

arts & music

Wilkinson's Art Gallery - Not to be missed!
The Grand Opening of our annual Wilkinson Art Gallery will take place on Monday, May 5th. The Gallery will be open until Thursday, May 8th and will be dismantled on Friday, May 9th. Each Wilkinson student has prepared a piece for the Gallery. Parents are welcome and encouraged to come and view the artwork.

Taiko Drumming is a hit at Wilkinson!
"Boom, boom, boom" went the drums" is how Sairah in room 26 put it! She adds "For me, I don't know about anybody else, but really my heart heard the music. I know it sounds weird but it is true!" On April 7th, students of the Junior Division were treated to a Taiko Drum-

ming Performance that was met with rave reviews! Many students remarked on how powerful (loud!) it was but how beautiful the drums were and the incredible energy created by the drummers. The masks they wore and the funny stories they shared made it an entertaining event for all. As Kate in room 24 said "C'était passionnant et intéressant" and the students in room 23 "avons pensé que c'était très énergique et amusant".

Editor's Note: Thank you to all the students who wrote reviews for this performance. There were too many to print but your thoughtful comments were greatly appreciated!

This event was funded through the fundraising efforts of the Wilkinson School Council.



contact us

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

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principal's message

Spring finally feels like it's arrived and with it comes EQAO testing, the Art Gallery, Track & Field and the Fun Fair.

See the important dates section for the many things that will be happening at Wilkinson during May.

We will be having our Annual Open House on Thursday, May 8 from 9:00am-3:00pm for parents and potential parents to come and visit classrooms.

EQAO testing will begin on May 26th and run until June 4th. Grade 3 testing will take place from May 26-29 and Grade 6 testing will take place from May 30-June 4. As always, we will have snacks for those grade levels during testing times.

I know that parents are anxious to know what grades teachers will have next year. Here is a tentative overview of the staff model (pending any teacher moves) for the 2008/2009 school year:

JK/SK (am)	Katherine Wareham
JK/SK	Jackie Currie
JK/SK	Marianna Di Iorio
JK/SK (pm)	Lindsey Stelmanis
Gr. 1	Rachel Ault
Gr. 1	Chris Low
Gr. 1	Lata Gupta
Gr. 1/2	Lisa DiModugno
Gr. 2	Ruth Allen

Gr. 2	Helen Mangos
Gr. 3	Kally Nastos
Gr. 3	Chris Enticknap
Gr. 3	Marianne Bartkiw
Gr. 4	Tom Carrigan
Gr. 4	Adelia Cerqueira
Gr. 5	Ted Mahovlich
Gr. 5/6	Julie Pashby
Gr. 6	Jean Marc DePasqua
FI Gr. 4	Georges Essè
FI Gr. 5/6	Margaret Mahovlich
Phys. Ed.	Sarah Neudoerffer
Music	Batya Levy
Core French	Amanda Foley
Library	Julie Found
Special Ed.	Sean Cross, Lindsey Stelmanis, Andrew Beeton

If parents have requests for a specific teacher they should put their reasons in writing and deliver it to the school by Friday, May 16th. In addition, there will be a change in the school day at the kindergarten level. Next year the kindergarten students will begin as usual however they will end at 11:20 in the morning and 3:15 in the afternoon.

Tanya Sterioff
principal

sports & clubs

The Wilkinson Track and Field Meet will take place on Thursday, May 15th (and, if need be, the morning of Friday, May 16th). Please ensure that your child comes to school that day prepared to spend it outdoors.

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important dates

Sun., May 4:	Garden prep at Wilkinson 9:00am (spreading mulch!)
Mon., May 5:	Fun Fair Meeting – Room 3 at 6:30pm
Thurs., May 8:	Open House – 9:00-11:15am & 1:00-3:00pm
Sat., May 10:	Wilkinson Garden Clean Up 10:00am-1:00pm
Mon., May 12:	Council Meeting – 7:00pm childcare provided
Thurs., May 15:	Track & Field Day
Mon., May 19:	Victoria Day – No School
Thurs., May 29:	Pizza lunch Wil-Kitchen family cooking evening – 6:30pm
Sat., May 31:	Fun Fair (rain or shine!) 11:00am to 3:00pm
Mon., June 9:	Council Meeting and AGM at 6:30pm
Tues., June 10:	Volunteer Breakfast starting at 8:15am
Fri., June 13:	Awards Assembly at 1:00pm
Tues., June 17:	Grade 6 boat cruise
Thurs., June 19:	Pizza lunch
Fri., June 20:	Play Day
Mon., June 23:	Report cards go home
Tues., June 24:	Graduation at 4:00pm
Wed., June 25:	Last Day of School

fun fair 2008

Saturday, May 31st 11:00am to 3:00pm – Rain or shine!

Well the big day is coming up – Make sure you have it marked in your calendar! Keep your eye out for the Fun Fair Package that will highlight all the activities for the day as well as how parents can help out.

Food for Fun Fair

We will be having a Wil-Kitchen cooking evening at the school on Thursday May 29th to prepare dishes for our food booth – sampling will definitely be permitted! We are also looking for parents to contribute dishes on the day of the event – we can never have too many samosas or rice dishes! Keep your eye out for a flyer with more information coming soon.

What we need from you!

- Donations for: LoonieLand, Silent Auction
- Your time – any amount of time you can give is valuable whether it's an hour at the Fun Fair or helping beforehand.
- Also, if you know of any high school students looking to fulfill their volunteer hours, please direct them to Karin Deane or April Moon at the numbers below or leave a message at the school at 416-393-9575.

Drop off information

There will be someone at the school on Friday mornings until Fun Fair to receive your donations for dream baskets, Loonieland and the Silent Auction.

This is a great opportunity to help your school, learn a new skill and connect with Wilkinson parents!

Contact:

Karin Deane (Volunteer Coordinator)
kadeane@sympatico.ca 416-462-8738
April Moon (Fun Fair Co-chair)
moon.wallis@sympatico.ca 416 462 9719

Alternatively, come to Room 3 on **Monday, May 5th @ 6:30-7:30pm** for a gathering of fun fair volunteers.

special event

Pep Rally coming to Wilkinson! Featuring Conrad Leinemann

Conrad is a former Olympian whose Pep Rally includes a motivational speech *“Follow Your Dreams, Surrounding Yourself with Greatness & Success Comes from Failure”*. There will also be a volleyball demonstration where Conrad plays against a team of teachers and a team of students! Since 1997, the Pep Rally has allowed Conrad the opportunity to inspire, educate and share his stories of the Olympic journey with young students.

Highlights of Conrad's athletic career include 1999 Pan American Games Gold Medallist, 2001 Francophone Games Gold Medallist, 2000 Olympic Team Member and 2002 National Beach Volleyball Champion.

field trip review

On Tuesday April 15th, room 13 went to the Sprockets Film Festival. It was pretty cool. We saw Svein and the Rat, a film from Norway. There were both happy and sad parts to the movie and that's what made the movie brilliant. It seems hard to train a real rat but they did a really great job of doing that. Because the movie was from Norway, there were English subtitles so we could understand it. Also, there was someone at the back of the theatre reading the subtitles into the microphone. Overall we had a great time and hope to go to Sprockets again next year!

Submitted by Ms. Bartkiw's class

greening & grounds

Calling all Wilkinson gardeners... Sunday May 4th & Saturday May 10th Rain or shine! We need your help the next couple of weekends to get Wilkinson's gardens and flowerbeds in shape – Green thumbs are optional!

On **Sunday, May 4th** we will be meeting at 9:00am to spread mulch. Please bring shovels, wheelbarrows and pails if you can and we'll meet in the learning garden located at the northwest corner of the school.

On **Saturday May 10th** we will meet at 10:00am continue our efforts in the gardens.

Kids are more than welcome so feel free to make this a family affair! Please contact John Hykel at 416-461-2356 or john62@sympatico.ca if you'd like more information.

attention parents

Do you think that parents should be involved in the Principal/Vice-Principal selection process? TDSB's Parent Involvement Advisory Committee wants to hear from you!

Thursday May 8th at 7:00pm at Jarvis CI in the Library (495 Jarvis St.). Refreshments will be provided at 6:30pm.

For registration, interpretation or child-minding, please call 416-397-3529 or email liliana.margarita@tdsb.on.ca or outreach@tdsb.on.ca. Indicate that you will be attending the May 8th session.

Parent Forum: Children & Their Mental Health Tuesday May 6th from 6:30 to 9:30pm

Rosedale Heights School of the Arts in the Cafeteria, 711 Bloor St. East (Castle Frank subway)

Presenter: Susan Hess, President of Parents for Children's Mental Health

- Recognizing signs of emotional stress in your children?
- What can you do about it?
- Getting involved in children's mental health advocacy

Call 416-397-3205 if you would like to attend.