



Sept. Issue 2014



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
Supervision Ends 3:30pm

Principal

Mark McTaggart
905 889 6767

Vice-Principal

Pam McInnis
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ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

Welcome back!

We are very happy to welcome back our returning families as well as all our new families and students joining the Wilshire E.S. family for the upcoming 2014-15 school year. We look forward to sharing the journey this year and collaborating with each family to ensure the success of all of our students.

At Wilshire E.S., we are committed to creating and fostering a warm, caring and supportive educational environment for your child. Throughout the year your child will be provided with many opportunities to grow intellectually, emotionally and physically. As a collaborative team, we strongly believe in the value of a community school, where the school is an integral part of the community and serves the students and their families. Our staff goal is to work together with our families to establish an environment that demands high academic and behaviour expectations. We welcome your input, as we develop goals, set priorities, and establish expectations aimed at enhancing student achievement.

A tremendous amount of work goes into starting a new school year. We would like to thank the staff for their continued hard work and dedication to our students. Our school office staff have put in countless hours in preparation for our September opening. Thank you Ms. Molinaro and Ms. Gabrielli for getting the office back on track. Our caretaking team have worked hard at preparing the school for a new beginning. Thank you Ms. Collins, Mr. Cardoso and a special welcome to Mr. Cooper who is joining our caretaking staff. Our teachers have been busy ordering materials, setting up their classrooms and preparing the curriculum delivery for our September start. We are ready for learning!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at the school. Early communication between home and school is an important step in making sure that your child gets off to a positive start to his/her educational year.

We are looking forward to another fantastic year!

Yours very truly,

Mark McTaggart

Principal

Pam McInnis

Vice-Principal

Important Dates

- * Sept. 2 First Day of School
- * Sept. 22 P.A. Day (No School)
- * Sept. 23 School Lice Check
- * Sept. 24 Terry Fox Run
- * Sept. 29—Oct. 3 Safety Week
- * Oct. 2 Curriculum Night & BBQ
- * Oct 2 We Day
- * Oct. 2 Area Cross Country Meet
- * Oct. 6 School Council Elections
- * Oct. 14 & 15 Picture Day



Tentative School Organization 2014-2015

Assignment	Staff Name	Ext.	EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS AND COMMUNITY & YOUTH WORKERS		
HOMEROOM TEACHERS					
FDK	Ms. Hallan	107		Ms. Khan	675
DECE	Ms. Guarino	107		Ms. Johnson	670
FDK	Ms. Haber	108		Ms. Roebuck	659
DECE	Ms. Moore	108		Mr. Smeretchenski	666
Grade SK-1	Ms. Zoltak	106		Ms. Jacob	661
Grade 1-2	Ms. Hersh	105		Ms. Panarese	668
Grade 2-3	Ms. Piacente	125		Ms. Fritz	654
Grade 2-3	Ms. Kadonoff	127		Ms. Kiddy	673
Grade 3-4	Ms. Fisher	124		Ms. Molyneaux	672
Grade 4	Ms. Herenberg	129		Ms. Dimakos	658
Grade 4-5	Ms. Eisenberg	128		Mr. Groudreau	
Grade 5	Ms. Woodbeck	218			
Grade 6	Ms. Bartle	221	OFFICE STAFF		
Grade 6	Ms. Wolfstadt	220	Office Assistant	Ms. Molinaro	416
Grade 7	Ms. Pintzov	225	Secretary	Ms. Gabrielli	401
Grade 7	Ms. Hetherington	224	CARETAKING STAFF		
Grade 7-8	Ms. Richardson	207	Lead Caretaker	Ms. Collins	408
Grade 8	Ms. Nithiyanaqnthaselvan	209		Mr. Cardoso	652
Grade 8	Ms. Jackson	203		Mr. Cooper	653
OTHER TEACHING STAFF			ADMINISTRATION		
Reading Recovery	Ms. Hersh	122	Principal	Mr. McTaggart	403
Primary	Ms. Eisen	117	Vice Principal	Ms. McInnis	402
French	Ms. Shugar	655			
	Ms. Koltunov	656			
Instrumental Music	Ms. Chrysostomou	204			
Science	Ms. Tan	208			
Librarian	Ms. Chousky	148			
SERT / Literacy	Ms. Thomas	164			
SERT / SSC	Ms. Ziv	219			
Community Class	Ms. Hall	109			
Community Class	Ms. Parkin	223			
Community Class	Ms. Bonura	123			

As we are proud to be an ECO school, in the future

newsletters and school information will be posted to our school's blog and website.

Blog: Wilshire-es.com

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Meet The  **PLEASE JOIN US ON**
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2
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: 
6:30PM-7:30PM

Office Index Forms

On the 3rd day of school, each of our students will receive a computer generated office index form which will be used in emergency situations. The information on these forms is essential. Please check the accuracy of your child's form, make all necessary changes and/or add information which may be new or important for the school to know, return them with the student the next day.

All Office Index forms must be initialed and returned to the school even if there are no changes.

This is very important to ensure student safety.

Creating Safe and Healthy Schools for Children with Allergies

School staff and parents are responsible for creating safe and healthy environments for students. This is an additional challenge for schools attended by children with allergies, especially life threatening allergies. While it is impossible to create a risk-free environment, school staff and parents can take important steps to minimize potentially fatal allergic reactions as there are implications for the whole school, not just individual classrooms. **It is especially important that parents communicate a life threatening allergy to the school as soon as they are aware of it.** Please notify the Principal and your child's teacher, so that we have accurate records and establish the protocol to follow with your child.

 **Medication**

Either on a regular basis or at times throughout the year some students may need to take medication at school. Parents are required to complete a Request for Administration of Oral Medication Form signed by the parents and approved by the Principal before the medication can be given or stored in the school. For legal and safety reasons, written permission is required for ALL medications including inhalers, Aspirin, Tylenol, Advil, etc. All medication must be kept locked in the office and students are supervised as they take any medication. Students are **not permitted** at any time to bring medication to school and keep it in their classroom, lunch bags or back packs.

Nut Free Snacks

Wilshire Elementary School is a nut safe environment. We appreciate your support in working towards a safe environment for all of our students. Please read all product labels to ensure that your child is not bringing items to school which contain nuts and traces of nuts. We do have students with very serious allergies. If we become aware of students with other life-threatening allergies, we will inform our school community and develop an appropriately safe response. Thank you for your assistance in keeping all of our students safe.

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



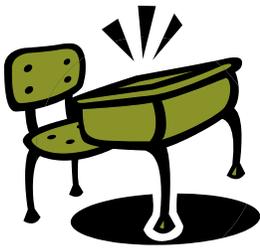
Bus Information

York Region District School Board Policy states that the walking distance for students from Kindergarten to grade 3 is 1.2 km and for students from grades 4 - 8 is 1.6 km. Each student must follow safety and behaviour rules or he/she will not be allowed to ride the bus. **Please note the changes for walking distance from Grade 3 to Grade 4.**

For additional information about transportation, go to www.schoolbuscity.com. The Student Transportation Services web site can be a valuable tool to view important school bus transportation information. Information on the web site is updated regularly and includes: School Bus Stop Information, Late Bus Reports, Answers to Frequently Asked School Bus Transportation Questions and In-clement Weather Service Cancellation.

Combined Classes

As part of our organization, we will have several straight grade classes and some combined grade classrooms. Combined classes group children from two consecutive grades, e.g., 1 and 2, into one classroom. We do this for many reasons that include organizing classes to meet school needs and combining grades to balance class size.



Please note that there may be changes prior to the end of September 2014 (class sizes will be reported to the Ministry of Education). We will keep you informed of any changes to your child's class placement should the need arise.

If you have any questions regarding the Primary Class Size Reduction strategy, please visit the Ministry of Education's website at: www.edu.gov.on.ca and search for "Primary Class Size."

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.



ATTENDANCE/SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

If your child is going to be absent:

1) Parents/guardians need to telephone the school

905-889-5112

to leave a message with your child's name, grade, teacher, and the anticipated length of absence. Inform the school if your child will not be returning for the afternoon or will be late arriving at school.

2) If you know days in advance of an absence, we would appreciate a note being sent with your child or a sibling to the school.

If a child is going to arrive late or leave early, please send a note to the school. *Students arriving late must sign in at the school office and receive an admit slip to enter the classroom.*

IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT AT SCHOOL AND IS NOT ACCOUNTED FOR BY A NOTE OR TELEPHONE CALL, BOARD SAFETY PROTOCOL HAS OUR SCHOOL OFFICE ASSISTANT:

- 1) Call home to check (and if the student is still not accounted for)
- 2) Call the parents at work (and if the child is still not accounted for)
- 3) Call the emergency numbers (and if the child is still not accounted for)
- 4) We will then telephone the York Regional Police if the child is missing

A message can be left on the school voice mail outside the school office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to inform us of a student absence.

5 Day Cycle Calendar

All York Region Schools will be operating using a 5-day cycle calendar. The first day of school will be Day 1, the second day will be Day 2, etc. When there is a holiday or PA Day, the cycle will continue where it was left off upon return to school. Please continue to check your child's agenda for reminders as to library days, physical education days, or other schedule changes.

Playground Supervision:

Playground supervision begins at 8:40 a.m. Students are supervised outside during morning and lunch recess and after school during bus departure. If you are picking up your child(ren), please arrange to meet him/her/them at their dismissal door. Please try to avoid picking your child up early. If you must, please check in at the office and we will call your child(ren) from class.



Visitors to the School

We welcome visitors and volunteers to the school, and ask that you check in at the office and wear a "visitor" or "volunteer" tag each time you are in the school. If you are bringing an item for your child or picking up your child for an appointment, a staff member will contact the classroom and direct your child to the office. For safety, staff are encouraged to check immediately with adults whom they see in the school or on the playground.

Please notify us in writing or by telephone if someone other than the parent/guardian will pick up your child. If you wish to speak with your child's teacher, please call the school to arrange a telephone or personal meeting.



PLEASE NOTE:

As per safety regulations, all school doors, including the front doors, will be locked 15 minutes after the morning entry bell. The doors will remain locked for the rest of the day. Anyone arriving at the school after that time must buzz in and sign in at the main office.