



Williamson Road Public School Newsletter



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[Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members:](#)

Once again we come to the close of another successful school year. Our students and staff have been involved in many facets of school life and have represented our school proudly. Our community of parents and volunteers have consistently contributed to the richness of school life and devoted their energies in support of students and staff. We honour and thank you for all that you do and celebrate the difference you make in our lives.

On behalf of our school community, we wish to give special thanks to the members of the Williamson Road School Council for their generous contributions and their positive impact on our school. These parents gave much of their time and tireless efforts to make the WRSC a success. They co-ordinated fundraising and community events such as the Pizza Lunches, Holiday Craft Sale, Read-a-thon, Variety Show, Dance-a-thon, Bike-a-thon and Junefest, as well as provided representation at Ward Council meetings. The partnership we have established with our School Council is fundamental to making the educational experience of our students a success. It has been a pleasure to work with such dedicated parents.

It is also time to bid farewell to Jesselyn Dungo, a dedicated staff member who will be leaving Williamson Road for new challenges; we wish her well. Erinn Clark will also be away on maternity leave. We wish her all the best!

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs. Leigh Salter and Mr. Dean Zimmerman.

It is also time to say goodbye to our grade 6 students. You have completed your primary/junior education and will face new exciting challenges as you begin your intermediate education. We will miss you and wish you the very best in your future endeavors.

Grade 6 Farewell

Parents/Guardians of grade 6 students are invited to the Farewell in the Glen Ames gym on Monday, June 22 at 2:00 p.m.. The presentation will run from 2:00- 3:15, followed by refreshments in the Glen Ames cafeteria from 3:15-4:00. From 4:00-6:00 the grade 6 students are welcome to attend a dance at the Beaches Recreation Centre where snacks and refreshments will be served courtesy of the Williamson Road School Council. Please note that it is not necessary, nor expected that students dress elaborately for this event. Regular school clothes or a dressier outfit meant for special occasions are appropriate.



Cafeteria Services

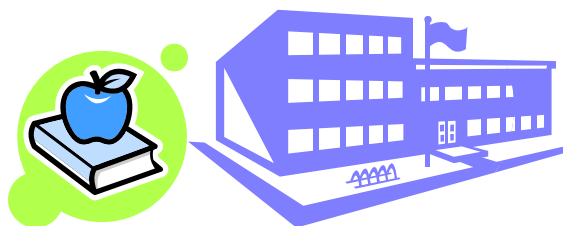
The last day for our students to use the cafeteria this year is Friday June 19th. The cafeteria will open again on Wednesday September 9th.



The cafeteria will

Third Term Reports

All report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, June 23, 2009. Please note that there is no formal interview period at this time of year.



Last Day of School and First Day Back

Please note that the last day of school for students is **Thursday, June 25th**. The school day ends at the regular time, dismissal at 3:20 p.m. Students will return back after Labour Day, on Tuesday **September 8**. Please note that the Cafeteria will not be open until Wednesday, September 9th.

Staffing Model 2009-2010

The tentative school organization for the coming year is as follows:

Regular Program

JK 1 class, JK/SK- 2 classes, Gr. 1 one class, Gr. 1/2 one class, Grade 2/3 one class, Gr. 3 one class, Gr. 4/5 one class, Gr. 5/6 2 classes

French Immersion

SK two classes, Gr. 1 one class, Gr. 1/2 two classes, , Gr. 2/3 two classes, Gr. 3 one class, Gr. 4 2 classes, Gr. 5 two classes, Gr. 6 one class

Class Placement – 2009/2010

In June of each year we plan the classes for the upcoming school year. Each child's placement is discussed individually at meetings involving your child's current teacher, next year's teacher, specialist teachers when appropriate, the Vice-Principal and Principal. Information shared by parents with teachers during interviews and discussions throughout the year are also taken into consideration. The following are the criteria we use in placing your child to create next year's classes:

- Academic performance – each class is grouped heterogeneously.
- Peer relationships – new class arrangements provide for children who work well together – this can also mean separating students if necessary.
- Social-emotional growth – classes are constructed so that each class has students with a range of strengths.
- Work habits/learning styles of student.
- Any additional information you have already shared with the school regarding your child's learning needs (behaviour patterns, learning styles, specific concerns).

* **Any specific information about your child related to the information above can be shared by letter to your child's teacher by Friday, May 29th. Please do not request a specific teacher as our staffing for next year will only be finalized by the end of June and remains tentative until September start up.**

Please note, class placement decisions are the professional responsibility of the Williamson Road Staff, with consideration to parent concerns. The final placement of any student is the responsibility of the Principal and must be made in consideration of what is best for each student and the school as a whole. Please refer to the Ministry document, Combined Grades exerts attached to this newsletter. If you have any questions regarding this process, please do not hesitate to call the school.

School Buses

The TDSB Transportation policy provides bussing for SK-Grade 5 students, or TTC tickets for Grade 6 students, who meet specified program and distance requirements. Bussing application forms are available at the school office, and approval must



be obtained from the Transportation office before new students are added to the buses. School to school

bussing is the service provided. Please remember that it is the Transportation Office at the Toronto District School Board, not the school, who makes the bus route arrangements with the carriers, such as First Student. Inquiries should be directed to the Transportation office or the carrier as required.

On the first day of school, please ensure that your children know which bus they should get on at the end of the day, and at which school stop they are to get off, as we will not necessarily have that information at the school. Bussing lists will be posted on school doors the week before school begins.



Willy Wildcat Sports

The soccer field has been a busy place after school. Both the boys and girls teams have completed their seasons. The boys team finished with a 2 wins and 2 loss record in a very difficult division, with hard fought games. The Williamson Road girls started with a very convincing first win to open the season, the girls team ended the season with a 1 win and 2 loss record. Both teams played with a great deal of spirit, and good sportsmanship.

Our track and field days in May were a great success. The top performers at our school have the opportunity to compete against students from across the city. The south conference track and field meet takes place at Birchmount Collegiate on Monday May 25th. Williamson Road has entered a group of 78 students to participate. The top 4 finishers in each of the junior events will get to represent the school at Varsity Stadium during the south conference championships. Good Luck!

Student Agenda/Planner

Our school agendas will once again be available the first day of school for students in grade 1-6 both in English and French Immersion to be purchased for \$7.00. The School Agenda contains information about our school routines, the school year, our code of behaviour and much more. It is an effective homework and communication tool.



Play Day

Play Day will happen again this year at Willy! It will be on the afternoon of **Friday June 19th**. If needed the rain date will be on Tuesday June 23rd. All morning kindergarten students are welcome to come with a parent or caregiver for lots of fun. Join us for face painting, sports, games and much more. Requirement: sunscreen, sun hat and your smile!

- C. Cossette

Blue Jays Day

On June 12th we will be repeating our successful family fun filled event of last year. Help us make these year's attendance at the **Blue Jays game** bigger than last year's. The game will start at 7:07 PM and we will try to order a block of seats together for all those who attend. **So mark it on your calendar and practice your O Canada as our grade 3 choir will be singing it for the opening of the game.** The Blue Jays will be playing the Florida Mariners. Tickets requests are available at the office only until Monday, May 25th.



Lost and Found Final Clean Out

It was great to see less and less lost lunch bags in our lost and found this school year. They were emptied from the area every Friday and clothes were emptied at the end of every month. However, there are still items which will be cleared June 25th. All teachers will take their classes to check for personal items. Parents, if your child has lost any items, please stop by before June 25th. You may also check the Glen Ames lost and found. After June 25th, all clothes and other items in the lost and found will be donated to a charity.



Warm Weather Precautions

As the weather typically becomes more warm and humid during the last month of school, we encourage students to take the following precautions at school:

1. **Sun protection** - Students are encouraged to bring and to use sunscreen appropriately, to wear hats outside and to bring additional fluids, such as water, to drink throughout the day. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly visible on all items.

2. **Mosquito protection** - Students are welcome to bring their own 10% DEET lotion or pump spray to school (no aerosol containers are allowed) for their own use. Please ensure that lotions are labelled with your child's name and that you have taught your child or children how to apply them appropriately.



NEWS FROM THE POOL

Congratulations to all our students who moved up a level in swimming.

New Sharks

Ezgi O.

New Dolphin

Angelique L. Ethan N. Claire K. Ericka G. Sam T. Calise M. Cooper L. Ethan K. Morgan H. Tatsu S. Nick W. Julia S.

New Deep Ender

Allison U, Chloe G. Anna P. Colin M. James H. Tevis D. William G. Nathaniel B. Max L. Michael V. Jack H. Owen S. Hillary P. Sophie S. Zachary Y. Alden M. Julia K. Summer W. Ben P.

Survival Swim

We have been doing survival swim in the pool. Survival swim is an activity where the students wear their pyjamas (grades 1,2,3) or their clothes (grade 4,5,6) into the pool. This experience, in a safe environment helps prepare them for an accidental fall into the water.



Happy Face Contest

Congratulations to Room 19 who have won the happy face contest with an amazing lead with 25 Happy Faces!

The whole class worked together to help remember their bathing suits. Room 19 will be awarded with their much deserved pizza and pool party on June 5th. Great job Room 19!

June Family Swim

Family Swim will be held during the week of June 15th to the 19th. Family swim is usually held at the end of each term. During this week parents/ grandparents/ caregivers are invited to watch or participate in their child's swim



class for a free swim. Younger siblings are also welcome but must be under the direct supervision of the parent/guardian who accompanies them in the pool. This is a fun way to see your child's progress and enjoy our wonderful pool!

Kindergarten Swim

All Senior Kindergarten students are invited to attend a swimming class of 45 minutes, to introduce the children to our swimming program. All students from grade 1 –6 at Williamson Road attend a swim class once a week. This has proven to help the children be more safety conscious, to alleviate any fears or concerns and to build their self-esteem. We have extra-qualified students to assist with this program as well as our own Lifeguard/Instructor staff. Parents are also welcome to attend to see what is involved in our aquatic program. Dates for the kindergarten swim will be sent home with the students in June with a permission form and letter to the parents.
- Sarah Hendershott and Peter Grimby Aquatic Instructors

SCHOOL COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Junefest is coming! Saturday, June 6,

11 AM - 3PM

Junefest is the school's annual fun fair. Apart from being a load of fun for the whole family, it is a significant fundraiser for the School Council and Playground Committee.

Here are just a few of the events for Junefest this year:

- Classroom baskets raffle
- Class-designed artistic canvasses display and auction
- Willy Idol Lip Sync contest
- Martial Arts demonstration
- Pony Rides
- Dunk Tank
- Jumping Castle
- Book/ CD /DVD Sale
- Carnival Games
- 50/50 Draw
- Barbeque/ Pizza/ Candy Floss

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Please agree to spend an hour or two helping set up, tear down, or running one of the events. Contact Krista Sieroka at krista.sieroka@cibc.com

SEE YOU THERE!



DATES TO REMEMBER

May 26-June 5	Grade 3 & 6 EQAO testing
May 25	Track & Field Southeast Conference
June 6	Junefest
June 15 – 19	Family Swim
June 12 P.M.	Awards Assembly
June 19	Play Day
June 19	Last Day for Cafeteria
June 22 2-4	Grade 6 Graduation
June 25	Last Day for Students