

## Fundraising



### ANNUAL SWEETHEART BAKE SALE

The Wilkinson Council will hold its annual Sweetheart Bake Sale on Friday, February 12th during morning recess and over the lunch hour.

We are looking for donations of sweets and baking to sell. (We can never have too many cupcakes – The pinker the icing, the better!) Please be mindful not bring/send any donations that contain nuts or nut products.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help out, please call Susan Haney at 416-838-9805.

### MABEL'S LABELS

Most of us with kids have already become old friends with Mabel's Labels! These labels are designed to deliver maximum durability and will withstand the dishwasher, microwave and UV rays for years to come.

There are many new products but most useful for parents with school age children are the Sticky Labels and Skinny-Minis™. *"These are extremely versatile, making them ideal children's labels, baby labels and general, multi-purpose labels. Use them on toys, dishes, bottles, electronic gear and much more. Shoe Labels are extra tough and fit nicely on the insole of boots, shoes and more. Bag Tags are sturdy metal tags that are perfect for labelling school bags, diaper bags and other luggage."* (Excerpt from official website.)

If this sounds useful to you, please support this new Wilkinson fundraiser and visit the Wilkinson Mabel's Labels site, <http://www.wilkinson.mabel.ca/>.

The fundraiser will run from January 1st to 29th, June 2010. Proceeds will support a variety of Wilkinson Parent Council initiatives.

## Food Drive



During the month of December, 260 packages of food were collected along with \$393.82 in cash donations. An anonymous group within our community made a matching donation of \$365.00 to bring our total to \$758.82! This was then donated to the Daily Bread Food Bank via Park 'N Fly. This organization also matched our donation. In the end the Food Bank received a whopping \$1,517.64. Thank you for your generous support!

## Pennies for Peace



In December, the pennies collected were finally counted for Pennies for Peace, thanks to many students in grades 4-6. A \$360.00 donation was made to the organization on behalf of Wilkinson P.S. to help children in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Thanks so much!

## Important Info



### EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM (ELP) UPDATE

On January 12th Premier McGuinty released the approved list of the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) sites to offer the Early Learning Program (ELP) in September 2010. You may have also heard this referred to as full-day kindergarten.

Since then, there has been a lot of media coverage on full-day kindergarten programs being implemented over the next six years.

The first 15% of schools to offer full-day kindergarten have been published in newspapers and online. Wilkinson has not been included in that group. The only school in our area to offer the program next year will be Pape Avenue.

The fact that we are not directly involved in the pilot process will give us an opportunity to follow the Ministry and the TDSB throughout the year to see how the implementation will take place.

This should make for an easier transition when Wilkinson is included on the list to offer the program.

For more information, please visit the Ontario Ministry of Education site,

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/earlylearning/>.

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2010

Kindergarten registration will take begin on Wednesday February 17th and run through until Friday February 19th. Registration is by appointment only between 9am – 11.30am on these mornings.

Pop in to the front office or call 416-393-9575 to make your appointment. Remember this registration is only for in-district children and children who are enrolled in Dandy Lion Daycare.

On Registration Day, remember to bring all of the following information about your child:

- **Age** (a birth certificate, a baptismal record or passport)
- **Address** (two pieces of identification that show your address, such as your telephone bill, driver's licence, etc.)
- **Immunization** (the card that shows a list of needles your child has received)
- **Citizenship** (a Canadian birth certificate, a Canadian passport, a Permanent Resident Card or TDSB School Admission Letter, etc)

### S.O.S. (SINK OR SWIM) – UPDATE ON EARL GREY'S POOL

On Tuesday, January 19TH, after a unanimous vote by trustees, it was decided to re-open the nine remaining TDSB pools whose futures were at risk. In our ward, this means that the pools at Monarch Park CI and Earl Grey Sr. PS will re-open for students and the community. Thanks to strong community support and the Aquatics Working Group for raising both awareness and funds!

Note: It may take a number of weeks for the students to get back into these pools as the respective Principals need to rehire life guards.

Watch this space! Monthly evening Wilkinson swims will be implemented. Check our website or upcoming newsletters for more information.

## Upcoming Events

### BADMINTON NIGHTS @ WILKINSON

Whether you're a student trying out for the badminton team or a parent just looking to get back into it, come and join in our Wilkinson Social Badminton Club. The nets are up on Friday nights from 6:00-8.30pm in the gym (except for when a P.A. Day or Movie Night is taking place). Please check the posted flyers at the school for more information or contact Brady Sheppard if you have any questions at 416-462-2798.

### WIL-KITCHEN – FRIDAY FEB. 26TH

Mark your calendars and plan to join us at 7:00pm in the large lunchroom on Friday February 26th!

This is the first Wil-Kitchen cooking evening of 2010. Together we will prepare, cook and then eat an authentic Greek meal including: cheese pita triangles, dolmades (halal ground beef will be used), koulourakia, peppers stuffed with ricotta cheese and, of course, Greek salad.

Everyone will get to share in the preparations and try all of the different food. It's a great way to meet other Wilkinson families while learning some new recipes. Child care will be provided but kids are welcome to participate if they are interested.

Wil-Kitchen is sponsored by the Parent Council and there is no charge. However, we do ask you to register in advance of the event so that we can get an idea of the supplies we need. Please complete and return the registration form which will be sent home with your child shortly. Alternatively, access the registration form online at: [www.wilkinsonschool.ca](http://www.wilkinsonschool.ca) or send an e-mail registering your interest to: [wilkinsonparents@yahoo.ca](mailto:wilkinsonparents@yahoo.ca).

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.



FRIDAY FEBRUARY 19TH — DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM

PIZZA ARRIVES AT 6:10PM — MOVIE STARTS AT 7PM

"PAY WHAT YOU CAN" AT THE DOOR.

BRING YOUR PILLOW AND BLANKET & GET A FLOOR SEAT UP FRONT!  
PIZZA, POPCORN, COOKIES AND DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE.

MOVIE NIGHT IN THE GYM

## Sports Update



- Playoffs for floor hockey house league will be taking place shortly.
- There will be a tournament for grade 5 boys' basketball on February 3rd and a tournament for grade 6 boys' basketball on February 10th.
- The girls' volleyball team will participate in a tournament on February 9th.
- Badminton tryouts will be taking place in early February.

## Important Dates

<b>WED. FEB. 3RD</b>	Black History Month: Underground Railroad presentation
<b>FRI. FEB. 5TH</b>	Badminton Night - 6:00 to 8:30pm in the gym
<b>MON. FEB. 8TH</b>	Parent Council Meeting - 7:00pm (child care provided)
<b>THUR. FEB. 11TH</b>	100th Day of School
<b>FRI. FEB. 12TH</b>	Sweetheart Bake Sale - morning recess & lunch hour Badminton Night - 6:00 to 8:30pm in the gym
<b>MON. FEB. 15TH</b>	Family Day - NO SCHOOL
<b>TUES. FEB. 16TH</b>	Annual Lunar Parade
<b>WED. FEB. 17TH</b> <b>- FRI. FEB. 19TH</b>	KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
<b>FRI. FEB. 19TH</b>	Movie Night: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs Doors 6pm. Movie 7pm.
<b>FRI. FEB 26TH</b>	Annual Talent Show - 1:00pm Wil-Kitchen - 6pm to 9pm (child care provided) Badminton Night - 6:00 to 8:30pm in the gym

## Arts & Music



Dance Club began on Monday, January 25th. It will run from 12:00-12:30pm in the gym for students in grades 4-6. Students are under instruction of Ms. Currie and Ms. Di Iorio.

## Online Communications

**Our Web site: [www.wilkinsonschoo.ca](http://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](http://www.wilkinsonschoo.ca) or leave a message at (416) 393-9575.

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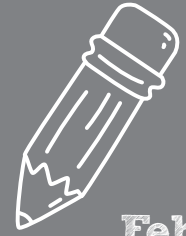
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## Principal's Message

It may be a short month but February brings a number of events and activities to Wilkinson!

February is Black History Month and on Wednesday, February 3rd, Diana Braithwaite and Chris Whiteley will give a performance for grades 3-6 in the gym. This will feature songs and stories of the life and times of early Black settlers in Canada and their journey here on the Underground Railroad.

The annual Sweetheart Bake Sale will kick off the Valentine's Day long weekend in a sweet way! Remember, Monday, February 15th is Family Day and there will be no school.

Sunday February 14th is the date in the 2010 calendar when the Chinese new year of the Tiger starts. Our annual Lunar Parade takes place the following Tuesday. Our kindergarten students will bang drums and make a lot of noise as they walk through the school in celebration.

It is that time of year again! 2010 Kindergarten registration begins on Wednesday February 17th. (More information follows in a separate article within the newsletter.)

The Wilkinson Annual Talent Show will take place on Friday, February 26th. We look forward to watching our students showcase their unique abilities. Finally, celebrate the end of the month by joining in our Greek-themed Wil-Kitchen on the same evening. All Wilkinson families are welcome to come prepare and enjoy a meal together!

**Tanya Sterioff**  
Principal

## Health & Safety



### ERADICATING HEAD LICE AT WILKINSON

In order to try and eliminate head lice from our student population, we have a screening committee made up of a public health nurse, Vice Principal Leasa Adams and trained volunteers. Once a term, the committee checks every student's head for lice and nits. If it appears that a student has an infestation, the parent/guardian will be called and a letter will be sent home. Children will not be informed in the classroom in order to maintain confidentiality.

In accordance with TDSB procedures, the parent/guardian will be required to make arrangements for treatment and to keep the child home until the problem is cleared. A Treatment Instruction Sheet will be provided. Our next screening will take place early in February.

If you would like more information on head lice, contact Vice Principal Leasa Adams or the Toronto Health Department by calling 416-338-7600 or by going to its website [www.toronto.ca/health](http://www.toronto.ca/health).

## Literacy



### FOREST OF READING

Many students in grades 4-6 have joined the Silverbirch Club. They are reading Canadian fiction and non-fiction books and will have a chance to vote on their favorite book in early May.

Children in grades 1-3 will have the Blue Spruce books read to them during their library time and will have a chance to vote on their favorite Blue Spruce book at the end of April.

Both reading programs are part of the Ontario Library Association annual book reading event for students in Ontario. For more information and a list of nominated titles visit the Ontario Library Association Page - Forest of Reading,

[http://www.accessola.com/ola/bins/content\\_page.asp?cid=92](http://www.accessola.com/ola/bins/content_page.asp?cid=92).

### COMIC BOOK CLUB

Comic Book Club will meet on Tuesdays beginning January 26th from 12:00-12:30pm for students in grades 4-6. Students will be meeting Mme. Cooke, Ms. King and Ms. Di Iorio in the library.

### VISITING AUTHORS

We had two very special visitors in January. Emilie Corbiere, a native storyteller and author was the visiting author for students from grades 3-6, and Andrea Beck, best known as the author and illustrator of the Elliot Moose books visited with the students from kindergarten to grade 2. The students were inspired and were reminded that we are all authors! We will be celebrating our writing during our annual Young Authors Day later in the spring.