

sports update

There was an incredible turnout for the badminton team. Mr. Low and Ms. Pashby thank all 80 students who tried out and are looking forward to a great season with our first home games having taken place March 25th and April 1st.

Finally, we look forward to our next House League at Wilkinson. We will soon be setting up teams for Ultimate Frisbee and expect over one hundred students to participate in our lunch hour games.

recent event

Thanks to Paula Weekes-Kahn, Susan Haney and Jill Spellman for organizing another successful Wil-Kitchen on March 12th! It was a great evening preparing, cooking and tasting authentic West Indian dishes, including fish-cakes, peas & rice and vegetable rundown with salt fish.



If you weren't able to attend this one, you'll have another chance at the end of May when we get together to prepare dishes for our international food booth at the Fun Fair!

Children's Clothes Needed!

Along with bringing "May flowers", April Showers bring many "soakers" in the school yard!

It's not comfortable for kids to spend the day in wet clothing so if you have any extra socks or winter/spring clothes (sizes 6 to 10) that your kids have grown out of, they would be greatly appreciated.

They can be dropped off at the main office. You may also wish to have an extra pair of socks in your child's back pack at this time of year!

contact us

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

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principal's message

March break is now behind us and we're into the home stretch. Spring has finally arrived and the days are getting longer and warmer with a variety of new activities for the students at Wilkinson. A reminder that second term report cards will go home on Monday, March 30th with interviews on the following Thursday evening and Friday morning (which is a P.A. day and therefore there will be no school).

A number of our classes will be walking to Frankland Community School on April 30th where we have been invited to watch their performance of "Alice in Wonderland".

There have been some recent staffing changes at Wilkinson. Regrettably, Mr. Kechnie left the school at March Break for personal reasons. We are however, pleased to welcome Sam Katsuras as our new phys. ed. teacher. He brings an extensive background in sports and physical activity to the school and we are confident that he will continue to provide us with an excellent program.

Finally, the planning for Wilkinson's Fun Fair is underway. This is the school council's biggest fundraising effort of the year, and a great chance for families to come out, eat well and have fun with your school community.

As always, please call Ms. Watt or myself at the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Tanya Sterioff
principal

important dates

- Fri. Apr. 3:** P.A. Day (No school)
- Mon. Apr. 6:** TDSB Music Festival Jr. Choir
- Tues. Apr. 7:** TDSB Music Festival Primary Choir
- Fri. Apr. 10:** Good Friday (no school)
- Mon. Apr. 13:** Easter Monday (no school)
- Wed. Apr. 15:** Storytelling Festival
- Fri. Apr. 17:** Movie Night 6pm in the Gym
- Mon. Apr. 20:** Council Meeting* 7pm in the Staff Room
- Wed. Apr. 29:** Spring Concert Primary 6pm; Junior 7pm
- Sat. May 30:** Fun Fair - 11am to 3pm

* child care provided

Want to volunteer @ Wilkinson?

Email us at:
WilkinsonVolunteers@gmail.com

We will match you up with a volunteer activity. There are so many to choose from!

important info

Earth Rangers are coming to Wilkinson!

Wednesday April 8th

Earth Rangers are an innovative charitable organization who aim to inspire children to build a better, greener future. They combine kids' passion for animals and the environment with their love of entertainment, to engage and motivate millions of children.

The Earth Rangers' presentations will take place on Wednesday, April 8th in the gym. Grades 1-3 will have a presentation from 10:30 to 11:20am and grades 4-6 will have a presentation from 1:00 to 1:50pm. If you like, you can familiarize yourself by visiting <http://www.earthrangers.org/en-us/OurPrograms/SchoolShows/Overview.aspx> before the visit.

Storytelling @ Wilkinson

We're having a Storytelling Bee on **Wednesday, April 15th!** Students will be telling stories throughout the day. Parents are welcome to join us at this event which will feature around 100 of our students. Further details will be sent home before the event.

We will also be holding an evening Storytelling Bee on **Thursday, May 7th** from 6:00 to 7:00pm. It will start in the gym promptly at 6:00pm with some stories from students, followed by further storytelling in smaller groups within classrooms. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us in celebrating all of the stories the students have been gathering over the last few months.

Movie Night - REMINDERS

To ensure a safe enjoyable evening for all, here are some important reminders we'd like to share with parents about movie nights at Wilkinson:

- As with all school events, Wilkinson's code of conduct applies and everyone who attends is expected to display these behaviours.

- Children, regardless of what grade they are

in, must be accompanied by an adult. This is not a "drop off" event and children arriving at the door without an adult (at least 18 years of age) will not be permitted to enter.

- Just like at the movie theatre, everyone is to stay seated for the movie; if kids become restless, parents can bring them out to the area outside the gym (Note: the back of the gym is not intended to be a play area during the movie.)

- Attendees are responsible for cleaning up after themselves - Garbage and recycling bins are always in and outside the gym. Any spills should be reported to one of the parent volunteers right away so that they can be mopped up.

- It is a parent's responsibility to be familiar with the content and rating of the movie being shown. We endeavour to show a variety of movies - rated either "G" or "PG" - that appeal to both younger and older Wilkinson students so it is up to parents to determine whether a particular movie is appropriate for their child(ren).

Movie Nights are a school council initiative intended bring the Wilkinson community together while at the same time, raising some money to support activities for Wilkinson students. These evenings are put on by parent volunteers who ask for your cooperation in their continued success. Volunteers are always needed for these nights! If you are interested please leave a message at the school for Susan Haney or send an email to: WilkinsonVolunteers@gmail.com.

Movie Night

THE INCREDIBLES

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Doors open at 6:00pm

Come as your favourite superhero!

arts & music

Wilkinson Choirs

Congratulations to the Junior Choir who sang beautifully at the Chester Invitational Choral Festival! This was a non-competitive event. Both the Primary Choir and Junior Choir will be attending the TDSB Choral Festival at Winston Churchill Collegiate Institute (2239 Lawrence Avenue E. just west of Warden) as follows:
Junior Choir: Mon., April 6, 10:00-11:30am
Primary Choir : Tues., April 7, 10:00-11:30am

The Spring Concert will be held on Wednesday, April 29th:

6:00-6:45pm: Primary Spring Concert featuring Kindergarten to grade 3 students.

7:00-8:00pm: Junior Spring Concert featuring Grade 4-6 students, Band, Strings, Junior Choir and Orff Ensemble.

fundraising

Wilkinson Sweatshirts

Orders due April 10th!

Just a reminder to get your order in for your Wilkinson sweatshirt(s)! They are available in both youth and adult sizes and are ideal to wear for Spirit Days, school events, field trips or when you're simply lounging around!

If you have misplaced or not received your order form, you can download one from our Web site at www.wilkinsonschoool.ca. Details and sizing information are on the form. They cost \$30 each (Adult XXL is \$35). Orders will be shipped within 2 weeks and will be sent home with students. Samples can be available to try on the week of April 6th. If you are interested, please email us at wilkinsonparents@yahoo.ca to make arrangements.

Please make cheques payable to "Wilkinson Parent Council".

Fun Fair

Saturday May 30, 2009 - Mark your calendar!

As Ms. Sterioff said, the Fun Fair is our biggest fundraiser of the year, with a great selection of outdoor games and events, our Xtreme Makeover tent complete with hairwraps and Mendhi, and of course fabulous food from around the world. Old favourites will also be back, including Loonieland, Dream Baskets, and a Silent Auction. This year it will be held on Saturday May 30th from 11:00am to 3:00pm.

How can you help?

Whether you can attend a meeting, spend a couple of hours organizing before the big day, or donate an item, we would love to have your help.

Currently we're looking for:

- Donations for the Silent Auction. Be creative! Can you donate a couple of hours to help someone clean out their basement? Or how about a cooking lesson or pet walking? Sarah-Jane Gillespie is coordinating the silent auction so if you are interested in providing a service or item, call the school at 416-393-9575 and leave a message or email WilkinsonVolunteers@gmail.com and she will contact you.

- Items for Loonieland (a prize every time!). We welcome any unwanted new or gently used items that may be taking up valuable space at home. On Fun Fair day, each item will be tagged with a number and for a dollar, kids draw a number and win the corresponding prize. Items can be dropped off on Friday mornings until May 29th in the room above the main office.

Please keep your eye out for a separate flyer on this year's themes for the Dream Baskets. A Fun Fair package will also be coming home closer to event day. As always, we need a lot of people to volunteer on the day of the event - parents, staff and high school students all welcome! If you or anyone you know is interested in helping out, send an email to WilkinsonVolunteers@gmail.com or leave a message at the office.