

Important Information

WILKINSON GETS BRONZE!

Wilkinson gets Bronze EcoSchools certification!

On Wednesday, June 8th, Wilkinson had our very first EcoSchools Audit. Mme Barbier met with the EcoSchools auditor to discuss the many environmental initiatives that have been taking place this year. The auditor was impressed with the leadership of the Eco Team in encouraging classrooms to turn off their lights and engage in proper recycling practices. She was also impressed with the Council's work on the native learning garden. Teachers were praised for their incorporation of ecological literacy into their teaching.

Next year, the Eco Committee is planning on expanding the litter less lunch program by rewarding litter less lunches throughout the year. We will continue to monitor classroom lights and garbage, and will begin to monitor classroom floors to reduce the number of classroom materials that are swept up by caretakers each day. Continuing the momentum from this year, we are sure to improve our score for our 2011/12 EcoSchool audit, hopefully reaching silver! Congratulations to Wilkinson for this great achievement!

Sophie Barbier, Grade 4/5/6
Core French



LIBRARY NEWS

The School Library has been a busy and active space this school year. Every class had regular visits to the library allowing students to access the great print and online resources available to them. Over 10,000 books have been checked out by Wilkinson readers since September and over 1,200 new books were added to the library's collection! Other highlights include the Scholastic Book Fair in the fall, five author visits, Blue Spruce and Silver Birch reading program participation, bookmark contest (read about the winning designs @ <http://web.me.com/joelkrentz/Wilkinson>) and numerous library partnerships for research and technology integration. These partnerships included the production of book reviews in radio show format, the creation of EcoSchool PSA's for Earth Day and the creation of book trailers for Eric Walters' books. These are summarized in the Wilkinson Library's Annual Report in addition to other library information. Please contact me if you are interested in having a look at the report.

Finally, be sure to listen to the Wilkinson Podcasting Team's final podcast of the school year @ <http://web.me.com/joelkrentz/Wilkinson> and, of course, to follow Wilkinson on Twitter @ http://twitter.com/TDSB_wilkinson.

Have a great summer and happy reading!

Joel Krentz, Teacher-Librarian

REMINDER - CHANGE TO INSTRUCTIONAL DAY

The length of the lunch hour has been reduced to 1 hour and 5 minutes. Students who go home for lunch will still have plenty of time to walk home, eat and return to school for **12:35pm**. The new end of day dismissal time is **3:20pm**.

Remain assured that:

- lunchtime programming will not be affected
- Dandyllion daycare fees will not be affected

Please make the appropriate arrangements between now and September to have your child picked up 10 minutes earlier. If you are experiencing hardship in any way due to this change, please contact the Main Office to arrange a meeting with Mr. Kelly.

STAFFING MODEL

As you will see from our staffing list for next year, there will be some changes at Wilkinson. First, we would like to thank **Ms. Ruth Allen** for her many years of service to the students in the TDSB. Ms. Allen has been a highly dedicated and passionate educator and we have been very fortunate to have her as part of our team. All the best Ruth, as you begin your retirement. We would also like to wish **Mr. Mike Banton** well as he takes on his new assignment at Blake P. S. Mr. Banton leaves as his legacy the many banners that hang in the gym because of his superb coaching. He too will be greatly missed. We would like to welcome:- our new grade 5/6 teacher **Mr. Peter Bartl** who joins us from Blake P. S; our new grade1 teacher **Ms. Angela Vlahos** who is coming from Chester P. S.; and **Ms. Lindsay Whitfield** who will be returning to Wilkinson to teach kindergarten. We are also pleased to announce that Ms. Alexandra Cheatley will be with us full time next year. Finally, we are very happy to announce the birth of **Ms. Rachel Ault's** daughter, Nora, on May 18th. Mom and daughter are doing exceptionally well.

Please find below a tentative staff model (pending any teacher moves) for the 2011/12 school year.

JK/SK	Katherine Wareham
JK/SK	Alexandra Cheatley
JK/SK	Rachel Ault
JK/SK (am)	Lindsay Whitfield
Gr. 1	Angela Vlahos
Gr. 1	Chris Low
Gr. 1	Lisa DiModugno
Gr. 2	Helen Mangos
Gr. 2	Adelia Cerqueira
Gr. 2/3	Marianna Di Iorio
Gr. 3	Kally Nastos
Gr. 3/4	Chris Enticknap
Gr. 4	Jacqueline Currie
Gr. 4	Ted Mahovich
Gr. 5/6	Marianne Bartkiw

Gr. 5/6	Peter Bartl
Gr. 6	Jean-Marc DePasqua
Gr. 4 EF	Elizabeth Cooke
Gr. 5 EF	Margaret Mahovich
Gr. 6 EF	Manmohan Panesar
Special Ed.	Steve Pirso, Stacey Gitlin, Sean Cross, Diane Zafred
Music	Batya Levy
Gym	Craig Kasaval
Library	Joel Krentz
Core French	Sophie Barbier

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with the kindergarten and grade 1 snack program. Volunteers are needed for a maximum 30 minutes in the morning or afternoon. If you are able to assist us, please let the Main Office know.

SEPTEMBER WELCOME PACKAGE & eNEWSLETTER

The September Newsletter/Welcome Package will be sent home during the first week of school in hard copy. Make sure to review this package as it is chock full of useful information about the 2011/2012 school year and how you can become involved!

The Communications Team plan the first monthly eNewsletter starting in October 2011. Don't forget to complete and return the form in the Welcome Package to ensure you're on our group distribution list!

Sports & H.E.A.L.T.H.Y. Program

It was a great year for being active and healthy Wilkinson! Students represented Wilkinson well in all sports with your hard work, determination and sportsmanship. We also became a "Healthy School", recognized by the Ontario Ministry for eating healthy. Fantastic work! We are looking to build on our successes next year.

Summer is here so enjoy the outdoors by staying safe and active. Remember to wear your bicycle helmet if you're riding your bike. Be sure to use sun block or sunscreen and drink lots of water if you're out in the sun.

Here is a sneak peek at September's healthy snacks!

- Week 1 – Oranges
- Week 2 – Cucumbers
- Week 3 – Bananas
- Week 4 – Carrots

Have a great summer Wilkinson and happy, healthy eating!

Craig Kasaval, Physical Education

Fundraising

FUN FAIR

Fun Fair 2011 was very successful! Each year the organization of this event just gets easier and it is the direct result of the amazing volunteer team. I am very lucky to work with such a talented selection of parents. We had great weather this year, super donations and an amazing Fun Fair Committee. I want to pass a warm, heartfelt thank you to all who donated, volunteered or came to the Fun Fair. I want to also extend a huge thank you to the staff who donated their time leading up to the event and on the day of. The revenue generated this year exceeded \$15K! Well done everyone! If you have suggestions or thoughts about this event, I would love to hear from you at moon.wallis@sympatico.ca.

April Moon, Chair
Fun Fair Committee

Community Information

ST. DAVID'S SUMMER ARTS DAY CAMP

The Open Door at St. David's Anglican Church is running a Summer Arts Day Camp for children aged 8 to 14 this summer. The program will run for two weeks, from July 25th to August 5th.

Professional artists – including Wilkinson parents Cecilia Booth (visual artist) and Trish O'Reilly-Brennan (singer/actor) – offer instruction in visual art, music, and drama – plus daily outdoor activities. For more information, contact Trish O'Reilly-Brennan at trishor@sympatico.ca or 416-466-3142 – or visit our website: <http://www.digitaljive.com/stdavids/summercamp2011/summercamp2011.html>.

If you are interested, please contact us SOON, as we are hoping to close registration (so we know the number of participants and can begin planning the program in more detail) by the end of June.

Please feel free to pass this information on to friends and family outside Wilkinson. We hope to see some of you this summer!

CAMP OF BeLEAF

Are you looking for a fun, educational and Islamic way to have your daughter spend her summer? This July 2011, Madinah Masjid's Camp of BeLeaf for Muslim girls is back by popular demand for its fifth year!

For more information we invite you to pick up a flyer and registration form from Madinah Masjid (located at 1015 Danforth Ave) or visit <http://campbeleaf.webs.com/>.

Feel free to email any questions or concerns to campbeleaf@gmail.com. See you there!

Important Dates – Sept.

MON. SEPT. 5TH

Labour Day – NO SCHOOL

TUES. SEPT. 6TH

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL –

Senior Kindergarten and Grades 1 to 6 only

WED. SEPT. 7TH – FRI. SEPT. 9TH

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL –

Junior Kindergarten

Note: Junior Kindergarten classes have a “staggered” start in September. Avoid disappointment by taking note of the date written in your package from the school.

MON. SEPT. 19TH

2010/11 Parent Council Meeting – 7pm
(child care provided)

FRI. SEPT. 16TH

Parent Council Election Nominations due –
drop off at Main Office

THURS. SEPT. 29TH

Rosh Hashanah begins

TBD:

Curriculum Night

Parent Council Election



Grade 6 Graduation Bash - 26 June 2011

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WILKINSON NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2011

Principal's Message

Congratulations to all our graduates! It is our hope that they have had a very rewarding experience here at Wilkinson.

It has been a pleasure for me to work with the children, parents and staff of Wilkinson Junior Public School during the past year. I would like to thank the Wilkinson School Community Council who worked so hard and sacrificed so much to supplement the curricular and extra-curricular activities here at Wilkinson. Your dedication and commitment to students and the program is to be commended.

I look forward to building and strengthening that relationship in the next school year. I trust you will enjoy a most refreshing and healthy summer and return on September 6th for another gratifying school year.

Allan Kelly
Principal

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - WILKINSON SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

It has been a very busy year at Wilkinson! The Wilkinson School Community Council is an active group who are dedicated to enriching the academic lives of Wilkinson students and ensuring that parents are informed. I'd like to thank all of the members of this year's Council and other parent volunteers who contribute their time and energy to enhance the Wilkinson experience for the students and the community. I'd also like to take this opportunity to highlight some of what we've been able to accomplish this year through their efforts and commitment:

1. Parent outreach and community building through events like our Wil-Kitchen cooking evenings, garden clean-up party, badminton game nights as well as our movie nights and Pumpkinfest which also double as fundraisers.

2. Support of Wilkinson's focus on literacy and the arts by providing funding for the school with visiting authors and performances for all grades.

3. Keeping Wilkinson green and promoting environmental awareness through our ongoing Native Learning Garden Revitalization and Veggie Garden.

4. Keeping parents informed through regular newsletters, the Council bulletin board and our web site in addition to welcoming new parents at kindergarten registration.

The Council meets monthly to provide input to the principal and staff on issues that affect our children. Some parents stay on the Council for a few years but each year members move on and we would like to ensure that the Council remains vibrant and representative of our school population.

When the Council nomination forms come home in the September Welcome Package, we encourage you to consider putting your name forward to become a Council member!

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on June 13th. The AGM summary and our final financial position for the year was presented at this meeting and is available on our web site.

Revenue from fundraisers held during the year, including fun fair, movie nights, direct donations, pizza lunches, Mabel's' Labels, Supperworks (Beach location), etc., was \$40,715.24. Activities funded during the year totalled \$42,715.24. These include but are not limited to:

- Scientists in the School
- Silver Birch reading program
- Art performances
- two Smart boards (computer interactive white boards used as a learning tool in the classroom)
- Mural outside of Room 3

On behalf of the Council, have an amazing summer!

Paula Weekes Kahn, Chair
Wilkinson School Community Council