much appreciated.