



1 Safety

Cyberpals are strangers. Never meet a cyberpal face-to-face without taking a responsible adult with you. Never give out your personal identity information unless a responsible adult says you can.

2 Manners

Be a good cyber citizen. Understand your school's Acceptable Use Policy. Copying information from a Web site and pretending it's yours, is plagiarism. Downloading or sharing copyright protected software without the owners' permission is stealing.

3 Advertising

Learn to recognize online advertisements. Protect yourself, your family and friends by not giving any private identity information to any Web site without first asking permission of a responsible adult.

4 Research

Smart searching includes trying more than one search site and more than one keyword. Find out how to identify high-quality Web sites. Ask your teacher or librarian to help you find the best information on the Web or in books.

5 Technology

Cyberspace connects real people and information around the world. Remember to keep your passwords private. Ask your family to use a firewall and anti-virus software to protect your computer and files.

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principal's message

Welcome back to the second term of school at Wilkinson. Things are moving at a brisk pace with a number of activities scheduled for February.

We will be registering children for the 2008/2009 school year on **February 19th, 20th and 21st from 9:00-11:30am**. Children born in 2004 are eligible for enrolment in Junior Kindergarten for September 2008.

If you are living in the Wilkinson P.S. District, have a child attending Dandy Lion Daycare, or currently have an older sibling attending Wilkinson, please call the school at 416-393-9575 for an appointment to register your child.

To register you will need to bring the following:

1. Proof of Birth – Birth Certificate, Passport or Immigration Documents.
2. Child's Ontario Health Card
3. Immunization Record
4. Proof of Home Address – 2 pieces (Driver's License, Telephone Bill, Hydro Bill, Lease, Bank statement)

We look forward to meeting with many parents during this time.

Tanya Sterioff
principal

attention parents!

We need your input...

The School Council is putting together an information booklet geared to parents new to Wilkinson. Is there anything you wish you'd known about the school from the start? For example, its routines, its layout, its operation? What information would you give a new parent? Is there anything you think still needs spelling out? Let us know!

Please contact us with your suggestions at wilkinsonparents@yahoo.ca or call Carol Bennett at 416-465-4157 before March Break. We hope to have this booklet published by May for the Open House. Thanks!

lunch bag program

We are about to pilot a lunchroom program which will strive to "save the lunch containers" in the school. The School Council has purchased a number of large IKEA bags for the school. These bags will be brought to the lunchroom every day. When children finish their lunch, they will put their container into the appropriate bag where it will remain for the duration of the lunch hour. At 12:45, two students will be responsible for returning the IKEA bags to the classroom. Hopefully this program will help to reduce the number of lunch bags that are lost in the yard on a regular basis.

important dates

- Thursday Feb. 7:** Lunar New Year Parade
- Friday Feb. 8:** 100-day celebrations
- Movie Night:
Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium – Doors open at 6:00pm
- Monday Feb. 11:** Council Meeting – 7:00pm; childcare provided
- Thursday Feb. 14:** Sweetheart Sale – morning recess and lunch hour
- School-wide lice check
- Friday Feb. 15:** P.A. Day – No school
- Monday Feb. 18:** Family Day – No school
- Thursday Feb. 21:** Young Authors Festival – 9:00am in the gym
- Every child in the school will publish a book for this event and we will kick off the celebration with an assembly with a “reading” from each class.
- Thursday Feb. 28:** Pizza lunch (for those students who pre-registered & paid)

Sweetheart Sale

Thursday, Feb. 14

Morning recess and lunch time at rm. 3



Donations of baked goods would be appreciated. Just bring them to rm. 3

on the morning of the sale.

Please, no nut products.

sports & clubs

Our **Floor Hockey Houseleagues** are well underway. We have 8 teams playing almost every lunch hour in the gym. It has been extremely popular with the students and staff.

Our **Comic Book/Graphic Novel Club** has a dedicated and enthusiastic membership. They recently went on a field trip to the local Comic Book store (at Greenwood and Danforth) and spoke to the owner. He has generously offered to give the students 25% off any purchases when they come on any other visits with their teacher(s). If anyone is interested in taking a look at the merchandise they can browse the following link: www.comicsnmore.ca/home.php

internet safety

Students are using computers more and more both at home and at school for many different purposes. How aware are you about where your child visits whilst using the internet?

If you feel you need information on how to encourage safe, useful and responsible use of the internet at home, please visit the new parent resources section of the school webpage. There are links there that can provide guidance on keeping your child safe while using the computer.

Here are just a few of these sites, so please take a few moments to review some of them.

www.netsmartz.org/netparents.htm
<http://pbskids.org/license/>
www.media-awareness.ca/english/games/
www.staysafeonline.info

Ms. Found has provided a poster with helpful tips (see back page).

Visit our Website

www.wilkinsonschoo.ca

We have been updating and making enhancements to our website – check it out! Feel free to send your comments and feedback through “Contact Us”.

frequently asked question

Q: Does Wilkinson have a safety plan and procedures?

A: Yes. Wilkinson's safety committee (members of Wilkinson's teaching staff) developed the following safety plan:

- Six fire Drills are conducted each year
- Two meetings are held each year regarding lockdown procedures
- All JK/SK/Grade 1 students are located on the main floor and have access to washrooms on that floor.
- Monitors and cameras are installed and located to monitor the main entrance and main floor
- Students always leave classrooms in pairs
- All doors except Main Entrance are locked and a “Fob” access system has been installed.
- All staff have access to Walkie-Talkies when on duty or in the yard with their class so they can communicate with other staff and the office.
- All staff are trained in Tribes (a process that develops inclusion (caring and support), influence (meaningful participation) and community (positive expectations))
- Partnerships with School Community Liaison Officer and Community Response
- Annual Safe Schools Audit is conducted as mandated by the Ministry
- Sign in process for visitors to the school
- Safe Arrival Program – both mornings and afternoons.

Also, Wilkinson staff and the Council's Health & Safety Committee are reviewing the school's Code of Conduct and will update if necessary.

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library news

Have you had chance to visit our school library webpage yet? If not here is the address: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/libraries/links.asp?schooID=5282>

There is a newly re-designed resource on this site just for parents! You can find the button on the main toolbar called “Parent Resources”. This page is full of useful links to homework help sites, curriculum documents, family health and many more.

reducing paper

In order to save close to 200 sheets of paper being sent out each month for the Wilkinson newsletters and other office handouts, we have compiled a list of the youngest member of each family in the school. Starting in March we will be distributing school newsletters to those children only in an effort to conserve paper and streamline the current process. You can also visit our website to view/print a pdf version of the newsletter.

contact us

Have an article to contribute to the newsletter? Interested in helping out? Compliments? Go to our Web site at www.wilkinsonschoo.ca or leave a message at (416) 393-9575. Thank you to this month's contributors: Julie Found, Alison Motluk, Tanya Sterioff **Editor:** Carol Bennett **Design/Layout:** Kim Diamond

WANTED

Pizza lunch coordinator(s)

Sunny Mills has been coordinating the pizza lunches for the last few years. As this is Sunny's last year at Wilkinson, we're looking for another parent volunteer or group of parents to take on this activity starting next year. For more information about this opportunity, send us an email at wilkinsonparents@yahoo.ca, speak to a council member or leave a message at the school. Sunny will provide training to anyone who's interested!