

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to all our graduates! It is our hope that they have had a very rewarding experience here at Wilkinson.

The staff and students would also like to thank our teachers Ms Cheatley and Ms Beatty for their hard work and dedication as they move on to their new schools in September. We know that you will join us in extending best wishes to them. We hope that they will always keep in touch with Wilkinson.

It has been a pleasure for us to work with the children and parents and staff of Wilkinson Public School during the past year. We would like to thank the Wilkinson School Community Council who worked so hard and sacrificed so much to supplement the curricular and extra-curricular activities here at Wilkinson. Your dedication and commitment to students and the program is to be commended.

We look forward to building and strengthening that relationship in the next school year. I trust you will enjoy a most refreshing and healthy summer and return on September 2 for another gratifying school year.

-Principal Allan Kelly and Vice Principal Yasmin Buhariwalla

MESSAGE FROM COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHAIR

Our next Council meeting is this coming Monday June 9 and it is a very special one to me. The meeting is from 6:30 to 8pm and will be held in Room 3. From 6:30 to 7pm it will be our Annual General Meeting (AGM). It is at this meeting that we do a year in review, going over all activities supported by the Council. It is an ideal meeting to attend if you are interested in learning what Wilkinson School Community Council does and the school activities it supports.

From 7 to 8:00pm we will conduct our last council meeting of the school year. It is at this meeting that we will look at preparing for the new school year. Though a new council will get elected in late September 2014, it is important that the current council ensures that any activities we want to see between Sept 2 and late October be approved now in order that planning can commence and permits be submitted even before the start of the 2014/15 school year.

We invite and encourage all Wilkinson parents to come out to these two meetings. If you have an idea for what you would like to see Council support next year, please come out and share it with Council. Our goal is to try new things and to encourage more parent involvement. Also, not only will you gain a better understanding of the extensive list of activities that Council supports, but you might also find an area of interest that leads you to join Council next year!! We had quite a few new parents join this year, and it has been great!

I would like to take this time to thank everyone on the Wilkinson School Community Council as well as those that have come out to Council meetings to help initiate an event, provide input into specific

agenda items, or just to hear what is going on. I know that sometimes it can be a challenge to stay involved when one's life is so busy and there are always conflicting requests for one's time. So thank you. Though the AGM will provide a complete list of activities, knowing that the Council made it possible for the Artists in the Classroom, a few of the performances held in the gym, the Valentine Sweetheart Bake Sale, pizza lunches (managed by a devoted set of parents that do not actually sit on council), the Homework Workshop, Aussie X, Pumkinfest, the Fun Fair, our native learning garden and so much more, it is pretty impressive. This year there was a fair bit of conversation about our website, and thank you to those that are taking it on! I know that it will make a huge difference to all parents who are trying to stay informed.

As this is my fourteenth and last year at Wilkinson, I want to say to all new parents at Wilkinson, it is such a rewarding experience to be involved in shaping the activities that Council brings to our kids. I cannot stress enough that Council is made up of individual parents trying to bring exciting things to Wilkinson. I have been so proud that my kids go to Wilkinson, and I know that part of what Wilkinson has to offer our kids is truly made possible by the Wilkinson School Community Council. It really does take a community to raise a child! So, thank you to all who over the years have volunteered on Council or one (or more) of the Council's activities.

-Ruby Lederman, Chair, Wilkinson School Community Council

FUN FAIR 2014

Fun Fair 2014 was spectacular! Thank you to everyone who volunteered, or came and played with us for the day. The event would not be successful without the strong commitment of our community and the volunteers who came out to help us. Our best guess is that we had at least 100 volunteers on the day itself. I want to send out my very biggest, heartfelt thank you to each of the sub-committees who collaborated to run the event. We had about 25 people leading committees, attending planning meetings and managing spreadsheets for us. A dedicated bunch as Fun Fair planning starts in March and continues past the day of the event!

As I walked around on Saturday I saw smiling faces everywhere, people having fun. Some of my favourite moments from the day included visiting Wilkie alumni reunited with their Wilkie teachers, visits with all of our VIP invited guests, and catching up with visiting retired or past staff. And the weather was perfect.

Fun Fair provides revenue to the Wilkinson School Community Council, the group of parents who vote to use the money on programming for Wilkinson students. At first glance, we are reporting revenue of \$17,000. This is a great chunk of money, which Council uses for programming and supplies that enrich Wilkinson students throughout the academic year.

Some Fun Fair reminders:

- If you received a red volunteer T-shirt to wear on the day of, please return it to the school.

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- If you have outstanding receipts for items purchased or rented, please send them to your committee lead, marked with your name. You will receive reimbursement for the receipt value.
 - If you covered the expense of an item or service, and wish to donate the value to the Fun Fair, thank you for your donation. Please send the receipt back indicating that you are donating this value. We need to have a clear idea of the total cost to run the event.

Again, let me congratulate the Fun Fair committee. See you at the first 2015 planning meeting! And THANK YOU to the Wilkinson community for making the Wilkinson Fun Fair such a great event! A full list of our sponsors follows.

–April Moon, Fun Fair Coordinator

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

To all our wonderful Wilkie volunteers, please join us for an appreciation breakfast on Wednesday, June 4, 2014 from 8.45- 10.00 a.m. in Room 3.

ECO NEWS

Eco-Team Update

We've completed this year's Eco Schools audit and are waiting for our results. We are hoping to maintain our gold standard. This year's accomplishments include re-using clothing through a school-wide Winter clothing swap, continuing our school-wide recycling program led by the students in Room 22, regular meetings with the Eco-Team, cross-curricular integration of eco-studies in all classrooms, a waste audit with recommendations and follow up, and continuing to raise student awareness of the reasons why we participate in eco-friendly activities and their positive impact on our earth.

-Ms Cameron

Learning Garden

The Council's Greening Committee had a successful clean up in May. Watch this native garden grow as new species of plants are added along with sun canopies for the pergola and some established veggies for one of the veggie beds. Students from Wilkinson and Dandyllion will plant out the second of the two beds and care for these over the hot summer months to come. Thank you very much to Greening Committee's John Hykel (parent of Wilkinson alum) who continues to spearhead this project with our Council.

-Jill Spellman, Greening Committee

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Well, here we are at the end of May and it's never been a busier time of the year for sports. Our school's Grade 5 and 6 Girls Soccer Teams as well as our Cricket Team represented Wilkinson proudly at their respective tournaments last week but were unable to move on. You tried your best and that's all that counts!

The Track and Field Team competed at a high level on Thursday, May 8th at Birchmount Collegiate. A number of students will move on to the Conference Finals on Tuesday, May 27, again at Birchmount Collegiate. Congratulations to the whole Track and Field team. We are very proud of you. You represented Wilkinson proudly! Good luck at the next meet. Athletes will continue to practice each morning at 8am out in the field or in the gymnasium.

The Ultimate Frisbee Team came out on top of their tournament last week and will be moving on to the conference finals in the next month. Wilkinson student Sacha Boz, wrote: "The Ultimate Frisbee Team won our regional tournament on May 15, and will advance to the South City Semi Finals on June 4th at Riverdale Park. Most of the students on the team are first-time players; however they came together in a short period of time to achieve success. And we scored perfect spirit points (for sportsmanship, as judged by our opponents)." Amazing job! Good luck in the next round.

Over the last few months, Kindergarten to Grade 3 classes including Mme. Cooke's and Mr. DePasqua's class will be discussing healthy eating and maintaining a healthy lifestyle, one of my favorite topics! The Grade 4 classes will also be having discussions on growth and development. Gym classes will begin to move outside as the weather gets better where classes will participate in outdoor activities and games.

The **Heart and Stroke's annual SKIP-A-THON** took place Monday through Friday, May 26-30. For a small donation of two dollars or a toonie, student's received a skipping rope to stay active and - just as important - their donation will go to assist those in need and research for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Let's all come together for a great cause. This year's donation target is 500 dollars!

The H.E.A.L.T.H.Y. Eating Program has once again been a great success here at Wilkinson. Congratulations to all the winners this year but more importantly for those who participated in the program or who chose to eat healthy snacks throughout the year. Great job! If you haven't yet won a prize in your class you still have a month left to do so.

Here are the healthy snacks for June:

- June 1-5 Berries
- June 9-13 Tomatoes
- June 16-20 Watermelon
- June 26-30 Apples

Happy Healthy Eating!

-Mr. Kasaval & Mr. Bozabalian

LIBRARY NEWS

Wilkinson's Second Scholastic Book Fair for the school year is taking place June 9-12 (M-Th) in Room 3. More information with opening times will be sent home with your child in the coming weeks. I am always grateful for parent volunteers, particularly for the after school rush. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Mr Krentz at wilkinsonlibrary@me.com or check the volunteer schedule and sign up for a slot @ <http://bit.ly/wilkybookfair>.

50 very excited young readers attended the Festival of Trees on May 15th as part of the Silver Birch Reading Program. The Festival is the culminating event of the 4 month reading program and award winners were announced in three separate Silver Birch award ceremonies. This year's winners were:

- Silver Birch Express - [The Secret of the Village Fool by Rebecca Upjohn](#), illustrated by Renee Benoit
- Silver Birch Non-Fiction - [One Step at a Time by Marsha Skrypuch](#)
- Silver Birch Fiction - [Record Breaker by Robin Stevenson](#)
- The Blue Spruce winner - announced on May 14 - was [Oddrey by Dave Whamond](#).

Wilkinson's Summer Reading Program - now in its fourth year - returns once again this June. Students in grade 4 and 5 students will have the opportunity to take up to 10 books home for summer reading enjoyment. The program has become very popular and, since it started, has a 100% book return rate! Information and a form will be sent home with students in these grades the week of June 16 with students checking books out the last week of school.

Happy reading!

-Mr Krentz

MUSIC

Ukulele Update

It has been another successful year of ukulele at Wilkinson. The beginner and advanced groups both had great performances at the Spring concert and the year will be capped off with Uke Day on June 19th. On that Thursday, students will bring their ukuleles to school and play with students from other schools in the Wilkinson Gym. It will be a great day of music!

For those students who were in beginner ukulele this year and want to move on the advanced group, the sign-up sheet is already up outside the music room. Make sure your child secures an audition time so Melanie knows they are interested in being in the advanced group. For those students in grades 3 and 4 who are interested in joining beginner ukulele next year, the forms went home last week and need to be returned by Monday June 2 to me in Room 28. There will be a maximum of 25 students in the class so if more than 25 students apply, students will be chosen by lottery.

-Ms Bartkiw

UPCOMING EVENTS

June

Mon. through Thur. June 02 to 05
Heart and Stroke's annual SKIP-A-THON

Wed. June 04
Volunteer Tea @ 8:45-10am in Room 3

Fri. 06 June
PA Day

Mon. June 09
Wilkinson Community Council Annual General Meeting (Rm. 3)
6:30-8pm - All welcome - childcare provided

Mon. through Fri., June 09 to 13
Scholastic Book Fair

Thur. June 19
Uke Day @ Wilkinson

Fri. June 20
Pizza Lunch (for those signed up)

Tues. June 24
Grade 6 Graduation

Wed. June 25
Play Day

Fri. June 27
Report Cards go home today - Last day of school!

September

Tues. Sept. 02
First day back at school!

COMMUNITY NEWS

100 in 1 day @ Withrow Park – Saturday June 7

Have you heard about [100 in 1 day](#)? This is an opportunity to make small but wonderful things happen in our community. It will take place on June 7th. We will be organizing workshops to focus on some local & Withrow Park oriented actions. Want to get involved? Send an email at friendsofwithrowpark@live.com and join us at a workshop!

The Big Yard Sale @ Withrow Park – Saturday June 14 (9am to Noon)

The Frankland Community Centre Advisory Council brings you our second annual community yard sale at Withrow Park. To host a table, please call Frankland CC at 416.392.0749. Registration is open and costs \$20 per table. (Tables are limited.) Don't miss out on this great opportunity to sell your stuff and support community programming. The Withrow Park Farmers' Market will be happening that morning too.

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