

WILKINSON CALENDAR 2006/2007

NOVEMBER

10 (F): Remembrance Day ceremony
10 (F): Movie Night - Cars
11 (S): Remembrance Day
13 (M): Council Meeting 7pm
24 (F): Pizza Lunch
29 (W): Winter Concert

DECEMBER

4 (M): Report Cards go home
6 & 7: Parent-Teacher interviews
7 (Th): Jr. Choir at Centrepont Festival
8 (F): P.A. Day
11 (M): Council Meeting 7pm
16-23: Chanukah
22 (F): Last Day of School
25 (M): Christmas Day
26 (T): Boxing Day

JANUARY

1 (M): New Year's Day
8 (M): Back to school
15 (M): Council Meeting 7pm
26 (F): P.A. Day

CONTACT US



Have an article to contribute to the newsletter? Interested in helping out? Compliments? Go to our Web site at www.wilkinsonschoool.ca or leave a message at (416) 393-9575. Thank you to this month's contributors: Carol Bennett, Karen Geraci, Batya Levy, Jacqui Strachan

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FEBRUARY

7 (W): 100th day of school
12 (M): Council Meeting 7pm
14 (W): Valentine's Day
18 (S): Lunar New Year begins
22 (Th): Young Authors' Assembly; 9am

MARCH

2-9: Book Fair
5 (M): Council Meeting 7pm
9 (F): Beach Day Assembly; 1pm
12-16: March Break
26 (M): Report cards go home
29 (Th): Parent-Teacher interviews
30 (F): P.A. Day

APRIL

2 (M): Council Meeting 7pm
3-10: Passover
6 (F): Good Friday (No School)
9 (M): Easter Monday (No School)
19 (Th): Earth Day activities at Wilkinson
20 (F): Potential P.A. Day (not yet approved)
22 (S): Earth Day

MAY

14 (M): Council Meeting 7pm

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COUNCIL NEWS



On Curriculum Night the following parents were elected to the 2006/07 Council: Carol Bennett, Karin Deane, Karen Geraci, Susan Haney, John Hykel, Bianca Kapteyn, Ruby Lederman, Sunny Mills, April Moon, Jacqui Strachan, Paula Weekes Kahn and Karen Wiseman.

MEETING RECAP

The 2006/07 Wilkinson School Community Council held its first meeting of the school year on Oct. 10th.

The Principal's update included an overview of a trash awareness program being initiated with the students given the garbage left in the schoolyard after recesses and lunch is becoming a problem. She also advised that the Eid dinner is being postponed to a later date.

All executive positions for this school year were filled by acclamation:

Chair: Carol Bennett
Vice-Chair: John Hykel
Treasurer: Paula Weekes Kahn
Secretary: Karen Geraci

Council approved the following funding requests: Child care for monthly Council meetings, final payment for the storage shed (\$2,000), five performances

for the students (up to \$3,500) and printing costs for the Council's newsletter.

Updates were provided from the following committees:

- Performing Arts (focus on literacy and puppetry this year)
- Greening & Grounds (TDSB is looking at moving the shed so people can't climb on it)
- Communications (always looking for contributions to the newsletter; Karin Deane and Ms. Ault looking after Council bulletin board in the main hallway)
- Fundraising (update on chocolate sales, recipe books, direct donations, movie nights, pizza lunches)

Other items:

Council was advised that many parents have voiced their appreciation for the removal of the basketball nets over the summer. A concern was expressed regarding over-crowding at the entry doors. Staff are looking into it and trying to resolve the issue and fixing the traffic jam that is particularly bad at the south doors.

The next Council meeting is Monday November 13th at 7:00 pm in the Staff Room on the 2nd floor. Parents, staff and members of the community are always welcome to attend. Childcare is provided.

FAQ



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

Q: What happens at Council Meetings?

A. The Wilkinson School Community Council meets monthly to provide input to the principal and staff on issues that affect our children. Anyone from the Wilkinson School community is welcome to attend council meetings. This year we have 12 parents who have volunteered their time to participate, in addition to the principal, vice principal and a teacher representative to make up the council.

Council meetings follow an agenda, distributed to members in advance of the meeting. Anyone – council member or other interested party - can put an item by contacting the council chair. Typically meetings open with a Principal's Update. During the update we learn about upcoming events at the school and any board-wide initiatives that affect our children. Next is the Treasurer's Report. The treasurer distributes a statement of our financial position, provides an overview of the council's finances and takes any questions members may have.

Committee updates typically follow the treasurer's report. Each committee coordinator provides a brief overview of any activities undertaken over the past month by the committee, and shares plans for future work. Should a committee require the approval of council for an action item or expenditure, the coordinator puts forward a motion for discussion and voting. These updates provide council members with a sense of what's happening at the committee level, without the need to dedicate a lot of time at council meetings to discussing all the details of those activities.

Meeting discussions and votes are recorded, and minutes are distributed following each meeting. You

may view minutes of previous meetings on the Wilkinson Web site at www.wilkinsonschooll.ca.

Council meetings are held the first or second Monday of every month (see the calendar in the newsletter for dates), from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Staff Room on the 2nd floor. Childcare is available. If you are interested in learning more about council meetings, feel free to contact us via email through the Web site or by calling Carol Bennett at 416-465-4157 or Karen Geraci at 416-465-0827. Alternatively, come out to a meeting anytime!

FUNDRAISING



CHOCOLATE SALES

Just a reminder that all money and unsold chocolate must be returned to the school by Thursday November 9th. There will be someone in the main hallway on Monday November 6th and Thursday November 9th to receive your money and/or chocolate. Thank you to all the families who participated in this year's campaign!

Wilkinson Recipe Book is Coming!



Wilkinson's recipe book is arriving in time for the holidays! It will be custom-made for Wilkinson – It has artwork created by the students, a poem from the poetry group and over 150 recipes submitted by Wilkinson families, teachers and friends.

Keep your eye out for information on how to order and make payment. They will make great presents for grandparents, aunts, uncles, and others.

So you may want to reserve more than one!

IMPORTANT INFO



MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT! November 13th

School board trustees are your link with the school board and are available to help parents with concerns about their child or their school. They act as conduits for information at all levels, and frequently advocate for parents and students at the school board level.

Trustees decide how provincial funding will be distributed to support all board activities, including education programs for students, maintenance, staffing, building or closing schools, and providing programs for the school community.

Find out what the candidates offer you and your children by reading their literature and/or attending all-candidates meetings. Evaluate how they candidates will best represent your interests and work for a school board or provincial government that best reflects your views. And, on November 13th, vote with education in mind!

Want to know who's running for trustee in your ward? You can find out through People for Education's new trustee election Web site www.schooltrustees.ca.

People for Education is a group of parents working to preserve fully publicly-funded education in Ontario.

Dominion Save-a-Tape

This is the last month before the program ends

Get your tapes in right away. Send them in an envelope to the school to the attention of the Fundraising Coordinator.

Please note: Only tapes dated until the end of October are eligible.

UPCOMING EVENTS



JUNIOR CHOIR

Junior Choir to Perform at
Centrepont Choirs Festival
December 7, 2006 – 11:00am

Ms. Levy is asking for parents of junior choir members to look for a permission form coming home soon for this festival. Here are some of the details:

- Where is it? Centrepont Mall is located at Yonge and Steeles.
- Transportation: school bus. Each child will be asked to pay \$2 to help defray the cost
- What to wear: Students should wear black bottoms (either a skirt or pants) and a white top. Each student will wear a school sweater/vest (to be lent out by the school).
- Parent volunteers will definitely be needed!
- Lunch: The students will not be back to school until approximately 1:00pm. When the students return, they will eat their lunch in the lunchroom – All junior choir members will need to bring their lunch to school that day (but not on the trip itself).

THANK YOU!



Thanks again to the Simpson family for staging such fabulous haunted house again this year.



Pizza Lunch

Friday, November 24th
Forms will be sent out soon.