

Monthly Newsletter :

September, 2019



ÉCOLE WILLINGDON SCHOOL

MORNING ENTRY

As of September 9, parents will not be permitted in the yard at drop off. We kindly ask parents to accompany their children to the gate and let them go. We assure you that your children are in good hands and that we will greet them with lots of love and care.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

Curriculum evening will be held on Thursday, **September 12th, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the junior campus.** During the evening you will have the opportunity to meet your child's teachers and obtain information about the curriculum, homework procedures, evaluation methods and general class organization. The **Governing board general assembly** will be held at 6:00 PM on the same evening in the gym. To establish this year's governing board, three new parent members must be elected for a two year term. Please see attachment for the schedule of the evening and for information on how to submit your candidacy for Governing Board.

ATTESTATION DAY

Attestation Day will be held on **Monday, September 30th, 2019.** This is the official day where student enrolment is counted. Based on the school's enrolment, the Ministry releases the funds per capita for the school year. We would like to remind you of the utmost importance for your child to be present at school that day. This will ensure that Willingdon gets the funding it's entitled to and limits the amount of paperwork requested to report absences on that day. Thank you for your support and cooperation in that matter.

Upcoming Events

September 6

- H & S welcome back Corn Roast

September 12

- General assembly & meet the teacher night

September 17-18

- EMSB Chorale auditions

September 26

- Terry fox Run
- GB Meeting

September 30

- Attestation Day

SCHOOL BUS PASSES AND ACCOMODATION BUSSING

We would kindly ask all students who received a bus pass but are no longer in need of bus transportation to return their bus pass to the main office ASAP. This will help us estimate how many spaces are on the bus for accommodations for those who need it. Thank you for your attention in this matter. All bussing

accommodation requests will be processed from September 3 to September 6 at the main office. A reminder that fees must be paid for accommodation request to be granted. We thank you for your patience in waiting for Mrs. Rosie to process the requests.



FORMS, SCHOOL FEES AND LUNCH FEES

A big thank you to all parents who have handed in the school forms and paid their fees! If you have not done so, please return the forms and the school fees to the office by **September 6th, 2019**. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

SCHOOL AGENDA

Students have received their school agenda. Please take the time to read with your child the information found on the first few pages of the agenda and sign the behavior contract which confirms that both you and your child have understood the school rules and regulations and agree to respect them. Also, this year we included some of the forms to sign in the agenda: **permission to walk home** (students who don't have this form signed will not be given permission to walk home for safety measures), permission to go on outing in the school neighborhood (parks), pediculosis check and milk form. Please make sure to fill out these forms as well.



SAFETY AND SECURITY OF OUR CHILDREN

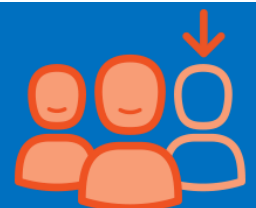
Please take the time to read the code of conduct and the safety rules documents that are found in the agenda. Please note that the measures outlined in these documents are in effect immediately in the best interest of your child's safety and security.

A reminder that all visitors must be buzzed in and must receive a visitor's pass from the office.

Please take the time to park your car when dropping and/or picking up your child after school to ensure the safety of our children and all pedestrians. Please be mindful not to block our buses. Your vigilance and patience are much appreciated!

REPORTING ABSENCES

Please make sure to inform the school before 9:30 AM if your child will be absent. An answering machine is available for reporting absences or delays.



MINI BISTRO HOTLUNCH SERVICE

Please find attached information regarding the start of the Le Mini Bistro Healthy School Lunches Catering Service. The service will begin **Monday September 9, 2019**. Place your orders now!



WELCOME BACK CORN ROAST

Our wonderful Home & School will be hosting a Welcome back Corn Roast on **Friday September 6** from **6:00 PM to 8:00 PM** for students, staff and parents. Follow the Home & School Facebook page for more information. A huge thank you to our co-presidents, Sally Burnett and Julie Trudel and all the dedicated volunteers of the H&S for their support, hard work and dedication to our school.



TRY-OUTS FOR THE EMSB CHORALE

On September 17th, 2019 (junior campus grade 4) and September 18th, 2019 (Senior campus), the conductor of the EMSB Chorale – Ms. Patricia Abbott - will visit Willingdon School to hold auditions for its 40th season. The EMSB Chorale is a choir made up of students from throughout the school board who love to sing and who want to learn more about music. It is a special project of the Educational Services Department. The choir provides an opportunity to learn many musical skills, work with professional musicians, sing in Montreal's best concert venues, go to music camps, make new friends, perform music from around the world and even to tour! Students from Grades 4 to 6 are eligible to audition. There is no need to prepare anything nor is any experience required. Mrs. Abbott does vocal exercises on an individual basis to determine which students have the aptitude and motivation to benefit from the program. Students who pass the audition are then given information to take home to parents and are invited to come to a rehearsal to see if they would enjoy being in the choir. Rehearsals take place Saturday mornings at Royal Vale School in the auditorium from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The EMSB Chorale has always had many excellent choir members from Willingdon and Mrs. Abbott hopes that many students will be interested in trying out for this special music program. She looks forward to meeting the students. For more information, please e-mail Ms. Abbott at pabbott@emsb.qc.ca or call her at 514-483-7200, ext. 7234.



FREE HEBREW LUNCH PROGRAM

Willingdon Elementary will be offering again this year a Hebrew Program. The program will run once a week during lunch hour. The program is being offered by Free Hebrew for Juniors, a Hebrew School that has been successfully directing the Lunch Program in Elementary schools across Montreal for over 30 years. Students will explore Hebrew letters, language, and songs. The program offers a variety of fun and engaging activities and crafts relating to the lesson. The FHFJ program emphasizes the teaching of values such as; respect, generosity and giving back to our communities. For more information and/or to register: please call 514-735-2259 ext. 226 or email info@freehebrew.com. We are looking forward to resuming our lunch program on Thursday, Sept 12th at the Junior Campus in Room 17. Pizza will be offered during the trial class of that day.

BOITE À LUNCH AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

The registration for Boîte à Lunch's after-school cooking and nutrition workshops deadline is Friday September 13th. Participants from Willingdon are encouraged to participate. This is a free food security program that is offered in the community to introduce students to cooking and healthy eating. The workshops will begin the week of September 23rd. They will continue for 10 weeks of workshops and end with a final party on Tuesday, December 3rd. **The program is open to grade 4 and 5 students.** Students will receive a registration form through their homeroom. Registration forms will be collected at the office until Friday, September 13th, 2019.

SPECIALISTS' CORNER

GREEN COMMITTEE REQUEST: No more disposable water bottles please!

Willingdon's Green Committee in partnership with Willingdon Home & School is striving to get Willingdon to go disposable water-bottle free. We encourage all families to equip their children with re-usable water bottles that the students can refill at school. These need to be well labelled with the student's full name and class number so that they can be safely returned if lost. Disposable plastic bottles are a scourge on this planet and anything we can do to reduce their purchase and production will be a step in the right direction. We appreciate your collaboration in this! **Bring your re-usable Water Bottle to the Welcome Back Corn Roast and get your bottle filled by friendly Green Committee members with Free Ice-Cold Water!**



CALLING ALL WILLINGDON LANDSCAPERS AND GARDENERS

The planting beds and other planting areas at the senior campus need some TLC. If you have some experience in landscaping and perennial gardening please contact our Garden Coordinator, Dr. Kat, at kusher@emsb.qc.ca



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DR. KAT'S OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

If you live in the neighbourhood and have a flexible schedule Dr. Kat, our Science teacher, needs your help! Parent volunteers are needed to accompany students during outdoor science classes at both the junior and the senior campuses, no expertise in science needed! Please contact Kathleen Usher at kusher@emsb.qc.ca if you are interested.

Willingdon wins the EMSB Green Award: The Bee Oasis Project at the Senior Campus!

Willingdon's Senior Campus is very happy to announce that we have been awarded this grant to help build pollinator friendly gardens, teach students about pollination and trees and beautify our new campus! Part of the grant goes toward a Grade 6 science field trip to the Morgan Arboretum in Ste. Anne de Bellevue that will take place later this month.

TERRY FOX RUN/WALK

Terry Fox spread the message that the answer is always to help others. We at Willingdon are trying to keep Terry's dream alive and to try and end cancer. On **Thursday, September 26**, all Willingdon staff and students will walking, running or jogging in honour of Terry Fox while remembering the values of strength, empathy, determination and perseverance that he stood for. Parents are welcome to join their children for the walk. You will receive a schedule to see when your child is participating. We will also need volunteers. Please email Miss Lara Belinsky at lbelinsky@emsb.qc.ca

Terry Fox Run will be Thursday, September 26. Students will receive pledge sheets by the end of this week. Someone might be shaving their head..... and no it's NOT Miss B. More details to come.

Ice packs...Please bring in your finished apple sauce packs so that we can use them as ice packs. Drop off your apple sauce packs in the Phys Ed office with Miss B at either the Senior or Junior campus. Every ice pack helps one little booboo at a time.



Music News

Welcome to a breakthrough year! We have two beautiful music rooms, one at the junior and one at the senior campus. The music rooms are filled with instruments, music lab, and our smart and dynamic students.

Mr. Nick will be organizing a grade 4 choir, grade 5 band and choir, and grade 6 music club. He is also organizing field trips for our students.

This year our students will dream big and rise to their highest potential! We are passionate, thrilled, and enthusiastic to embark on this exciting music adventure at Willingdon!

