

# Important Information

## WILKINSON SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL 2010-2011

The 2010/11 Wilkinson School Community Council will hold its first meeting of the school year on Tuesday October 12th. The following parents have been elected as voting members of this year's council:

Varathan Aiyadurai	Laura Bullard-Brezovsky
Sabiha Chhiboo	Paul Dobson
Leslie Domenico	Carolyn Eagle
Helen Ferraro	Heather Fitzgerald
Sarah-Jane Gillespie	Susan Haney
Rhihana Ingar	Sayma Kapadia
Kris Kearns	Shoaib Khan
Stabmam Kureshi	Ruby Lederman
Kirsten McGoey	April Moon
Alison Motluk	David Phillips
Deanna Rosolen	Martin Saxton
Saeka Shaikh	Jill Spellman
Farah Spicer	Erin Vaillancourt
Sam Vrakking	Paula Weekes Kahn
Karen Wiseman	

Any parent or community member is welcome to attend Community Council meetings however to vote on motions, you must be an elected member. In addition to reviewing and discussing items related to the improvement of student achievement and the school environment, the agenda for these meetings typically consists of: updates from the principal and the treasurer, updates from its various committees and funding requests. Childcare is provided at all Council meetings.

To raise an item for a Community Council meeting, please email [wilkinsonparents@yahoo.ca](mailto:wilkinsonparents@yahoo.ca) or leave a message in the Community Council mailbox in the office. Minutes from Community Council meetings are posted on our website.

## ARTS COMMITTEE

The Arts Committee is recruiting new members! If you are involved, or have an interest, in the arts - dance, drama, music or visual arts - this is a great opportunity to support Wilkinson and our students. Each year the Community Council, through its Arts Committee, provides funding to support our arts curriculum through events such as live performances and visiting artists for all grades. Join and have a voice on the types of arts our students see this academic year! Email [wilkinsonparents@yahoo.ca](mailto:wilkinsonparents@yahoo.ca).

**Watch this space!** In the November issue we will publish the Community Council Executive and a list of the Community Council Committees with their mandates.

# Fundraising

## THE CHOCOLATES ARE COMING!!!

Our 2010 chocolate fundraising campaign has begun! Wilkinson has committed to selling 150 cases this year and we know we can get it done. Each case contains 30 nut free items at \$2 per bar that are "mmmm" delicious! These include:

- 10 Crisp Bars (These sell themselves!)
- 5 Caramel Bars (Ooey gooey goodness!)
- 5 Milk Chocolate Bars (The old chocolaty stand by.)
- 4 Chocolate-Covered Raisins (Kids' favorite.)
- 4 Carmel Swirls (People at the office will love these.)
- 2 Mint Meltaways (Rated #1 with grandparents.)

The class from the primary grades (1-3) and the junior grades (4-6) with the most sales wins a Pizza Lunch. The kindergarten class that sells the most will receive a gift certificate from Scholastic Books for their classroom.

A kick-off assembly will be held on Friday, October 1st with order forms being sent home the same day. We will be taking completed order forms the week of October 4th-8th outside of Room 3 (8:30-9:00am).

## SUPPERWORKS & MABEL'S LABELS

During the 2009-2010 academic year the SupperWorks and Mabel's Labels fundraisers raised \$210 and \$125 respectively. Thank you all!

As we kick off our fundraising initiatives for this year, please remember to enter the charity code WPS when registering for a session at The Beach location of SupperWorks. A total of 4% of the gross proceeds will be donated to our school. Similarly, if you are interested in Mabel's Labels, visit [www.wilkinson.mabel.ca](http://www.wilkinson.mabel.ca). All proceeds support a variety of Community Council initiatives to enhance our students' curriculum and experience.

## WILKIE'S WALKATHON

On Friday, September 17th we held the first ever Wilkie Walkathon to raise money for the Pakistan Relief Fund. Every student in the school participated by walking around the field for at least 30 minutes. The sun was shining and everyone was wearing a big smile. Our walkathon was also a gigantic financial success. In bills alone we raised well over \$3000.00! Pace Credit Union is going to help us count the many kilos of coins that we collected, and the money will be divided between The Red Cross and UNICEF. As a community working together we have accomplished much and we should feel very proud!

# Upcoming Events

## PUMPKINFEST

Wilkinson will be taken over by pumpkins once again! Our Pumpkinfest was a huge success last year and the Community Council has decided to make this year's event even better! Pumpkinfest will be held on Sunday 24th from 1pm until 4pm in the Kindergarten play area. Come enjoy the afternoon with friends and family. Take a walk through the "pumpkin patch" and enjoy a complimentary hot apple cider or fall treat. Kids can participate in tugs-of-strength and sack races. Adults can browse the craft tables or pick up fresh produce. Hope for beautiful weather and come early! The "pumpkin patch" tends to decrease in size as kids pick out their pumpkins to take home. Any pumpkins that remain will be sold on Monday and Tuesday 25th and 26th just outside Room 3.

## CALLING ALL ARTISTS / CRAFTS PEOPLE

Do you have art/crafts that you would like to sell? We are offering Wilkinson families and alumni the opportunity to set up a table at Pumpkinfest to show off your talents and hopefully make a few bucks. The only cost to you is \$10, paid to the Community Council, for the table. If interested, please contact Ruby Lederman via email at [Rubylederman@sympatico.ca](mailto:Rubylederman@sympatico.ca), or leave a note marked to her attention in the Community Council mailbox located in the Main Office.

## PIZZA LUNCHES

Parents! It is time to sign-up for the popular school fundraiser - Wilkinson Pizza Lunch! This is a treat for students and a break for us once a month. The dates for our Fall Pizza Lunches are October 22nd, November 26th and December 17th. Forms have been sent home outlining lunch options and include a request for parent volunteer helpers on these dates. Money will be collected for all three dates between October 4th and 8th outside Room 3. Please remember that this is the only time to register for the Fall Pizza Lunches. Forms and/or payment will not be accepted after October 8th.

# Community News

## INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

At the Pocket Neighbourhood Association meeting on September 13th, Robert Mays from Transportation Services briefly explained upcoming construction at the Donlands/Danforth intersection. This will include new sidewalks and improvements to current curb cuts and crosswalk alignments. Other suggestions are being accepted. Some ideas are replacing the metal barrier on the south side with a planter box and tree and/or adding more trees on either side. If you have any other suggestions for this area please contact Mr. Mays at [mays@toronto.ca](mailto:mays@toronto.ca).\*

\*Note: Content derived from the Pocket Neighbourhood Association meeting summary.

## ST. DAVID'S WEDNESDAY MORNING DROP-IN

The new parent/caregiver drop-in in the parish hall at St. David's Anglican Church opened on Wednesday, Sept. 29 and has been a great success so far. The drop-in will be open every Wednesday morning during school term, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. For those who are not yet familiar with it, this program is for:

- *working parents who would welcome an opportunity to feel more connected to their community during the week and to meet and talk briefly with other parents. The drop-in opens at 8:30. Please join us for a quick cup of coffee and a chat before you head to work.*
- *at-home parents and nannies/caregivers who need a change from being at home – and a "quick fix" of adult conversation.*

You are welcome to bring children with you to the drop-in, but a child is not required! We hope parents who are not accompanied by children will also drop by for a quick sanity break and some refreshment. (And parents/caregivers with children are reminded that the drop-in is not a daycare centre; you are responsible for supervising your own children while you are relaxing with us.)

Free coffee, tea, and snacks are provided, as well as toys and activities to keep small children amused.

Thank you to everyone who has donated toys, books, coffee mugs, and small-sized furniture. Your kindness is appreciated! There are a few items we still need. Please contact Liisa Repo-Martell at [liisarepo5@hotmail.com](mailto:liisarepo5@hotmail.com) if you have something you think we might be able to use.

This program is jointly run by volunteers from St. David's and from the community. If you are interested in volunteering, please speak to Liisa Repo-Martell.

Please come and join us next Wednesday morning!



**MOVIE NIGHT**  
**FRIDAY OCT. 22**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM**

## Important Dates

### FRI. OCT. 1ST

Chocolate Sales Assembly  
Boys Slo Pitch Tournament at Wilkinson  
Simchat Torah

### MON. OCT 4TH

Pizza Lunch Sign Up / Collection Week begins  
– outside Room 3  
Chocolate Sale Order Forms due 4th-8th  
– outside Room 3 – 8.30am

### TUES. OCT. 5TH

World Teacher's Day

### WED. OCT. 6TH

South Conference Cross-Country Meet at Ashbridges Bay

### THURS. OCT. 7TH

Girls Slo Pitch Tournament at Wilkinson

### FRI. OCT 8TH

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### MON. OCT. 11TH

Thanksgiving – NO SCHOOL

### TUES. OCT. 12TH

Council Meeting – 7pm Childcare provided

### FRI. OCT. 19TH

Picture Day

### SUN. OCT. 17TH

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### FRI. OCT. 22ND

Pizza Lunch

### SUN. OCT. 24TH

Pumpkinfest – 1 to 4pm

### MON. OCT. 25TH & TUES OCT. 26TH

Pumpkin Sale – outside Room 3 (While supplies last!)

### FRI. OCT. 29TH

Hallowe'en Parade & Assembly – 1pm  
Movie Night featuring *Despicable Me*.  
– Doors open at 6.30pm Movie starts at 7pm



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## Contact Us

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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# WILKINSON NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,  
The school year is off and running and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here at Wilkinson. The staff, parents and students have made me feel very welcome. I look forward to meeting more of you as the year progresses. I would like to remind you that I have an open door policy and will always listen to any concerns/suggestions you may have.

The Safe and Caring Schools committee had their first walk-about on Sept. 27th. A number of recommendations came from this; security vests for yard supervisors, more lighting at back entrances, removal of furniture/equipment deemed unsafe, increased patrol by security/police, signage for inside and outside the school. Hopefully these measures will enhance the already secure environment your children are in. As a committee, we will keep you apprised of any safety measures/concerns that may arise throughout the year.

Sincerely,  
Allan Kelly

## Important Information

### CHARACTER EDUCATION

The character trait this month is responsibility.

#### Encouraging Responsibility in Your Child

- Set clear expectations for your child, and hold him/her accountable for his/her actions
- Remind your child about being responsible for his/her school work by checking his/her agenda every day
- Encourage and praise your child when he/she shows responsibility
- Share examples of situations where people behaved responsibly
- Teach your child to be environmentally responsible

**"We must be the change we wish to see in the world!"**

– Gandhi

### REMINDERS!

It is our goal at Wilkinson to ensure that every minute of school counts. Please assist us by getting your children to school on time. Start times are: 8:45am and 12:40pm.

Also, for safety reasons it is very important that you pick up your children on time. Kindergarten ends at 11:20am and 3:15pm. The other grades end at 11:30am and 3:30pm. If you are going to be late, please call the school at 416-393-9575.

Finally, we have been finding many lost items. It is very helpful if you label and/or write your child's name plus room number on lunch bags and pieces of clothing.

Thank you for assistance and support in these matters.

### LIBRARY NEWS – ALL A TWITTER!

My name is Mr. Krentz and I am excited to be working at Wilkinson as the Teacher-Librarian. I will be contributing regularly to share Wilkinson Library information and events.

In mid-October, the children's librarian from Pape Library will be visiting Wilkinson and meeting with grade 1-6 students. She will discuss programs at the Toronto Public Library (TPL), talk about materials available to borrow and make connections between Wilkinson's Library and the TPL.

There have been some significant changes to the School Library Website, [www.tdsb.on.ca/libraries/cat.asp?schoolNo=5282](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/libraries/cat.asp?schoolNo=5282). As before, some of the links require a log-in key if being accessed from home. The junior students will be given a bookmark with these keys and passwords in the coming weeks. Feel free to contact me if you would like the log-in keys and passwords.

Of note to parents is the Parents' Resources page, [www.tdsb.on.ca/libraries/cat.asp?schoolNo=5282&catId=10](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/libraries/cat.asp?schoolNo=5282&catId=10). It has a number of excellent sites to support your child including sites on Literacy, Numeracy, Wellness, Homework Help and Online Safety.

Finally, you can keep in touch with daily events at Wilkinson by following Wilkinson on Twitter ([twitter.com/TDSB\\_wilkinson](https://twitter.com/TDSB_wilkinson)). Let me know if there is a school related event or activity that you think should be tweeted about!

Happy reading!