

Monthly Newsletter :

December, 2019



ÉCOLE WILLINGDON SCHOOL

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS IN CASE OF POWER FAILURE

Please note that in case of a power outage, you may contact the junior campus at (514) 484-2331 and/or senior campus at (514) 489-8954

SEXUALITY EDUCATION CURRICULUM

The Sexuality Education program has been compulsory in all Quebec schools since last school year. Since then, a committee at the school level was formed with the mandate of studying the curriculum and completing a plan outlining who will teach the material, at what level and when approximately the content will be covered. This year's plan was approved by the Governing Board on November 28, 2019 and has been posted on the website. The main goals of the program are to promote healthy body image, to prevent violence and sexual assault, to respect diversity, to fight homophobia and to promote healthy relationships. At Willingdon, we have always believed in the importance of achieving these goals, alongside the important work you do as parents in supporting and teaching your children about healthy relationships and respect of diversity. Here are the links from the MEES outlining the curriculum for parents.

MEES document:

http://www.education.gouv.qc.ca/fileadmin/site_web/documents/education/adaptation-scolaire-services-comp/EDUC-Apprentissages-Sexualite-GrandPublic-EN.pdf

MEES video link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eV92ALvTGw&list=PLXwx8M4a98Z7Qb7ykPC6M39Lltpl3Hn&index=2&t=0s>

WINTER CONCERT GRADE 1 to 3

Our Winter Concert will be held on Thursday December 12, 2019 in the Royal Vale auditorium at 7:00 pm (Draper doors). Grade 1 to grade 3 students will be performing.

Please note that we will be collecting nonperishable food for the NDG depot and socks for the homeless at the concert. Thank you for your generous donation!

Upcoming Events

December 7

H & S Pancake Breakfast

December 12

Winter Concert grade 1 to 3

December 13

Holiday Concert Kindergarten

December 17

Caroling

December 18

Breakfast with Santa (K)

December 20

Magic the Gathering
Fundraiser

KINDERGARTEN CONCERT

The kindergarten concert will be held on Friday December 13, 2019 at 2:30 PM at the senior campus. The kindergarten students will be bussed to the senior campus for the concert. A letter was sent home with the Kindergarten children. A reminder to return the signed forms to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, December 6th, 2019.

KIDS FOR KIDS CHOIR

The **Willingdon Kids for Kids Choir** will help sick children at The Montreal Children's hospital by the power of song! According to one pilot study, conducted at the University of Rochester Medical Center, music therapy for patients who have undergone a bone-marrow transplant reduces their reports of pain and nausea and may even play a role in quickening the pace at which the new marrow starts producing blood cells. Combined with a patient's clinical treatments, music therapy has been proven to help some of the hospital's sickest children. The **Willingdon Kids for Kids Choir** will perform at The P.K. Subban Atrium on December 3, 2019 from 12:00-1:00pm.



HONEY SALE FOLLOW UP

The honey sale organized by our grade 6 students with Dr. Kat's guidance was a success. Thank you for your support, we sold out and have to wait until next year for more of this delicious honey!

FOOD DRIVE

The Willingdon Food Drive will take place in December. Items will be collected in each homeroom. This collection will help support the Willingdon families in need.

FUNDRAISER FOR THE OLD BREWERY MISSION

We are pleased to announce that Willingdon will be providing again this year some much needed holiday cheer to our city's homeless. This week our homerooms will be making Holiday cards which will be distributed at the Old Brewery Mission. We will also be collecting new pairs of socks which will also be donated to help the homeless. There will be a collection box at the main office as well as a box set up outside the Royal Vale auditorium during our Winter Concert.

HOME & SCHOOL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Home & School will be hosting a Winter Wonderland themed pancake breakfast for Willingdon families, faculty and staff on Saturday, December 7th, 2019 from 10 AM to noon in the Royal side cafeteria. Take a break from the pre-holiday rush and join us for a fun morning!

SANTA'S BREAKFAST FOR KINDERGARTENS

The Santa breakfast organized by Willingdon's fantastic Home & School will take place on Wednesday, December 18th, 2019 for all K students. More information to come through your child's homeroom teacher.



MAGIC THE GATHERING FUNDRAISER

Willingdon Grad Committee will be hosting a Magic Night card game on December 20th, 2019 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. Students can buy Magic Decks at the event and play for prizes. Come and join us for a night fun!



HOME & SCHOOL CAROLING EVENING

As the holiday season approaches, so does Willingdon's annual evening of Caroling. We'll be going out on the evening of December 17th to collect donations for the NDG Food Depot. Please consult the Home & School website for more details.

BOOK FAIR FOLLOW UP

We would like to thank the Willingdon Home & School Association for organizing such a successful Book Fair. We would like to extend our gratitude to you, the parents and the Willingdon community, for attending the book fair in large numbers! By buying books for your children and your teachers, you have made a big difference! Again, a true demonstration of how we can do better when we all work together!



WINTER WEATHER

We would like to remind parents that children should be dressed appropriately for the winter weather. Proper snowsuits and waterproof boots should be worn once we get our first snowfall.

Students should have a pair of shoes in their lockers since they will not be permitted to enter their classroom with boots. Students should also have another pair of socks in their lockers should they need to change.

IN THE EVENT OF SCHOOL CLOSURE

In the event of a school closure due to inclement weather, the announcement will appear on the Twitter section of the EMSB website at www.Emsb.qc.ca. For all other emergency situations, the administration will contact parents by using Blackboard Connect either by phone or by e-mail.

KINDERGARTEN PARENT CORNER

Every month, I will be providing kindergarten parents with fun tips and suggestions to continue to promote a happy and smooth transition into both kindergarten and school. At times, I will also be providing general information about events in the community for families with young children. Looking forward to sharing with you!

This month, I am pleased to announce that the Willingdon School website has a new **Family Resources: Ages 0-5 section!**

You can find this section on the lower left-hand side of the website.

In this section, you will find a directory of **Early Childhood Resources** in the NDG area, as well as a transition into kindergarten **placemat** that families can both look at with their children or feel free to print and laminate.

In addition, there are links to both the **Naitre et Grandir** and **Encyclopedia of Early Childhood Development** websites. These websites provide families with information on a wide variety of early childhood topics.

"Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future."- John F. Kennedy

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