

Fun Fair 2010

TOP TIPS

Keep an eye out for the Fun Fair information package that will be heading home soon. In the meantime, check out our tips to make the most out of your Fun Fair!

- **Note the time.** Event starts at 11am and ends at 3pm.
- **Buy your Food Tickets and Game Card early.** Avoid line ups to buy tickets later on!
- **3 places to play.** Games in the gym, Bouncy Castle in the field and Climbing Wall near the school. Plus, enjoy many free activities offered throughout the day.
- **Visit the International BBQ area.** Food is spectacular. Expect line ups but be assured that it's worth the wait!
- **Visit the Bake Sale area in Room 3.** Enjoy coffee and a treat while you submit your ballots for the Dream Baskets and peruse the Silent Auction items.
- **Be prepared for the Silent Auction.** Bring your cheque books...this year's auction is bigger than last year!
- **Don't forget loonies for LoonieLand.** This area always sells out early. Winner every time!
- **Sign up for the Double Dutch skip off.** First ever! Prize for the most successful skips.
- **Join in! Sign up to volunteer by emailing: FunFairVolunteers@hotmail.com.** Be sure to include name, telephone number and what area you're interested in!

SILENT AUCTION – Get Saving and Get Excited!

NEW THIS YEAR

Aircombat Zone - Tweens & Up Go Fly a Plane!
Artists Garden Co-Operative - Art Workshops
Black Creek Pioneer Village & Regional Conservation Parks
Bowmanville Zoo
Bushwood – Markham Golf
Deer Creek – Ajax Golf
Dukem (Ethopian)
Fight Club Martial Arts & Fitness Kids and Adults
Globe Bistro
Hockey Hall of Fame
Jimmy Cliff on July 19th – Reggae Legend
Legacy Cycling Studios (Coxwell/Danforth)
Lippert Music Centre (Pape)
Mad Science - Birthday Fun
Markham Green – Markham Golf
Melanie's Bistro (Coxwell/Danforth)
Sugar Me Up...-Spa (Coxwell/Danforth -East)
Sugar Moon - Spa (Coxwell/Danforth - West)

Sunset Grill (Coxwell/Danforth)
The Old Spaghetti Factory (Downtown)
Top Cuts - (Logan/Danforth)
Toronto Argonauts Pre-Season June
Toronto Blue Jay Tickets July 6th vs. Twins Behind Home Plate
U2 on July 3rd – Rogers Centre
Urban Nails - (Broadview/Danforth)
Wingrove Massage Therapy - (Pape)

RETURNING FAVOURITES

7 Numbers (Italian)
Baby Sitting - April Moon
Big Carrot (Organic Food)
Canada's Wonderland
Elite Music - Rock & Percussion Camps
Henna Planet
Leslie McLean - Hair Stylist
Luminato 2010
Mocha Mocha
Pegasus Dance Studio - Summer Camp
Silk Road (Asian)
Square Boy
Toronto FC tickets (July 24th vs. Dallas)
Treasure Island Toys
Yuk Yuk's

FUN FAIR WIL-KITCHEN – THURSDAY, MAY 27TH

Mark your calendars and plan to join us at 5:30pm in the large lunchroom on Thursday, May 27th!

This is the Fun Fair Wil-Kitchen cooking evening of 2010. Together we will prepare side dishes to sell at our food booth at the Fun Fair.

It's a great way to meet other Wilkinson families and support our Fun Fair while learning some new recipes. Child care will be provided but kids are welcome to participate if they are interested. There is no charge to attend.

Note: The large lunchroom is in the basement of the school. Enter through the front door and use the stairs in the middle of the school, not at the north or south ends of the school as these will be locked.

Important Info



OPEN HOUSE

New students registered to begin in September 2010 will get a chance to visit the school and find out what it is all about on Tuesday, May 4th between 9:00 – 11:00am and from 1:00 – 3:15pm.

TDSB PARENT SURVEY

As part of a Board process to improve parent engagement, a Parent Satisfaction Survey is being conducted across the TDSB. This is an opportunity for parents to provide feedback about our schools. The survey is available online in 22 languages until Friday, May 7th. It can be accessed at: www.tdsb.on.ca/parentsurvey.

TORONTO ISLAND NATURAL SCIENCE SCHOOL

Students from grades 5 and 6 visit the Island Natural Science School and participate in a variety of curriculum-linked activities. Lessons are developed to complement those being taught back in their classroom. Our students will be attending this program May 10th - 14th.

SWIMMING AT EARL GREY'S POOL (TUESDAYS FROM 4-5PM)

Earl Grey Sr. Public School's pool will offer an open recreational swim every Tuesday from 4:00-5:00pm. Kids 12 or older may come alone. Children under twelve must be accompanied by a responsible adult (16+). The upcoming dates are: May 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, along with June 1st, 8th.

The cost per swim is \$5 OR if you bring a friend the two of you can swim for \$6 - we call this the 'Bring a Loonie for a Loonie' special! Accompanying adults are free.

Access to the change rooms is from 3:45 to 5:15pm. There are no lockers, just cubbies so leave your valuables at home. There will be two lifeguards on duty and someone at the door to receive your swim fee. Enter Earl Grey (100 Strathcona Ave.) using the west-facing doors which open into the parking lot on the west side of the school. Head straight downstairs and you're there!

PIZZA LUNCH COLLECTION

For those who missed the collection period, it isn't too late to join! Completed forms and monies can be left with the Front Office staff marked to the attention of Laarni Portelli. Late submissions accepted until Friday, May 7th.

EQAO TESTING BEGINS

All students in Grades 3 and 6 will be participating in the EQAO's annual assessment in late May and early June. The assessments measure students' knowledge and skills in reading, writing and mathematics. For more information speak to your child's teacher.



MOVIE NIGHT
FRIDAY MAY 14TH
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM
PIZZA, POPCORN, COOKIES AND DRINKS
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE.

Important Dates

MON. MAY 3RD – FRI. MAY. 7TH

Art Show in Room 3
Art Show Open House on Tuesday, May 4th

TUES. MAY 4TH

Open House – New Registrations for 2010
(Refer to article)

THURS. MAY 6TH

Wilkinson Track and Field Meet

FRI. MAY 7TH

Ultimate Frisbee Tournament – Grade 5
Badminton Night – 6.30pm to 8.00pm in the gym
*Last day for Pizza submissions
*Last day to participate in the online Parent Satisfaction survey

MON. MAY 10TH

Fun Fair Meeting – 6pm (child care provided)
Parent Council Meeting – 7pm (child care provided)

MON. MAY 10TH – FRI. MAY 14TH

Toronto Island School – Grades 5-6 only

FRI. MAY 14TH

Movie Night featuring Ponyo
Doors open at 6:30pm Movie starts at 7.00pm

MON. MAY 17TH

Area Track and Field Meet @ Birchmount Stadium

TUES. MAY 18TH

Toronto Rock presentation – Grades 5-6 only
Folkfest 2010 – 6.30pm @ Lawrence Park Collegiate
*Rain date THURS. MAY 20TH

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Soccer Tournaments – Grades 5 & 6 (Boys at home / Girls away)

FRI. MAY 21ST

Yellow Fish Road presentation.
Ultimate Frisbee Tournament – Grade 5
Badminton Night – 6.30pm to 8.00pm in the gym

MON. MAY 24TH

Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL

THUR. MAY 27TH

Fun Fair Wil-Kitchen – 5.30pm – 9.00pm in the large lunchroom

FRI. MAY 28TH

Pizza Lunch

SAT. MAY 29TH

Fun Fair – 11.00am – 3.00pm

MON. MAY 31ST

EQAO tests begins – Grade 3 and 6 only

Arts & Music



YELLOW FISH ROAD

Yellow Fish Road is a nation-wide environmental education program designed and managed by Trout Unlimited Canada. The Yellow Fish Road program's goal is to help Canadians understand that storm drains are the doorways to our rivers, lakes and streams. Our students will have an onsite presentation on Friday, May 21st. For more information on this program visit: <http://www.yellowfishroad.org/>

FLYING CANOE REVIEW

Grades 3-6 viewed the presentation the Flying Canoe. Students in Room 20 completed reviews and clearly enjoyed several aspects of the show, particularly that it included French along with comedy, singing and dancing.

ANNUAL ART SHOW – DON'T MISS IT!

The Art Show opens on Monday, May 3rd and runs until Friday, May 7th @11:30. Each child from Wilkinson will have a piece of art on display in the show.

Everyone is welcome to attend both the ribbon cutting ceremony @ 12:15 on the 3rd and the Art Show open house on Tuesday May 4th.

DANCE CLUB

The Wilkinson Dance Club will be performing at Folkfest 2010 on Tuesday, May 18th at 6:30pm @ Lawrence Park Collegiate. On this evening, families will have the opportunity to see our students from Wilkinson, along with those from other schools, perform a number of dances learned this year.

Sports Update



WILKINSON TRACK AND FIELD MEET

The Wilkinson Track and Field Meet will take place on Thursday, May 6th (and, if need be, the morning of Friday, May 7th). Please ensure that your child comes to school that day prepared to spend it outdoors.

The Area Meet will take place at Birchmount Stadium on Monday, May 17th.

Other sporting events in May include:

ULTIMATE FRISBEE TOURNAMENT – MAY 7TH

Co-ed Grades 5 teams (at Wilkinson)

BOYS SOCCER - MAY 20TH

Grades 5 & 6 (at Wilkinson)

GIRLS SOCCER - MAY 20th

Grades 5 & 6 (at Gledhill Junior Public School)
Ultimate Frisbee Tournament – May 21st
Co-ed Grade 6 teams (at Wilkinson)

Online Communications

Our Web site: www.wilkinsonschoo.ca

Come and take a tour of our web site! Mark it as one of your online favourites and be sure to visit it regularly for upcoming dates, events and volunteering opportunities. It also contains general school and Council info, and other useful links. Click on Contact Us and drop us a line!

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.

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Wilkinson Newsletter



May 2010

Principal's Message

Wishing you a warm and happy springtime as we start the month. This is my first opportunity to thank the Wilkinson Community, staff, students, and parents for the warm welcome that I have received since I joined the staff on April 6th, 2010. It has been a delightful time of discovery for me as I have been visiting classes and greeting families at the front door each morning. I appreciate the personal greetings of parents and students each day. It has helped make this a smooth transition for me as we get to know each other. Thank you.

I have been very pleased to see that Wilkinson is a school that celebrates The Arts. I was impressed to see our Spring Concert in which our young students had the opportunity to perform for the community. It takes a great deal of effort to put together such a fine evening and I would like to congratulate our staff for their efforts in preparing our students and for being there in the evening to put together a great musical performance. We are lucky at Wilkinson that we have so many parents who are involved as volunteers with our students. Some were even brave enough to perform!! Congratulations to all involved and thank you, parents for your support of our school. Your generous donations in support of our music program amounted to \$1226.34. I am now looking forward to our Art Show that opens on May 3rd, 2010.

As many of you know, we are in the midst of our staffing process for next year. We will keep you informed of our progress. We have established a school organization model for next year and are awaiting the results of the transfer and placement process in the Board before publishing the names of our teachers with the grades and programs that they will teach for next year. We hope to have that ready for publishing in our next newsletter. In the meantime, a letter asking for Parent Input has been delivered to each student from Senior Kindergarten to Grade 5. We are asking that you take the time think about the placement of your children for next year and to consider the many factors that are listed on the letter. Your input is important to us. Thank you for your thoughts.

Many of our older students have the opportunity this month to attend the Island Natural Science School. This is an event

that they will remember for a lifetime. I am looking forward to visiting the school during May when our classes are there. This brings our Science Program to life with many hands-on activities and outdoor lessons. We are lucky to have this type of program in our city.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your warm welcome to our wonderful school community. I look forward to working with you, even for this short time. It is my honour and my privilege to serve as your Principal.

George Rowell
Acting Principal

Health News

Over the early spring, a Health and Safety inspection was done and our school has followed through on recommendations.

A lot of activity/repairs have gone on or are coming up around the school. You may have already noticed the asphalt patches in the schoolyard, floors re-waxed and repair of steps by the front office. This summer our school will see all new windows installed.

Eye Glasses & Dead Batteries

From April 19th to the 23rd we collected dead batteries and eye glasses. We wanted to raise awareness that batteries should not go into our regular garbage collection but instead should be taken to our local hazardous waste disposal site at Bermondsey.

We will give the eyeglasses to the organization Insight who will then send them to Cambodia.

On Friday, April 23rd all the classes participated in a school and community clean up. The primaries picked up litter in the school yard and the juniors in the surrounding neighborhoods.