

Williamsburg Public School

SEPTEMBER 2013

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

A very sincere Welcome Back to all of our Williamsburg families. We hope that everyone enjoyed their summer holidays and the wonderful sunny weather.

The Williamsburg Staff are excited to welcome back your children. They have been working very hard to prepare their program, lessons, activities and classroom environments over the past several weeks. Our school looks wonderful thanks to our very dedicated custodial staff who worked very hard over the summer.

We hope that everyone is prepared to get back into those routines which assist in making the back to school transition as smooth as possible. Regular bedtimes, scheduled evening times for homework/review, exercise and healthy eating all make a tremendous difference.

We look forward to the implementation of the full-day kindergarten program this school year. We welcome all of our Early Childhood Educators to the kindergarten team. It will be wonderful to have our youngest students with us all day, every day!

I encourage all of our families to visit our school website at <http://wlm.wrdsb.ca/> Our goal will be to keep you up to date with all of our school happenings via this website. You will be able to view all of our staff changes under the "staff" tab at the top of the website.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to call us. We are looking forward to a most successful school year.

*Sincerely,
Ms. Carolyn Griffiths
Principal*

WILLIAMSBURG ATTENDANCE CHECK NUMBER

519-570-8146
Extension 3766 #

Please call and leave a message on the Attendance Check Line if your child will be late or absent. Thanks!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept 16 – School Council Meeting
- Sept 26 – Terry Fox Run
- October 3 – Picture Day – Kindies, Room 10
- October 4 – Picture Day – Gr 1 to 6
- October 14 – Thanksgiving Holiday



Be sure to visit our school web-site at <http://wlm.wrdsb.ca> for Calendar Updates

PARKING ~ PARENT REMINDER ~

At Williamsburg P.S. there is no pick-up or drop-off of children in the school parking lot.

There is insufficient parking in our lot. PLEASE abide by the city parking signs on all streets.

Parents are asked to always drop-off and pick-up their children on the back playground.

Parents are politely reminded to not enter the school. If you need assistance please go directly to the Office.

FROM THE OFFICE

We appreciate your help and support in helping to make Williamsburg run smoothly. Here are some helpful tips that make a big difference in the Office:

ATTENDANCE CHECK LINE:

Please call the Attendance Check Line to inform the office of any and all absences each and every day of the absence.

TEACHER VOICEMAIL:

You can leave a message for your child's teacher by calling 519-570-8146 and then entering their extension. All teacher extensions are listed on our web-site at <http://wlm.wrdsb.ca> under the Staff tab.

LUNCHES:

Please ensure your children have their lunches, snacks and water with them when they come to school so that you do not need to drop them off in the office later in the day. The office does not supply any forks or spoons for the students' lunches.

EXACT CHANGE:

Please send exact change for any school purchases agendas, school trips etc.

FRONT DOOR:

Students are asked to line-up on the tarmac in the mornings. We ask students not to enter through the front door of the school.

Thanks so much for your support!



SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2012-2013

School: Williamsburg Public School

Principal: Carolyn Griffiths

Vice-Principal: Holly Smith

Council Co-Chairs: Michelle Harvey and Angie Glencross

Accomplishments of School Council 2012-2013:

- Hosted Family Literacy Night with Author Harry Endruiat
- Fundraised over \$20,000 through Chocolate Bars and Move-a-thon
- Fundraising funds used: to subsidize field trips for every class; to subsidize the Student Planners for the 2013-2014 school year; to purchase document cameras to be used in classrooms
- Hosted a Staff Appreciation luncheon at the end of the school year

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

We are very fortunate to have a dedicated group of parents who attend our monthly School Council Meetings. We meet once a month on Mondays at 6:30pm to share the latest happenings here at Williamsburg.

Our first meeting will be held on Monday, September 16th at 6:30pm in the Library.

Plan to join us. Everyone welcome!



LIBRARY NEWS

A new school year has begun and the Library is open to borrow books. Every classroom has participated in a Library Orientation. One topic we discussed during this Orientation is caring for our school books. Please refer to the library letter that has been sent home to help your child(ren) to keep their Library book clean and dry. Please assist your child by helping and reminding them to return their library books on their scheduled library day to avoid overdues. By working together our Library books will always be returned in good condition and on time for all Williamsburg students to enjoy. Looking forward to seeing all our students reading lots of book this year!!

*Ms. Branje
Library Clerk*

No Nuts Please



Williamsburg is a nut-free school. We have many students that have life-threatening allergies. Exposure to these allergens can cause students to become sick and even die. Please do not send peanut butter, Nutella or any other nut products to school in your child's lunch. The WRDSB also does not permit the soy-based "Wow Butter" in schools.

We appreciate that this can make packing your child's lunch difficult, but student safety is our number one priority. Please communicate with your child's teacher before bringing in cupcakes, cake or any other treats for your child's class.

PICTURE DAYS



Thursday, October 3rd

→ Photos taken for Kindergarten, Rm 10 and Staff

Friday, October 4th

→ Photos taken for Grades 1 to 6

Our school pictures are being taken again by Edge Imaging (<http://www.edgeimaging.com/en/>).

Every student will receive a free class photo.

Note that sibling photos will not be taken this year. We will offer that option every other year.

PHOTO PRIVACY

Our students and staff enjoy opportunities to share some of their activities with parents and the school community through teams, clubs and special events. Many of these are "memory making" for families and as such, photographs are often taken. We ask that families exercise their discretion when taking photographs or videos at school events and consider the privacy of other students who may also be present in those pictures. We would appreciate if families not upload images of students other than their own to the Internet (e.g. YouTube or Facebook). Your cooperation is appreciated.



We are excited to announce that for the upcoming school year, we will be using School-Day, an online program that lets us instantly share school news and events with parents. With School-Day, you will be able to receive school news and announcements, complete permission forms, and pay for any school service, product or event, all online. We are sure that you will find School-Day easy to use, and we appreciate your help in improving our communications and significantly reducing the amount of paper our school consumes. To register or learn more about School-Day, we urge you to visit the School-Day website at www.school-day.com or contact School-Day by email at info@school-day.com. For any support or technical help, please visit the School-Day support site at www.school-day.com/support. We look forward to using this new system with you, and we are certain that you will find the School-Day portal very useful.

Incentives!

The first 200 students registered on School-Day get a freezie AND the first 5 primary and the first 5 junior classes to be fully registered get class pizza parties.



Call the school office if you have any questions.

Sign-up now!



SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Grades 1 - 6

School Starts – 9:00 am

Period 1 – 9:00 – 9:30 am

Period 2 - 9:30 – 10:00 am

Period 3 – 10:00 – 10:30 am

Period 4 – 10:30 – 11:00 am

Nutrition Break 1 – 11:00 – 11:40 am

Period 5 - 11:40 am – 12:10 pm

Period 6 – 12:10 - 12:40 pm

Period 7 - 12:40 – 1:10 pm

Nutrition Break 2 – 1:10 - 1:50 pm

Period 8 - 1:50 - 2:20 pm

Period 9 - 2:20 - 2:50 pm

Period 10 - 2:50 - 3:20 pm

Dismissal - 3:20 pm

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Kindergarten

School Starts – 9:00 am

Period 1 – 9:00 – 9:30 am

Period 2 - 9:30 – 10:00 am

Period 3 – 10:00 – 10:30 am

Period 4 – 10:30 – 11:00 am

Period 5 - 11:00 – 11:30 am

Nutrition Break 1 – 11:30 am – 12:10 pm

Period 6 – 12:10 - 12:40 pm

Period 7 - 12:40 – 1:10 pm

Period 8 – 1:10 – 1:40 pm

Nutrition Break 2 – 1:40 – 2:20 pm

Period 9 - 2:20 - 2:50 pm

Period 10 - 2:50 - 3:20 pm

Dismissal - 3:20 pm

