

## Fundraising



### ANNUAL SWEETHEART BAKE SALE

This year's Sweetheart Bake Sale was a roaring success. Wilkinson has never seen that many cupcakes in one place before! Thanks to the bakers, volunteers and buyers plus our friends at Dandylion Daycare. Together we made this year's bake sale the best one yet.



## Important Info



### JK / SK PLAYGROUND UPDATE

This past Fall saw welcome changes in the northern play area designated for Wilkinson's younger students, as well as members of local community. The grounds were cleaned up, prepared for the build and the first stage of the playground revitalization saw the installation of the triangle climber. The gates have been opened and this area is now open for school and community use.

Wilkinson's Parent Council has formed, under the Greening and Grounds Committee, a Playground Committee which has taken on two challenges to enhance the northern play space further.

1. Fundraise for expansion of the current play structure. The current structure and installation was completed at a cost of \$14,000; an eye opener for many of the parents on the Wilkinson Parent Council. We will soon open discussion within Council regarding this new fundraising campaign with aim to launch in Fall 2010. Keep an eye out in future newsletter issues. They will include information as to how we will attain our goals and will detail the structures we hope

to gain for the space to be used by our students and local children.

2. Execution of a curriculum based art project which will inject visual stimulation into the space but challenge the students with installations designed to work in tandem with the curriculum they are already using day to day in the classroom. Installations will challenge children to use mathematics, build on learning to read and count, as well as allow them to use their imaginations to create stories that have no limits.

We welcome anyone from Wilkinson or the community who wants to join in these activities and plan to include as many teachers/students as possible in the execution of the installations. 2010 promises to be a year of change on Wilkinson's northern play area – we hope you will enjoy and make use of any and all enhancements for many years to come.

### P.A.L.S. (PLAYGROUND ACTIVITY LEADERS IN SCHOOLS)

The P.A.L.S. (Playground Activity Leaders in Schools) program has returned to Wilkinson! This is a playground leadership program sponsored by Toronto Public Health in collaboration with the Toronto District School Board. The objectives of the P.A.L.S. program are to:

- Increase physical activity
- Provide a leadership opportunity for students
- Decrease conflict and reduce the incidence of playground bullying.

On Tuesday, February 9th a Public Health Nurse came to train a group of eager students in grades 4, 5 and 6. These students will now plan and lead fun and safe activities on the playground at recess. Look for the P.A.L.S. who will be wearing the bright red pinnies.

## Upcoming Events

### ANNUAL FUN FAIR – SATURDAY MAY 29TH 2010

The fun is about to start! Every spring we start planning our major fundraising event of the year – our Annual Fun Fair.

The first general meeting of the year will take place on Monday March 8th from 6.00-7.00pm. All are welcome and encouraged to come with ideas!

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to participate please contact us at [wilkinsonparents@yahoo.ca](mailto:wilkinsonparents@yahoo.ca).

Call for volunteers! There is an immediate need to help deliver Silent Auction letters in the neighbourhood. Contact Sarah Gillespie at [alexgill@pathcom.com](mailto:alexgill@pathcom.com) or phone 416-465-7380 if you are able to assist. Similarly, please let Sarah know if you have any corporate and/or local connections she could pursue for donations or services to be included in our Silent Auction this year.

Be sure to mark the Fun Fair date in your calendar now and watch this space for more details!



### WILKINSON BADMINTON CLUB

Find all the information you need to know about Wilkinson Badminton Club on its Facebook page. Become a member to be automatically updated about events.

We hope you join us at the next Badminton night on Friday, March 12th from 6:00-8.30pm. Remember:

- This is a member-less club with no fee.
- Children are welcome, but should be prepared to play actual games if they are in the gym.
- Drinks will be available.
- Rackets and shuttles are provided.
- Please wear appropriate footwear for your own safety.

## Sports Update



### BOYS BASKETBALL

Our grade 5 boys' basketball team has made it into the quarter finals for our district. Congratulations to them!

### CO-ED BADMINTON TEAM

Our co-ed Badminton team will start in March and gear up for their one day tournament on April 1st. Thanks to Mr. Low and Mr. Enticknap for coaching.

### HOUSE LEAGUE(S)

We have just finished our Floor Hockey house league which was very successful and look forward to a Dodge-ball house league which will begin in March.



### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to our girls' volleyball team! They worked hard at practice for 6 weeks and then made it all the way to the semi-finals of their tournament on February 9th at G.A. Brown Public School. Thank you to Ms. Allen and Ms. DiMogno for coaching and to Kim Diamond for skills training.



FRIDAY MARCH 26TH — DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM  
PIZZA ARRIVES AT 6:10PM — MOVIE STARTS AT 6:30PM  
"PAY WHAT YOU CAN" AT THE DOOR.

BRING YOUR PILLOW AND BLANKET & GET A FLOOR SEAT UP FRONT!  
PIZZA, POPCORN, COOKIES AND DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE.

## MOVIE NIGHT IN THE GYM





**AUTORICKSHAW - REVIEW BY ROOM 7**

Over the course of the academic year, Wilkinson has been fortunate to have a number of performers/performances at our school. Please find below a classroom review and a photo from two of these events.

On Friday January 22nd, we saw Autorickshaw perform in the gym with other primary classes.

We really liked the woman's voice. It was beautiful when she sang and warmed our hearts. She also taught us how to do hand rhythms. We got to do them during a song. We were taught the notes of the sargam scales which are the Indian equivalent to western solfege. We really enjoyed the concert!

Grade 1 Room 7.  
Ms. Bartkiw



A student enjoys listening to - and participating in - an earlier performance given by Charlie Kert of Little Fingers Music.

**Online Communications**

**Our Web site:** [www.wilkinsonschoo.ca](http://www.wilkinsonschoo.ca)

Come and take a tour of our web site! Mark it as one of your online favourites and be sure to visit it regularly for upcoming dates, events and volunteering opportunities. It also contains general school and Council info, and other useful links. Click on Contact Us and drop us a line!

**Contact Us**

Have an article to contribute to the newsletter? Interested in helping out? Compliments? Go to our Web site at [www.wilkinsonschoo.ca](http://www.wilkinsonschoo.ca) or leave a message at (416) 393-9575.

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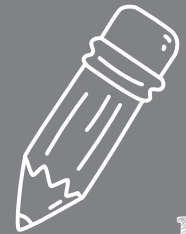
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**Wilkinson Newsletter**



March 2010

**Principal's Message**

March - in like a Wilkinson lion and out like a lamb -eventful as always!

First of all, report cards go home on Monday, March 1st. Reporting to parents will take place on Thursday, March 4th (evening) and Friday, March 5th (day). Note: There will be no school for students on Friday, March 5th.

Saturday, March 13th will be the day to turn our clocks forward as Daylight Saving Time will begin on Sunday, March 14th.

March Break will be from March 15-19 (inclusive) and we will return to school on Monday, March 22nd.

On Thursday, March 25th, Wilkinson will welcome the Rag & Bone Puppet Theater. The company will present a performance entitled "Flying Canoe". This is for grades 4, 5, 6 and will provide a "fantastic and fun introduction to the culture, music and language of the first Francophones in Canada". The performance will take place in the gym at 1:15pm and will be presented in English and French. More information can be found at: [http://www.ragandbone.ca/Pages/flying\\_canoe.html](http://www.ragandbone.ca/Pages/flying_canoe.html)

Finally, to close the month we celebrate the young writers in our midst with the Wilkinson Annual Young Authors' Festival on Wednesday, March 31st. (More information follows in a separate article.)

Remember, after March Break we're "into the home stretch"!

**Tanya Sterioff**  
Principal

**Literacy**



**ANNUAL YOUNG AUTHORS' FESTIVAL**

The Wilkinson Annual Young Authors' Festival will take place on Wednesday, March 31st. This is a day to celebrate all the wonderful writing our students have been doing. We will kick off the day with a morning assembly in the gym at 9:00am where some of the students will share their writing with the school.

**Important Dates**

- MON. MAR. 1ST** Reports go home
- THUR. MAR. 4TH & FRI. MAR. 5TH** Parent Interviews – Thurs. (evening) / Fri. (day)
- FRI MAR. 5TH** PA Day – NO SCHOOL
- MON. MAR. 8TH** Fun Fair Meeting – 6.00pm (child care provided)  
Parent Council Meeting – 7.00pm (child care provided)
- FRI. MAR. 12TH** Badminton Night – 6:00 to 8:30pm in the gym
- MON. MAR. 15TH – FRI. MAR. 19TH** MARCH BREAK NO SCHOOL
- MON. MAR. 22ND** Return to school
- THUR. MAR. 25TH** "Flying Canoe" performance – 1.15pm in the gym
- FRI. MAR. 26TH** Movie Night featuring Astro Boy  
Doors 6pm. Movie 6.30pm.
- WED. MAR. 31ST** Annual Young Author's Festival – 9.00am in the gym