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FUNDRAISING



FUN FAIR 2005

Fun was positively the main feature of Wilkinson's May 28th Fun Fair. From young kids laughing in their mini-cars to the crazy excitement of older kids bouncing in the Adrenaline Rush Maze, the day was a spirited success. Adults enjoyed the silent auction, herbs, dream baskets and watching their young ones try to win prizes in the games area. And we all loved the World Food Fair and Bake Sale - yum!



Mendhi and face painting brightened the Wilkinson grounds and the perennially popular Loonieland sold out by noon. Chocolate chip cookies were the focus of this year's baking contest: Congratulations to Julian Ashworth whose chocolate chip cookies won for Best Taste! Free sack races and tug-of-war competitions added even more excitement to the many different outdoor activities.

We were able to offer wonderful sales items and prizes thanks to donations from Wilkinson families and generous support from our local businesses. It takes a great deal of work to pull off a successful event like our Fun Fair so Thank You to the parents, students and staff who volunteered. A special Thank You to this year's Fun Fair Committee for the significant time and energy they put into bringing this event together: Carol Bennett (Chair), Kim Diamond, Karen Geraci, Sarah Jane Gillespie, Bianca Kapteyn, Ruby Lederman, Sarah Manjra, Sunny Mills, April Moon, Stephanie So, Jacqui Strachan and Karen Wiseman.



Although the clouds threatened, no rain fell on our largest annual fundraiser and the Parent Council raised over \$4,400. These funds provide many extra programs for students through the school year such as Scientists in the Schools and Visiting Authors. Parent Council fundraising also supports our school choirs and pays for assembly events like plays and dance troupes.

Wow! What a day! Can't wait for next year's Fun Fair!
contributed by Catherine Lake

COUNCIL NEWS



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Well, it's that time of year again. The weather has (finally!) heated up, and it's feeling like summer. We've had a busy and productive year on the Wilkinson Parent and Community Council, thanks to the dedication and creativity of some very special people. I want to extend my thanks to the members of this year's Parent and Community Council, and a few others who have worked hard to bring together a number of really great events. Here are just a few...

UP FOR A MOVIE?

First of all, I've got to tell you that if you haven't yet attended one of Wilkinson's fantastic Movie Nights, you're missing something special. This past year was our second year running the popular nights, complete with popcorn, pizza and drinks. Attendance has gone through the roof at the last couple of movie nights, which tells us that many of you feel as good about them as we do. They're an inexpensive way to take the family out for a movie, and a great way for the adults to chat (over the dull roar of Sponge Bob or Will Farrell). We'll be holding more Movie Nights next year, so please watch for announcements in the Council newsletter and in flyers that your child(ren) bring home.

A big, big thank you to Sunny Mills for organizing the Movie Nights, to Brady Sheppard, our resident popcorn expert, and to the many others who work the door, sell concession items, and clean up all that popcorn and pop when the lights go back on.

SILENT AUCTION

The February 'Beat the Winter Blahs' event was organized and hosted thanks to a small group of dedicated volunteers who didn't mind pounding the pavement seeking donations for a worthy cause. A special note of appreciation to Kim Diamond and her crew who did a superb job coordinating this event. And while I'm at it, Kim also deserves a great big thanks for laying out our fabulously designed Council newsletter each month and for chairing the Fundraising Committee this year.

FUN FAIR

I hope you feel that the Fun Fair deserved its name, with lots of opportunity for entertainment, fabulous food, the wonderful Dream Baskets and silent auction items. The list of volunteers is too numerous to mention here, but I'd like to extend a special thank-you to Carol Bennett for working tirelessly to organize the Fun Fair. It's a difficult job with lots of responsibility, and Carol has left some rather large shoes to fill when it comes to finding a replacement to coordinate next year's Fun Fair. So if anyone's up for the challenge, or would like to work with one or two others to coordinate this significant fundraising event for Wilkinson, please let us know.

COUNCIL PARTICIPATION

The Wilkinson Parent and Community Council runs thanks to a core of individuals who meet monthly to learn about school initiatives and provide the parents, perspective on issues that affect our children. While many of us remain on Council for several years, a few members move on, and we need to ensure that the Council remains vibrant and representative of our school population.

Please consider putting your name forward to be a Council member. If you're not sure what's involved, leave us your number and we'll be happy to call and give you some details. To communicate with the Council, please leave a note in the Parent Council mailbox in the main office or leave a message at the school.

On behalf of this year's Council, I'd like to wish you and your family a safe and happy summer.

Karen Geraci
Chair, Wilkinson Parent & Community Council
2004 - 2005



Celebrating 90 Years!

Wilkinson opened its doors to staff and students in 1915. Watch for information about celebrating this milestone in the fall. Commemorative T-shirts will be available for sale in September in both adult and kids sizes.

UPCOMING EVENTS



WELCOME NIGHT

September 14, 2005 at 7:00pm

The Wilkinson Parent & Community Council will host a Welcome Night on Wednesday September 14th at 7:00pm in Room 3 (Fireside Room). Come out and meet Council members, learn what the Council does, and hear what we have planned for the new year. This is a great opportunity for both new and existing Wilkinson parents and caregivers to meet the Principal and Vice-Principal, and get a tour of the school. Refreshments will be provided.

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

September 20, 2005 at 7:00pm

The final meeting of the 2004-2005 Wilkinson Parent & Community Council will be held on Tuesday, September 20th at 7:00pm in the Staff Room (second floor). All are welcome to attend in order to learn more about how the Council works, or if you are interested in joining the Council for the 2005-2006 school year. Childcare will be provided.

CONTACT US

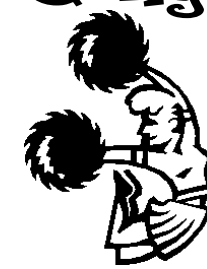


Have an article to contribute to the newsletter? Interested in helping out? Do you have suggestions? Ideas? Email us at:

wilkinsonparents@yahoo.ca or leave a message at (416) 393-9575.

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Karen Geraci, Catherine Lake
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Congratulations



to all the Grade 6 students graduating from Wilkinson.

Wishing you all the best!

TREASURER'S REPORT



The statement of the Council's financial position as at June 20, 2005 was as follows:

Balance at Sept. 2004	\$ 8,842.51
Money earned through fundraising	14,438.96
Expenditures	(15,715.03)
Balance at June 20, 2005	\$ 7,566.44

Wilkinson's major fundraisers this year were:

Chocolate Sales	\$ 4,145.92
Movie Nights	\$ 2,295.82
Beat the Winter Blahs/Silent Auction	\$ 2,460.51
Fun Fair	\$ 4,440.53

Major items that the Council provided funding for:

Music Program	\$ 4,985.23
- New vests for the choirs	\$ 3,121.73
- Accompanist for school concerts	\$ 1,174.50
- Xylophones	\$ 689.00

Literacy Programs	\$ 2,278.22
- Visiting Authors	\$ 1,830.50
- Books- Silver Birch Reading Program	\$ 447.72

School Performances	\$ 2,345.00
- Maori Dance Theatre	\$ 640.00
- Rock 'n' Fables	\$ 545.00
- Mouse Tales	\$ 575.00
- Mike Ford's Canadian Songbook	\$ 585.00

Scientists in the Schools	\$ 2,720.00
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Schoolyard Greening	\$ 979.46
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Council Newsletters (printing)	\$ 930.00
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Any parents wishing to see a more detailed report of the Council's financial activities are welcome to contact me directly at (416)465-4157.

Carol Bennett
Treasurer, Wilkinson Parent & Community Council
2004 - 2005