

CALENDAR 2006

MAY

- 1-5: Wilkinson Art Gallery (closes at noon on 5th)
- 4: Open House
- 8: Isis & the Seven Scorpions: COC
- 9: Council Meeting
- 14: Mother's Day
- 22: Victoria Day
- 23: EQAO Testing Commences
- 24: Track & Field
- 25: Track & Field
- 26: Pizza lunch
- 27: Fun Fair

JUNE

- 9: EQAO Testing Ends
- 12: Council Meeting
- 13: Volunteer Tea
- 18: Father's Day
- 22: Awards Assembly
- 23: Play Day
- 26: Report Cards
- 27: Graduation
- 28: Last Day of School

CONTACT US



Have an article to contribute to the newsletter? Interested in helping out?

Compliments?

Contact us through our website at

www.wilkinsonschooll.ca or leave a message at (416) 393-9575.

Thank you to this month's contributors:

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SATURDAY, MAY 27

10:30AM TO 2:30PM

- Dunk Tank • Wacky Maze • Kiddie Motor Cars
- Pre-school Train • Tug of War • Sack Races
- Dream Baskets • Silent Auction • Karaoke
- Buck-a-Book Table • Loonieland • Games
- International Food Fair • Bake Sale • Contests
- Cookie Decorating • Hair Wraps & Mendhi

and so much more!

Bring the whole family for a day full of fun!
(Rain or shine!)

Help, please!

We would love to have your help. Contact April Moon at (416) 462-9719 or by email at moon.wallis@sympatico.ca for more information.

Currently we're looking for:

Donations for the Silent Auction. Susan Haney is coordinating this activity. If you are interested in providing a service or item, call her at (416) 901-5325 or email her at susanpbell@yahoo.ca.

Items for Loonieland. We welcome any new or gently used items that may be taking up valuable space at home. Items can be dropped off on Friday mornings in Room 56.

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COUNCIL NEWS



MEETING RECAP

The Wilkinson School Community Council met on April 10, 2006. Ms. Sterioff distributed Wilkinson's staffing model for the coming school year. It is the same as this year with the exception of an additional grade 1 class.

Ms. Sterioff also advised of a plan to reduce recess to 10 minutes and for school to start 5 minutes later and end 5 minutes earlier. (Update on April 20: Starting in September, on a trial basis, the morning recess will be 10 minutes and the afternoon recess will remain at 15 minutes.) With the addition of a mandated 20 minutes of moderate to vigorous exercise (on the days students do not have a regularly scheduled gym period) for the 2006/2007 school year, the children will still get ample daily exercise while keeping a focus on safe play.

Treasurer's report was deferred until the next Council meeting. No funding requests were received.

Committee updates were presented from:

- Greening and grounds (garbage in the Learning Garden has become a real problem),
- Communications (looking for ideas for the monthly newsletter), and
- Fundraising (Fun Fair activities well underway;

Pizza Lunches and Movie Nights still very popular; Pepsi is donating juices and water for Movie Nights and Fun Fair).

There was some discussion about having a volunteer recognition evening event as a thank you given that many parents can't make the Volunteer Tea held during the day each year. This item to be raised at the next meeting and discussed further.

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00pm in the staffroom on the second floor. Everyone is welcome to attend. Childcare will be available.

Dominion Save-a-Tape and Canadian Tire \$\$

Help raise money for the Council initiatives at Wilkinson! Collect your Dominion, Ultra Food & Drug, and A & P grocery tapes and send them in an envelope to the school.

No receipt is too small or too big.

Keep them coming!

We also are collecting Canadian Tire money! Send it in to the attention of the Fundraising Coordinator.

Every little bit helps!

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FAQ



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

Q: Who or what is Wilkinson School named after?

A: Our school was named after William Carr Wilkinson (1841-1927). W.C. Wilkinson was a native Torontonians who was appointed as Secretary to the Toronto Public School Board on November 4, 1874. He held this position until he retired in 1919. (Can you imagine being in the same job for 45 years?!) While his contributions were many, Mr. Wilkinson is remembered above all for his commitment to recording and preserving the history of education in Toronto. He took a lot of care over his forty-five year career to ensure that the history of his time with the Board and that of his predecessors was documented. His many contributions to the cause of public education were marked in 1915 when Wilkinson Public School was named in his honour. He died on May 26, 1927 in the same house he was born in at 121 Parliament Street.

UPCOMING EVENTS



ART GALLERY

May 1 - 5 in the Gym

Come and view the students' fabulous artwork. Parents can view the art show during school hours. On Wednesday May 3rd, the gallery will be open until 5:30pm.

OPEN HOUSE

May 4

Whether you're a parent whose child is starting at Wilkinson next year or a parent who has been around the school for awhile, you are welcome to attend Wilkinson's Open House. This is a great opportunity for you to talk to the staff and sit in on your child's class.

FUNDRAISING



HERB SALE

Once again, Wilkinson is proud to offer Richters herbs and plants as a school fundraiser. Pay regular retail prices, save the tax and support your school. All proceeds go to Wilkinson School Council initiatives.

PRE-ORDERS ONLY. This year, plants will NOT be for sale at the Fun Fair.

TO ORDER: Forms will be sent home with your child. Complete and return to the school by Friday, May 12, 2006. Please pay for your plants (cash or cheque to Wilkinson School Council) when you pick them up. Plants can be picked up the afternoons of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 16, 17, 18 in Room 3.

Know neighbours, friends or colleagues who want Richters plants? Add their order to yours or have them complete their own. Pick up additional forms from the bulletin board in the main hall of the school, or download from our website at www.wilkinsonschooll.ca

Questions? Contact Karen Geraci at (416)465-0827
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Pizza Lunch

Friday, May 27



**Last one of the
school year!**

**Look for the form
that will be sent
home with your child.**

RECENT EVENTS



"SCHOOL BOUND" BY THE BREADBOX THEATRE

April 13th



Wilkinson's primary students were whisked away on a whimsical journey when a breadbox opened into a small theatre and a menagerie of kitchen utensils came to life. This special breadbox contains a magical world inside, a blue sky and white clouds above and a house and school at each end. A kitchen helper, speaking only gibberish, makes the children feel part of the experience. A symphony of sounds – the sizzle of a pan, the plop of boiling porridge – leads our curious chef to a yam named Yamma.

Yamma's journey from home to school becomes a School Bound adventure complete with loud motorcycles (pizza slicers), road sweepers (hand beaters) and a menacing bully (potato masher). Yamma learns to cope with adversity and overcome obstacles as she arrives triumphantly at school. The breadbox is closed and young minds are opened to new ways of telling stories.

As Bianca Kapteyn, chair of the Council's Performing Arts Committee, summed it up: "Our little ones really enjoyed the show - it was a great way to introduce younger children to the wonders of theatre on a small scale."

"BEETHOVEN MEETS POLLOCK"

April 13th



Internationally renowned violinist Moshe Hammer and his son, visual artist Mike Hammer, brought music and art to Wilkinson's junior students in a brand new way. While Moshe played classical pieces by the masters, Mike created contemporary drawings and paintings.

"Beethoven Meets Pollock" teaches students about the relationship between art and music. Using language-based visual aids, students learn about concepts such as rhythm, mood, contrast, and dynamics. They are also exposed to a variety of art materials, art styles, and key artists as well as different music periods, pieces, and composers.

Students joined in with rhythms, played a game called "Guess that Tempo!", and answer concept related questions. For the finale, two lucky students created their own drawings to the music.

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