

## sports & clubs

### Sports Update

Our Track and Field Day will take place at Wilkinson for grades 4, 5 and 6 on Tuesday May 5th with a rain date of Wednesday May 6th. Please make sure your child comes to school ready to participate in track and field events.

Congratulations to the badminton team who were undefeated in their regular season play and made it to the quarter finals. Keep up the great work!

Thank you to all of the girls who tried out for this year's soccer team. The girls play their first home game on Monday May 4th. Come and cheer them on!

### Skipping Club

Skipping Club for grades 1-6 will be starting Monday May 4th. It will be held every Monday at noon in the school yard with Ms. Whitfield and Ms. DiModugno.

## contact us

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

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## faq

### Frequently Asked Question

**Q:** What is EQAO testing?

**A:** On May 25th Wilkinson students in grades 3 and 6 will commence the province-wide EQAO testing, including students in French Immersion (the tests will be in English). All public school students in Ontario must write these tests. EQAO stands for Education, Quality and Accountability Office. This office was established to certify that our public schools are meeting the reading, writing and mathematics expectations of the Ontario Curriculum.

#### What if my child is sick on testing day?

EQAO testing is mandatory for all public school students however exemptions can be granted under special circumstances. Parents need to speak to the school principal if, for any reason, they feel their child cannot write the tests. If a child is away on an EQAO test day, the principal will make arrangements for the child to make up the test but all testing must be completed within the second test week.

#### When do parents see the results?

The tests are marked during the summer and results returned in the fall. Results are reported for school boards and each school. Every child tested will receive an Individual Student Report that assists parents in determining if their child needs extra help to learn and to meet the curriculum expectations. The EQAO tests are NOT part of a child's report card and do not reflect all of their abilities.

## DATE CHANGE

### Pizza Lunch

**The Pizza Lunch date for May has changed to Thursday May 21st for those who have pre-paid.**

# WILKINSON NEWSLETTER

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## principal's message

If it's May, we must be heading into Education Week and again this year we have some fabulous activities for it including our student Art Gallery, an evening Telling Bee and our annual Open House. Be sure to read on for more information about these upcoming events and when parents and guardians are invited to attend.

We have just completed our staffing model for the 2009-2010 school year. The following is a tentative list of regular classroom teaching assignments for next year:

JK/SK (all day)	Katherine Wareham
JK/SK (all day)	Jackie Currie
JK/SK (all day)	Rachel Ault
JK/SK (p.m.)	Stacey Gitlin
Gr. 1	Chris Low
Gr. 1	Lindsey Stelmanis
Gr. 1	Marianne Bartkiw
Gr. 2	Ruth Allen
Gr. 2	Helen Mangos
Gr. 2	Tom Carrigan
Gr. 3	Kally Nastos
Gr. 3	Chris Enticknap
Gr. 4	Adelia Cerqueira
Gr. 4/5	Ted Mahovlich
Gr. 5/6	Mike Banton
Gr. 5/6	Jean-Marc DePasqua
Gr 4 Ext. Fr.	Margaret Mahovlich
Gr 5/6 Fr. Imm.	Georges Essé

As noted, this list is still tentative at this point and will be finalized at the end of May. There are also a couple of dates I'd like to make note of: There is no school on Monday

May 18th as it is Victoria Day, and the Pizza Lunch date for May has changed to Thursday May 21st for those who have pre-paid.

If you have any questions regarding the above or any other matter, please do not hesitate to call Ms. Watt or myself at the school.

*Tanya Sterioff*  
*principal*

## important dates

- May 4-7:** Art Gallery
- Tues. May 5:** Track & Field for gr. 4, 5 & 6 (May 6th rain date)
- Thurs. May 7:** Open House  
Telling Bee evening  
6:00pm in the gym
- Mon. May 11:** Council Meeting\*  
7pm in the Staff Room
- Mon. May 18:** Victoria Day - no school
- Thurs. May 21:** Pizza Lunch \*\*NEW DATE\*\*
- Sat. May 23:** Garden Party Pot Luck  
10am in the Learning Garden
- Mon. May 25:** EQAO testing commences
- Thurs. May 28:** Wil-Kitchen\*  
6pm in the Lunchroom
- Sat. May 30:** Fun Fair 11am-3pm

\* child care provided

## important info

### Education Week

May 4-8

Education Week is an annual event celebrated by school boards and schools across the province. It is a time for students, teachers and parents to celebrate teaching excellence and student achievement. The following events will be taking place at Wilkinson to mark education week:

### Art Gallery – All Week

The Grand Opening of Wilkinson's Art Gallery will take place on Monday May 4th at 12:15pm. Our students have worked very hard to create wonderful pieces of art for our annual Gallery. Their masterpieces will remain up for the duration of the week. We will even have an evening viewing on May 7th from 6:00-7:00pm for parents to come and admire the variety of art genres.

### Telling Bee – May 7th 6:00pm

We will also be holding an evening Telling Bee on May 7th. There will be about 80 students telling stories starting in the gym at 6:00pm. Please join us if you can. The Telling Bee is a whole school community event and we want to share our stories with as many people as we can! Remember to invite grandparents, aunts and uncles, friends and neighbours too!

### Open House – May 7th all day

Our Annual Open House will take place on Thursday May 7th. All parents are invited come and walk through the school to see what a typical day in the life of Wilkinson is like.

## Item Drop off

Friday Mornings for the month of May

Bring your donations for Dream Baskets, Loonieland and the Silent Auction to the room above the main office.

## arts & music

### James Hill visits Wilkinson!

On Monday April 20th James Hill, widely regarded as the world's best ukulele player, visited Wilkinson. He wowed grade 1, 2 and 3 students, teachers and parents with his playing. A small group of Wilkinson students, who have been learning the ukulele since January, played "Safari Song" (a James Hill composition) with James. Thanks to James Hill for taking the time to introduce the ukulele to Wilky students and a special thank you to Melanie Doane for organizing the event.



*James Hill, Melanie Doane  
and Wilkinson's ukulele players*

### Storytelling @ Wilkinson

The Wilkinson Telling Bee daytime event took place on Wednesday April 15th. It started with 11 confident student story tellers in the gym both in the morning and after lunch. The whole school was captivated by the stories. A special congratulations goes to Sophia, Ailie, Matthew, Imaan, Zainab, Jodie, Fatima, Helen, Logan, Mughees and Ruby for their performance in front of the whole school!

### Wilkinson Choirs

Congratulations to both the primary and junior choirs who performed incredibly well at the TDSB Music Festival at the beginning of April as well as treating their families to another

wonderful Spring Concert on April 29th. A big thank you to Ms. Levy for her time, talent and dedication to yet another outstanding year of music at Wilkinson!

## fundraising

### Fun Fair 2009

Saturday May 30, 2009.

11am - 3pm. 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.

### Food for Fun Fair

We will be having a Wil-Kitchen cooking evening at the school at 6pm on Thursday May 28th 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!

### 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. High school students can also fulfill volunteer hours by helping us out. Laura Bullard-Brezovsky is the volunteer coordinator and can be reached by sending us an email at [WilkinsonVolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:WilkinsonVolunteers@gmail.com),

## NEEDED

PC points!

Convert your PC points into gift cards that the Fun Fair committee can use to buy food for the Fun Fair. This will help to offset our major costs and raise more money for Parent Council initiatives! Just drop off the gift card (to the attention of the Fun Fair Committee) in the Parent Council mailbox in the main office.

through "Contact Us" on our Web site [www.wilkinsonschoool.ca](http://www.wilkinsonschoool.ca) or by leaving a message at the school at 416-393-9575.

### Drop off information

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

## upcoming events

### Garden Party Pot Luck

May 23rd 10:00am

Calling all gardeners and those of you who just enjoy spending time outdoors! We are going to have a Garden Party Pot Luck on Saturday May 23rd starting at 10:00am. This will be a project day to give the Learning Garden a good going over. There's lots to do and can always use more help. No gardening experience required. If you have any questions about this activity, please feel free to contact John Hykel at [john62@sympatico.ca](mailto:john62@sympatico.ca).

Hope to see you in the garden!

## WANTED

### PIZZA LUNCH COORDINATOR!

As part of the school council's annual fundraising efforts we have pizza lunches once a month for gr. 1-6 students.

We would like to continue these next year but need someone to take the lead on coordinating them.

If you would like more information or are interested please email: [WilkinsonVolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:WilkinsonVolunteers@gmail.com) or leave a message at the school at 416-393-9575.