

# WILKINSON NEWSLETTER

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## welcome back

The school council extends a warm welcome to all new and returning Wilkinson parents, as we head into another school year. To start the year off, we thought it might be helpful to provide an overview of the daily schedule. We've also included other important dates, reminders and information about our chocolate fundraiser. If you have any questions for the school council, feel free to contact us through our Web site ([www.wilkinsonschoool.ca](http://www.wilkinsonschoool.ca)) or leave a note in the parent mailbox in the main office and someone will be in touch with you.

### WILKINSON'S SCHOOL DAY

#### 8:30am – First bell.

Teachers begin supervising the schoolyard.

#### 8:45am – Second bell.

Students in grades 1 to 6 line up to enter the school. Teachers let them into the school. Note: JK/SK students are brought to directly to their classrooms by their caregivers.

#### 8:50am – Official start of the school day.

#### 8:53am – National anthem and announcements.

Teachers have taken attendance by this time, so students arriving after the national anthem starts must stop by the office for a late slip. Otherwise, the office staff may phone parents as a part of the Safe Arrival Program advising the student is absent.

#### 10:10-10:20am – Morning recess.

(JK/SK students have recess separately, at times determined by the classroom teachers.)

**11:20am – End of morning JK/SK classes.**  
Caregivers meet students at the classroom door.

#### 11:30am – Lunch begins.

The small lunchroom is for gr.1-3 and the large lunchroom is for gr.4-6. There are 4 lunchroom attendants. In the small lunchroom, all the children have until noon to finish their lunches before going outside with an attendant. In the large lunchroom, children can go outside on their own once they've finished eating. At least one attendant will be outside with them. There are activities for children who choose to stay inside. On extremely cold or rainy days, all students have to stay inside. Watch for more information about milk sales and pizza lunches.

#### 12:30pm – Bell rings.

Teachers take over from the lunchroom attendants to supervise the schoolyard.

#### 12:45pm – Bell rings.

Students line up and have 5 minutes to enter the school.

#### 12:50pm – Start of the afternoon.

#### 2:05-2:20pm – Afternoon recess.

(JK/SK will have recess separately, at times determined by the classroom teachers.)

#### 3:15pm – End of afternoon JK/SK classes.

Caregivers meet students at the classroom door.

#### 3:30pm – Official end of the school day.

Depending on the location of the classroom, students will exit from the north or south doors.

**Important:** The parking area in front of the school is reserved for school buses, so please do not park there. Also, idling is not permitted in front of the school.

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## upcoming events

### **CURRICULUM NIGHT & SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Curriculum Night will be held Thursday September 24th from 6:45-8:00 pm. This is an invitation to meet your child's teacher, see the classroom, learn about the grade expectations and the class routines. Before the classroom activities start, our principal will introduce the teachers in the gym at 6:45pm followed by school council elections. Parents are handed a ballot with the nominees on their way into the gym – the election only lasts a few minutes and then parents head off to the classrooms.

**Note:** Parents wishing to be a voting members of the 2009-2010 Council must complete a Nomination Form and return it to the school by Friday September 18th.

Curriculum Night is an informative evening for you to learn more about your child's education and what they do each day at school. If you require specific information about your child's progress please make arrangements with the teacher for a mutually convenient time to meet privately. Curriculum Night is not intended for parents to discuss their child's progress.

### **CHOCOLATE SALES ARE BACK!**

Each year, Wilkinson School Community Council launches a fundraising campaign to raise money for student activities and additional resources which are not covered by the school budget. In the past, fundraising has allowed us to pay for such things as field trips, school performances and special events for students in all grades throughout the school, JK - Gr. 6.

After taking a year off, we are re-introducing our World's Finest Chocolate Fundraising Campaign selling a limited number of Nut Free Variety Bars (made in a nut free facility). Students need parental permission to participate so we encourage you to review the chocolate sale order form in the Welcome package and return the completed permission form to the school by September 18th.

## important information

### **NUT ALERT**

There are a number of students with allergies to nuts and nut products that are potentially life threatening. Students are asked not to bring any foods containing nuts or nut products to the school as part of their lunches and snacks.

### **LATE SLIPS - WHEN AND WHY ARE THEY NEEDED?**

Teachers take attendance twice a day – first thing in the morning and again, right after lunch. If students don't arrive before the national anthem in the morning or before 12:50pm after lunch, they must go to the office and get a late slip before going to their classroom.

Late slips simply let the office know that a child is safe at school, even if a teacher has already marked them absent. Problems arise when a child doesn't get a late slip because then there's no record that he/she is at school. We want to avoid unnecessary concern and panic of parents being called and told their child is not at school when that's where they're thought to be!

If your child isn't going to be at school, call the Absence Line (416-393-9575; press "1"). State your child's name, classroom number, how long your child will be away and the reason why.

## important dates

- Mon., Sept. 14:** Council Meeting 7:00pm  
Staff rm on the 2nd floor
  - Fri., Sept. 18:** Chocolate order forms and council nominations due
  - Mon., Sept. 21:** Eid al Fitr. Ramadan ends
  - Thurs., Sept. 24:** Curriculum Night & School Council elections at 6:45 pm
  - Mon., Oct. 12:** Thanksgiving. No school.
  - Mon., Oct. 19:** Picture Day
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