

## Important Information

### WILKINSON SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Wilkinson is fortunate to have an active Council with many parent members from our school community. The mandate and responsibilities of the Council and its members are covered in our constitution. This document and past approved meeting minutes are available on our school website.

The Council meets monthly during the school year and all Wilkinson parents and guardians are welcome to attend even if they aren't an elected/voting member. Some parents stay on the Council for a few years but each year members move on and we want to ensure our Council remains vibrant and representative of our school population so new parent members are always welcome and encouraged to join. Childcare is provided during the meetings.

Nomination Forms for the 2010-2011 Council are included in the Welcome Package. Anyone wishing to be a voting member of this year's Council should complete and return this form to the Council mailbox in the main office by Friday September 17th.

### NUT ALERT

There are a number of students with allergies to nuts and nut products. These allergies are potentially life threatening; even the smell of nut products can trigger a reaction. As a result, students are asked not to bring any foods containing nuts or nut products to the school as part of their lunches and snacks. Please read labels carefully before sending something with your child to the school.

### LATE SLIPS – WHEN AND WHY ARE THEY NEEDED?

Teachers take attendance twice a day – first thing in the morning and right after lunch. If students don't arrive before the national anthem in the morning or before 12:50pm after lunch, they must go to the office and get a late slip before going to their classroom. Late slips do not mean that a student is in trouble. They simply let the office know that a child is safe at school, even if a teacher has already marked them absent. Problems arise when a child doesn't get a late slip because then there's no record that he/she is at school. We want to avoid unnecessary concern and panic of parents being called and told their child is not at school when they are!

**If your child isn't going to be at school, call the Absence Line (416-393-9575; press "1").** State your child's name, classroom number, how long your child will be away and the reason why.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with the kindergarten and grade one snack program. Volunteers are needed for 30 minutes in the morning or afternoon. If you are able to assist us, please let the main office know as soon as possible.

## Upcoming Events

### CURRICULUM NIGHT & SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Curriculum Night will be held Thursday September 23rd from 6:45-8:00 pm. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, see the classroom, learn about grade expectations and the class routines. Before the classroom activities start, Mr. Kelly will introduce the teachers in the gym at 6:45pm and then the school Community Council elections take place. The election only lasts a few minutes and then parents head off to the classrooms.

Curriculum Night is an informative evening for you to learn more about your child's education and what they do each day at school. If you require specific information about your child's progress please make arrangements with the teacher for a mutually convenient time to meet privately. Curriculum Night is not intended for parents to discuss their child's progress.

### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS

We hold 6 to 8 movie nights each year in the gym (Friday evenings), complete with popcorn, pizza and drinks. They're an inexpensive way to take the family out for a movie so bring your blanket and pillow and enjoy the show! Keep your eye out for details of our first feature this year. Please note that children must remain accompanied by an adult 18 years or over at these events.

**The next movie night will be on Friday September 24th featuring Toy Story 3.**

### PIZZA LUNCHES

A treat for the students and a break from making lunch once a month! The forms will be sent home shortly outlining the Pizza Lunch dates, choices and asking for volunteers.

## Fundraising

### SUPPERWORKS

Eat well and raise money for Wilkinson! SupperWorks is a fun and convenient way to get nutritious, tasty food on your table – without the time, hassle and mess! Even better, it is a fundraising activity for Wilkinson. When registering for a session at The Beach location, enter the charity code WPS and 4% of the gross proceeds will be donated to the school. Check out this month's menu at Supperworks here [www.supperworks.com](http://www.supperworks.com).

### MABEL'S LABELS

Most of us with kids are already familiar with Mabel's Labels. These labels are designed to deliver maximum durability and will withstand the dishwasher, microwave and UV rays for years to come. Best of all they are perfect for labelling students clothing, school and lunch bags. Very helpful when these end up in Lost & Found! Please support the fundraiser and visit the Wilkinson Mabel's Labels site: [www.wilkinson.mabel.ca](http://www.wilkinson.mabel.ca).

Note: Proceeds from these fundraisers support a variety of Council initiatives. More information can be found within the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Council. These were made available in June 2010 newsletter and online at [www.digitaljive.com/wilkinsonschoollnewsletter/assets/wilkinsonnewsletter.june2010.pdf](http://www.digitaljive.com/wilkinsonschoollnewsletter/assets/wilkinsonnewsletter.june2010.pdf).

## Community News

### PARENT/CAREGIVER DROP-IN

St. David's Anglican Church (the red brick building in the block just south of the school – 49 Donlands Avenue) is planning to offer a weekly drop-in for parents/caregivers in the community beginning in September 2010. It is hoped that this will be run cooperatively with a group of parents from our school. St. David's is hoping to recruit 8 or 9 local parents or nannies willing to help run the drop-in. The purpose of this program is to reduce the stress and isolation of at-home care-giving and to build a stronger network of relationships between people in the community. The drop-in would provide an opportunity for Wilkinson and other local parents and caregivers to relax and talk together, with coffee, tea and healthy snacks provided, as well as toys for preschool children to play with.

Whether you are interested in helping run this program – or would just like to attend – please email [st.davids\\_dropin@digitaljive.com](mailto:st.davids_dropin@digitaljive.com) to indicate your interest.

### CANADA SINGS!

Neighborhood Singalongs-Riverdale will take place on the second Tuesday of each month throughout September 2010 to June 2011. For the experienced, inexperienced and especially for those who were told they cannot sing! Bring a friend or your whole family – all ages are welcome. All Singalongs are free. See their website for more information: [www.canadasings.ca](http://www.canadasings.ca).

## Important Dates

### SUN. SEPT. 5TH

Laylat al-Qadr

### TUES. SEPT. 7TH

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

### WED. SEPT. 8TH

Rosh Hashanah begins

### FRI. SEPT. 10TH

Eid al-Fitr

### MON. SEPT. 13TH

Parent Council Meeting – 7pm (child care provided)

### FRI. SEPT. 17TH

Yom Kippur begins

Parent Council Election Nominations due – drop off at Front Office

### THUR. SEPT. 23RD

Sukkot begins

Curriculum Night

Parent Council Election

### FRI. SEPT. 24TH

Movie Night featuring Toy Story 3

Doors open at 6.30pm

Movie starts at 7pm

### WED. SEPT. 29TH

Shemini Atzeret begins

### THURS. SEPT. 30TH

Simchat Torah begins



**MOVIE NIGHT**  
**FRIDAY SEPT 24TH**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM**  
PIZZA, POPCORN, COOKIES & DRINKS  
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE

# WILKINSON NEWSLETTER

SEPT. 2010

## DANDYLION DAYCARE VACANCY

We currently have two spaces available in our After School Program. This program is fully supervised by a fabulous Registered Early Childhood Educator.

### Program Outline;

- For students in grades 4-6
- Hours of operation-3:30 pm -6:00 pm
- We offer care 5 days a week but are closed on PA days, Winter Holidays, March Break and summer. We only operate when school is open!
- Cost is \$273.00 monthly
- Nutritious snacks
- Homework program
- Science experiments, creative art projects, social games, outdoor fitness
- This program also encourages independence as many of the students will be on their own after grade 6. We assist in the "walking home alone" program.

For more information or details please call  
Karen Anthony at Dandy Lion 416-469-0091  
or email [dandy lion@bellnet.ca](mailto:dandy lion@bellnet.ca)

## 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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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new principal of Wilkinson Public School. My name is Allan Kelly and I come to you having spent the last 10 years as the principal of Morse Street Public School. I have heard nothing but wonderful things about the students, staff, parents and community here at Wilkinson and am really excited about the opportunity to serve as your principal. I look forward to embracing new initiatives, providing a balanced program of curricular and extra-curricular activities and creating a safe and positive learning environment. My first order of business will be to establish a safe and caring schools committee that will consist of parents, staff and students. My highest priority will be the safety of all students in the building. I welcome your questions and concerns at any time and look forward to working you as partners in the education of your child.

Sincerely,  
Allan Kelly

## Welcome Back!

The Wilkinson School Community Council extends a warm welcome to all new and returning Wilkinson parents as we head into another school year.

To start the year off we thought it might be helpful to provide an overview of the school's daily schedule. We've also included other important dates and reminders. If you have any questions for the school council feel free to contact us through our website ([www.digitaljive.com/wilkinsonschoo](http://www.digitaljive.com/wilkinsonschoo)) or leave a note in the Council mailbox in the main office and someone will be in touch with you.

### WILKINSON'S SCHOOL DAY

**8:30am – First bell.**

Teachers begin supervising the schoolyard.

**8:45am – Second bell.**

Students in grades 1 to 6 line up in the schoolyard to enter the school. Teachers let them into the school. Note: Kindergarten students are brought to directly to their classrooms by their caregivers.

**8:50am – Official start of the school day.**

**8:53am – National anthem and announcements.**

Teachers have taken attendance by this time, so students arriving after the national anthem starts must stop by the office for a late slip. Otherwise, the office staff may phone parents as a part of the Safe Arrival Program confirming the student's absence.

**10:10-10:20am – Morning recess.**

Kindergarten has recess separately, at times determined by the classroom teachers.

**11:20am – End of morning Kindergarten classes.**

Caregivers meet students at the classroom door.

**11:30am – Lunch begins.**

If possible students are encouraged to eat lunch at home. If this option is not available, the small lunchroom is for grades 1-3 and the large lunchroom is for grades 4-6. There are four lunchroom attendants. In the small lunchroom, all the children have until noon to finish their lunches before going outside with an attendant. In the large lunchroom, children can go outside on their own once they've finished eating. At least one attendant will be outside with them. There are activities for children who choose to stay inside. On extremely cold or rainy days, all students have to stay inside. Watch for more information about milk sales and pizza lunches.

**12:30pm – Bell rings.**

Teachers take over from the lunchroom attendants to supervise the schoolyard.

**12:45pm – Bell rings.**

Students line up and have 5 minutes to enter the school.

**12:50pm – Start of the afternoon.**

**2:05-2:20pm – Afternoon recess.**

Kindergarten has recess separately, at times determined by the classroom teachers.

**3:15pm – End of afternoon Kindergarten classes.**

Caregivers meet students at the classroom door.

**3:30pm – Official end of the school day.**

Depending on the location of the classroom, students will exit from the north or south doors.

**Important:** The parking area in front of the school is reserved for school buses, so please do not park there. Also, idling is not permitted in front of the school.

If you have any questions about the school day, feel free to contact the school office or speak to your child's teacher.



A few Wilkinson kids happy to be back on the first day of school.



Grade 1 students are happy with the new windows.