

Monthly Newsletter :

June, 2019



ÉCOLE WILLINGDON SCHOOL

REPORT CARDS, SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

On June 21st, 2019 all students will receive their report cards, the supply list for next year and an envelope containing all the information and the forms to be filled out for the next school year. Please complete the forms and return them to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, September 6th, 2019. The supply lists will also be posted on the website. **This year, school supplies can be purchased online.** A document will be placed in the envelope explaining the process. This is a new Home & School fundraising initiative.

WIVOGA: WILLINGDON VOLUNTEER GATHERING

The Willingdon staff hosted a special dinner for all the volunteers who dedicated time and energy during this school year to make Willingdon the vibrant learning and caring environment that it is. On behalf of the Willingdon school team, I would like to take this opportunity to thank from the bottom of my heart all our dedicated volunteers. Without parental involvement Willingdon would not be the same!



Upcoming Events

June 7

Regular school day

June 14

Kindergarten graduation

June 18

Field Day

June 19

Grade 4-5 visit Senior Campus

June 20

Grade 6 graduation

June 21

Last day of school

Report card Distribution

Supply List Distribution

2019-2020 Info package distribution

MOZAIK Parent Portal

We are excited to introduce a new access to parents online. Willingdon (both campuses) next year will launch an online portal for parents/guardians to have access to their children's report cards, absences, income tax receipts and many other documents. A letter with instructions on how to access your parent portal will be sent out with this year's Term 3 report card. This new green initiative will continue to help us reduce our paper printing.

Lost & Found

The hoodies are piling up in the Lost & Found, and we encourage families to come and claim their belongings. There will be two more days of Lost & Found items on display: Monday, June 10 (families to take what belongs to them) and Tuesday, June 11 (families may take any unclaimed items that they could use). After these days, all unclaimed items will be sent to Share the Warmth. Please help us reduce the clutter & reuse what's there. Thank-you!

Mini Bistro HotLunch

Please note that the hot meal service for the 2018-2019 school year will end on Friday, June 14, 2019.

WILLINGDON'S FUNFAIR 2019

Funfair was held on May 31st, 2019. Many Willingdon families joined us for an evening of fun. We would like to thank Home & School for organizing this wonderful event that brings the community together in celebrating the end of the school year. What another great successful event!



VISIT TO CEP SUM

The grade 2 and the grade 4 visit to the CEP SUM is scheduled on June 14. Students will have an opportunity to participate in a fun filled day of activities! Buses will leave the school at 9:00 AM.

GRADE 5 CAMP BOUT-EN-TRAIN

The grade 5 students are looking forward to spending a night and 2 days at the Camp-Bout-En-Train with their friends and teachers. This year's camp will be held on June 6th and June 7th, 2019. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated teachers for offering such a memorable experience for our children. Check our Facebook page for some pictures!

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

The Kindergarten graduation will take place on Friday June 14th, 2019 at 2:00 PM in the gymnasium. Congratulations to all K students for their efforts!



2019-2020 Agenda Cover Winner

As a new initiative, we held our first Grade 5 Agenda Cover Contest at the end of May. Over 40 submissions were handed in, and after much pondering, **Marion Miller Risso** was the winner. Stay tuned to seeing her winning art work displayed on next year's school agenda. Congratulations Marion and good job to all grade 5 students that submitted their artwork.

*All submissions will be posted on a bulletin board.



Montreal Alouettes Perseverance Award

We are ecstatic to announce that **Naomi Cozier-Lefebvre** won the Alouettes Perseverance Award. Naomi is a Grade 6 student at Willingdon Elementary. She has shown tremendous perseverance over the years and has been able to surmount numerous challenges with tenacity and grace. She has a heart of gold and incredible resilience. Naomi loves Art, English, Science and Athletics and will grow into a well-rounded citizen of the world. We are so proud of her! Naomi won the award which will be presented to her at the Alouette's game on Thursday, June 6. On top of the award she also received tickets to the watch the game with her family and friend.

HALO RACE

Halo Race 2019 was another huge success! On Thursday, May 16 all students in grades 3,4,5 and 6 pushed their themselves both physically and mentally to achieve and even surpass their goals. A huge congratulations to all the students and a big thank you to all the teachers and parent volunteers that helped make this day possible.



Senior campus visit for the grade 4 and 5 students

Our grade 4 and grade 5 students will visit the senior campus on June 14. With the staff, students will be walking to the new campus at 10:30 am. Students will get the chance to visit the building and the surrounding park. They will have a Q & A session in the gym and a catered lunch in the park. Our day will end with a variety of team building group activities.

FIELD DAY

The entire school will partake in fun and games outside on June 18. In order to keep kids happy and healthy, please ensure that your child has sun screen with a high SPF, water bottle, a hat and appropriate clothing for hot summer weather. The day will be filled with fun activities from potato sack races to funny dressy-up obstacle courses and hopefully some sprinkler fun. We'll end the day with freezies and a grade 6 vs teacher soccer game. There will be no rain date so let's hope for warm weather.



Willingdon's Podcasts with Suzanne Desautels

As part of our promotional efforts, we are working in partnership with the Communication Department at the EMSB to create podcasts with our students, staff and parents. Suzanne Desautels will be recording a total of 6 podcasts at Willingdon (4 of which are already done). We encourage you to access them on our website under New Section on Senior Campus. There, you will also find our press release, the video done by Mr. Domenic Faziolli and many more.

Crayola Marker Campaign

Green Committee will be visiting classes next week to empty out the old marker collection boxes for our "Crayola: Turn Old Markers into Energy" initiative. We will continue collecting until the very last day of school so be sure to hunt around your various craft areas to locate any dried-out markers (any brand is fine).



GRADE 6 GRADUATION

The grade 6 graduation will be held on June 20, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Wesley United Church. Students will make their way back to school after the ceremony to celebrate this milestone. On June 21, grade 6 students will continue the celebration at Benny Park. Congratulations to all our wonderful graduates! You will definitely be missed next year! Thank you to the 2019 Grad committee for planning such a great event!

Tickets on Sale

The annual English Montreal School Board Night for the Montreal Alouettes will take place on Thursday, June 6. This is a pre-season game vs. the Ottawa Red Blacks and, as a result, tickets will cost only \$10. Please go to: <https://www.montrealalouettes.com/promotion> and the code will be "EMS19." It is hoped that Royal Vale graduate Christopher Valentine, a wide receiver, will be in the Als lineup. Join us for a fun evening at beautiful McGill Stadium.

Grad Mural and Senior Campus Murals

Things are looking out of this world outside the main office! The class of 2019 prepared a mural with help from POP UP PAINT SHOP which was placed outside the main office. The work of art was so breathtaking that the school gave the opportunity for the grade 4 and 5 to work on murals that will highlight their migration towards the senior campus. One of the canvas will be placed outside the main office at the junior campus and the other one will be transported to the senior campus where it will be placed in the front entrance as a sign of continuity between both buildings. A big thank you to Carolina, the artist behind this, Jenna, the graduation committee, parent volunteers and of course the Willingdon students for leaving their legacy gifts.



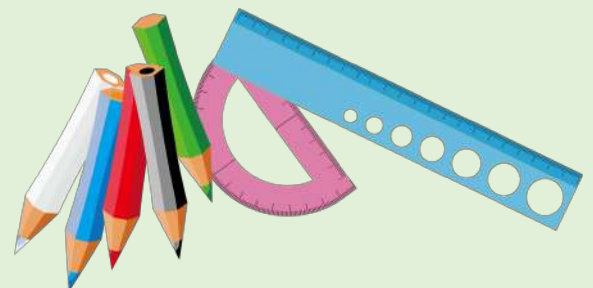
Green Committee to Help with Lost & Found Next Year

As you are likely aware, Willingdon's Lost and Found is never short of items!! Green Committee has begun to look at this issue of lost and forgotten items from a sustainability standpoint (ie: that it is NOT sustainable!). In partnership with our wonderful sustainability-minded H&S Association and their new initiative with Mabel's Labels, Green Committee will help return labelled items back to their rightful owner and reduce the amount of waste for the planet and expense for our families.

Don't Dump your School Supplies!

Sometimes in the excitement of finishing the school year, students get a bit overzealous about cleaning out their desks and just dump all their supplies into the trash. This year we are participating in the Eco-Quartier NDG initiative to collect old school supplies. Our goal is to reduce waste by diverting supplies that would otherwise be thrown away and instead give the items to families in need (at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year).

When they are emptying their lockers and desks, we recommend that instead of throwing supplies into the garbage, students donate their reusable school supplies (old crayons, blank paper, binders, etc.). We will provide a box that can be used to deposit these items. We will collect this box by the end of the school year.



Pique-nique

Le jeudi 13 juin, les enseignantes de 1^{ère} année organiseront une sortie au parc municipal situé entre les rues Terrebonne et Monkland au coin de Cavendish. Les enfants feront un pique-nique suivi de jeux d'eau. Quel plaisir! Bienvenue aux parents en grand nombre. En cas de mauvais temps, la sortie sera reportée au 20 juin.

Indigenous Dance Presentation

Our spiritual animator, Ms. Linda Luca organized a very special artistic presentation for our cycle 2 students on May 13. We were very privileged to have such an amazing dance that beautifully portrayed the indigenous communities. Thank you Ms. Luca!



Initiation au Theatre

Le jeudi 31 mai, les élèves de première année ont eu l'occasion de recevoir dans leur classe le consultant d'art dramatique M. Nicolas Doyon. Il a animé un atelier d'initiation au théâtre. Les enfants étaient invités à jouer le rôle d'un personnage imaginaire entrant et sortant de scène. Tous ont apprécié l'atelier!

Aquadôme

Le lundi 17 juin, les élèves de première année passeront la journée à l'Aquadôme. Ils s'amuseront dans l'eau pendant des heures.

Music News

Our students are always very excited about band practice. Our school currently has two different bands. Each practice on a weekly basis. A variety of instruments is being taught, such as the electric guitar, electric bass, drums, and piano. Both bands perfected three songs already and are starting to practice a fourth one!

We encourage music creativity and performance in our kids because we strongly believe that it stimulates their imagination and helps them acquire visions. These experiences ultimately support the child into healthy social development.

Garbage Free Lunch

It is with pride that Green Committee sends a message of congratulations to the vast majority of families who send their children to school with a packed lunch. Almost the entirety of our student population has gone virtually garbage-free. We see reusable containers of all shapes and sizes, reusable water bottles and lunch boxes. Way to go Willingdon Families!! Let's just keep getting better and better until we're waste-free!

Quebec Roots Project

Starting last fall the students from Heather Leckner's Grade 4, Willingdon class took part in a project called, Quebec Roots: The Place I Want to Be. The project is a community-based distance-education project, which invite students across Quebec to explore their community roots in photo-essays developed in collaboration with professional writers and photographers. Willingdon students had the opportunity to take part in some photography workshops, given by Monique Dykstra & writing workshops given by Raquel Rivera. The students worked together to come up with a theme for their section of the book. Then, in groups or individually, they wrote some short pieces as well as took some interesting photographs related to their theme. Subsequently, they learned how to edit their work and choose the photographs they wanted printed in the book. More recently, they were invited to attend the book launch and were able to meet some of the other schools and students who participated in the project, as well as received a printed copy of their published book! It was an amazing experience for everyone. The project is produced by the Blue Metropolis Foundation in collaboration with the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport/Direction générale de formation des jeunes and the Leading English Education and Resource Network (LEARN).



We Walk for Water

What a wonderful success this was! We had over 75 water walkers being cheered on by 40 Green Committee members, hundreds of liters of water were carried over 50 km (4 times around the school grounds = 1km), sometimes by some very little legs (way to go Grade 2 participants)!! Over \$1700.00 in donations were collected and combined with our Earth Day Bake Sale this means we will be able to contribute over \$2200.00 to the Water Well Project in Ecuador through WE Villages this year! We are so proud of our Green Committee, of our student population and of our amazing Willingdon families!



Garden Care Over the Summer

Thank you to the families who signed up to volunteer to look after the Willingdon food gardens this summer. We still need a few families to volunteer for a week each. Dr. Kat will organize a garden training session in mid-June for the volunteers. If you are interested in helping out over the summer, please e-mail Dr. Kat at kusher@emsb.qc.ca



Last Day of School

Last day of school is June 21. The grade 6 students will be having their graduation celebration hosted by Home & School. Students will depart from Willingdon and walk to Benny Park for the festivities. Students will return to the school before the final bell.

HAVE
A GREAT
SUMMER!

