



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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Whether it's Basketball, Volleyball, Choir, Ukulele, Minecraft, Chess or Arts and Crafts, Wilkinson has been a hub of activity these past few weeks. As we head into the final stretch, we look forward to the many more learning opportunities and events taking place. I have highlighted a few events that will be happening in the near future.

### Welcome to Kindergarten evening May 15, 2014

We are pleased to be inviting all new Junior Kindergarten families to our Welcome to Kindergarten evening on Thursday, May 15 at 5:30 p.m. This will be a very informative presentation by our teachers explaining the program and to give parents information about how to prepare your children for the transition to school.

We are continuing to register for our Junior Kindergarten programme. If you have a child eligible to begin school in the fall and live in our school area please contact the school at 416 393 9575 to make an appointment for registration.

### Grades 3 and 6 EQAO Assessments May 26-June 5, 2014

Our Grades 3 and 6 learners will be participating in the EQAO Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. The assessment is scheduled to take place during the last week of May and first week of June. More information will come home to parents as we move closer to the date.

### Art Show

The Wilkinson Art Gallery will be open from Monday, May 5 to Friday, May 9 from 8:30am to 12:00pm noon. It will be open Monday to Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00p.m. Classes will be visiting the gallery during the day with their teachers.

We are looking for parent volunteers to help set up on Friday, May 2. Please contact [Ms. Di Iorio](#) if you are available to help for an hour or for the morning.

*Mr. Kelly*

## ECO NEWS

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### EARTH DAY 2014

There was a full school wide community and school grounds clean up on April 22 (Earth Day). Thank you to everyone who participated.

*Ms. Cameron*

### LEARNING GARDEN CLEAN UP

The Council's Greening Committee will be having learning garden clean up on May 10. If you are able to give an hour or two it makes a huge difference!

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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It is never too late to come out, listen in on or participate in the active discussions about issues that affect our school and the services the Community Council provides. Join us at our next meeting on May 12 at 6:30pm. Child care will be provided.



## HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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Well, it's been a fun but hectic spring thus far in the Health and Physical Education program here at Wilkinson. Spring means things are coming alive and growing! So over the next few months, Kindergarten to Grade 3 classes including Mme Cooke's class will be discussing healthy eating and maintaining a healthy lifestyle, one of my favourite topics!

As for sports, Mr. Pirso and I are busy gearing up the girls and boys Soccer teams (respectively) in the mornings and afterschool for their tournaments in May. Mr. DePasqua has started try-outs for the Cricket team and soon Mr. Bozabalian will be starting up the Ultimate Frisbee team so listen for announcements! Phew! But that's not it...

Track and Field season is also underway and gym classes are now sharpening their skills for **Wilkinson's Track and Field day on Friday, April 25**. Let's hope Mother Nature cooperates! Once the Track and Field team is assembled the team will travel to compete at the South Conference track meet on **Thursday, May 8 at Birchmount Stadium**.

Here are some other dates to be aware of: Grade 5 Boys Soccer tournament is on **Thursday May 5 at Cosburn Middle School** and the **Grade 6 Boys Soccer tournament will take place on Monday, May 5 at (tentatively) Riverdale Park**. More

information will follow as the tournament dates draw nearer.

On the afternoon of Wednesday April 23, a few members of the National Women's Wheelchair Basketball team gave a presentation in the gym to all the junior students. It was a lot of fun.

The H.E.A.L.T.H.Y. Eating Program is well and alive as many students at Wilkinson are choosing healthier snacks. Great healthy eating Wilkinson, keep it up! Here are your healthy snacks for the rest of April and May:

- Apr. 21-25: **Peaches, Plums & Pears**
- Apr. 28-May 2: **Salad**
- May 5-9: **Grapes**
- May 12-16: **Cucumbers**
- May 19-23: **Oranges**
- May 26-30: **Carrots**

Happy Healthy Eating!

*Mr. Kasaval & Mr. Bozabalian*

For more information about the Health and Physical Education Program at Wilkinson please visit Mr. Kasaval's [HPE program website](#).

## MUSIC

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**Wilkinson Spring Concert & Performances - Thursday, May 1 - in the gymnasium.**

This term, the Kindergarten and Grade 1 classes will be performing during the day, and the students in Grades 2-6 will be performing in the evening as follows:



## 9:00-10:00am AM Kindergarten Graduation

Performances by the AM Kindergarten Classes & the Grade 1 classes

## 1:00-2:00pm PM Kindergarten Graduation

Performances by the PM Kindergarten Classes & the Grade 1 classes (again)

## 6:00-7:00pm Evening Concert - Primary Choir, Strings, Ukulele Groups, Junior Choir, Orff Ensemble

(Students should arrive at 5:45pm)

## [TDSB Summer Music Camps](http://www.tdsbsummercamps.ca/)

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The following music camps are being offered by the TDSB this summer:

### Summer Sounds

- Band, Strings & Keyboard
- July 2-18 (Monday-Friday - 8:30am-12:30pm)
- \$280

### Downtown Summer Strings

- Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass - grades 3-8
- July 14-25 (Monday-Friday - 8:30am-12:00pm)
- \$220 + \$10 material fee

### Toronto Summer Music Camp

- Band and Strings
- Residential Camps
- Grades 6-9 - June 28-July 6 - \$610
- Grades 5-8 - July 8-13 - \$480
- Grades 5-8 - July 15-20 - \$480

### Toronto Children's Chorus Auditions

There are various community children's choruses throughout the city. The [Toronto Children's Chorus](#) is one of them, and they wish to announce that they will be holding

auditions for their 2014-2015 season on May 10, 24 and 28. For more information, please click on the link above.

If you wish to see what other children community choirs are out there, please contact [Batya Levy](#). Ms. Levy will be happy to provide you with a list of some of the community children's choirs out there.

*Ms. Levy*

## ART BROUGHT TO WILKINSON

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### BLANK CANVASES

For the months of January and February, Wilkinson students participated in the Blank Canvases art program, led by artist educator –and Wilkinson parent - Natalie Kauffman. Each class was introduced to a local Toronto artist or art group whereby the students then created a unique piece of art inspired by that artist and their art. The artists covered were Painters 11, Charles Pachter, Jennifer Murphy, Arthur Shilling, Shary Boyle, and Toronto Graffiti artists. Students worked with various media including acrylic paint, collage, drawing media, canvas and modelling clay. All art lessons are connected to the Ontario arts curriculum focus on skill building, self-expression, problem solving, communication and knowledge acquisition. Put another way, it was learning art using the 4Cs: *curiosity, creativity, collaboration* and *critical thinking* - in a fun and educational way!



## VISITING ARTISTS

[Dufflebag Theatre](#) visited on March 17. Our primary division enjoyed a retelling of a classic fairytale. Check out Dufflebag Theatre at the link above!

[Infinitus](#) will visit on Tues. May 6. More information on the Infinitus Music Program can be seen by clicking the link above.

[Menaka Thakkar Dance Company](#) will visit on Tues. May 13. This performance is for our junior division.

## LIBRARY NEWS

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This year's [Forest of Reading](#) programs come to an end at the end of April. Most Kindergarten to Grade 3 classes participated in this year's [Blue Spruce](#) picture book reading program and students' have cast votes for their favourite books. Ask your child to share their favourite Blue Spruce book with you! **Silver Birch** readers will vote at the end of the month. A record 55 students are eligible to vote this year! As part of the reading program, Silver Birch participants will be attending the [Festival of Trees](#) at Harbourfront in mid-May, where the awards will be given out to the winning authors.

Wilkinson's second **Scholastic Book Fair** of the school year will take place in Room 3 from **June 9 to 13**. As always, volunteers are welcome. If you can spare some time before or after school to help out, please let me know.

Happy Reading!  
*Mr. Krentz*

## FUN FAIR 2014

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Fun Fair will take place on Saturday, May 24! A special Fun Fair package will be circulated closer to the date itself but you may want to know **how can you help right now?**

### Bring in Canadian Tire money!

Drop off in an envelope in the Parent Council mail cubby in the Main Office marked to the attention of April Moon.

### Volunteer your time!

We need:

- 1 co-lead for bake sale
- 1 co-lead for cookie decorating table
- 1 co-lead for button making station

If you can volunteer please contact [April Moon](#) ASAP.

## CONTRIBUTORS

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Thank you to everyone who helped bring this newsletter to circulation:

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### April

**Tues. April 22**

Earth Day School Yard Clean Up

**Wed. April 23**

Wheelchair Basketball Assembly

**Fri. April 25**

Track & Field Day @ Wilkinson

*May 2 is the rain date!*

Pizza Lunch (for those signed up)

### May

**Thurs. May 01**

Spring Concerts

9-10am AM Kindergarten Graduation and  
Concert with Grade 1 classes

1-2pm PM Kindergarten Graduation and  
Concert with Grade 1 classes (again)

6-7pm Evening Concert including all other  
grades.

**Mon. through Fri.,**

**May 05 to 08 May**

Art Show

**Wed. May 07**

Open House for New Families @

9:00-11:00am and 1:00-3:00pm

**Sat. May 10**

Learning Garden Clean Up

**Mon. May 12**

FF Meeting @ 6pm

Council Meeting @ 6.30pm

**Mon. May 19**

Statutory Holiday

**Thurs. May 22**

WilKitchen for Fun Fair

**Sat. May 24**

Fun Fair

**Mon. through Fri.,**

**May 26 to June 05**

EQAO Assessments

**Fri. May 30**

Pizza Lunch (for those signed up)

### June

**Wed. June 04**

Volunteer Tea @ 9-10am in Room 3

**Fri. 06 June**

PA Day

**Mon. through Fri.,**

**June 09 to 13**

Scholastic Book Fair

**Fri. June 20**

Pizza Lunch (for those signed up)

**Tues. June 24**

Grade 6 Graduation

**Wed. June 25**

Play Day

**Fri. June 27** – Last day of school!

## Summer Holidays

### September

**Tues. Sept. 02** – First day back at school!