

Williamsburg Public School

DECEMBER 2013

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Williamsburg P.S. is a busy, engaged school filled with amazing students and staff. As always we have so many great things happening each and every day.

Thanks to Mrs. Rajapaske and Mr. Black our students in grades 1-6 enjoy actively participating in our daily intramural programs. In the New Year, Mdlr. Payette, Mdlr. Kirkey and Mme. Hannigan are very excited to be introducing our inaugural French Immersion "At Home Reading Program." Our grade 3 students in Portable 2 with support from Mrs. Millar are helping the environment by managing our green bin program. Under the direction of Mrs. Weaver-Cole and Mrs. Bateman we have close to 100 choir students practicing both before school and during the school day.

Presently, our all of our classes are enjoying preparing for our upcoming "World of Wonders" Festive Assemblies.

The end of December will be here very soon and before we ring in the New Year, we would like to extend our warmest wishes for a safe and happy holiday to all of our Williamsburg Families.



*Most 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

- Dec 9 - 13 – Canadian Tire \$ Drive
- Dec 9 – 13 – Food Drive for Food Bank
- Dec 11, 12, 13 – Festive Assemblies
- Dec 12 – January Pizza Orders Due
- Dec 20 – PD Day
- Dec 23 to Jan 3 – Christmas Break
- Jan. 6 – Back to School
- Jan. 17 – PD Day
- Jan. 20 – School Council Meeting at 6:30pm in the library



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

LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found is overflowing. Please stop in and find those missing items that belong at your house!

Me to We



The ME to We students have lots of exciting things going on in December!

2 LOCAL INITIATIVES:

- We would like to support our local community be collecting **Canadian Tire Money**. The money collected will go towards buying gifts for the Angel Tree.
- We will also be collecting non-perishable food items for our Local Food Bank.

Both collections are taking place from **December 9th through to the 13th.**

GLOBAL INITIATIVE:

- Our global issue that we would like to support is "Free the Children." On December 12, students who make a donation to **Free the Children** will have an opportunity to get their picture taken with Flare dressed in his festive costume. The money will go towards building a school for children living in a third world country. We have set a goal of raising \$10,000. This is the cost of building 1 school in Africa.



Over 80% of the Williamsburg community is now registered on School-Day! Parents are receiving timely e-mail updates from the school and from classroom teachers.

School-Day is helping to streamline our Pizza and Cookie order process. Orders made on School-Day can be paid for by debit, credit or cash. Exact cash can be submitted to the school along with **the order number** if you prefer not to put your financial info on-line.

School-Day works best on **Google Chrome** or **Firefox** as opposed to Internet Explorer. Please try these browsers when using this program.

Call the school office if you have any questions.

Check us out on the web at <http://wlm.wrdsb.ca>

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Join us for our next School Council Meeting on Monday, January 20th at 6:30pm in the library.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

If you have any questions, comments for the school council please feel free to attend one of our meetings or send a note through the school office.



Scholastic Book Fair



Our Book Fair was a huge success again this year. We set a goal of reaching \$6,000.00 in sales at our Book Fair and students anxiously watched our goal chart to see if we were able to reach it. What was the result? We not only reached our goal, but we surpassed it! Our total sales came up to \$6,664.70. Way to go Williamsburg! As a result of having such a success Book Fair, our schools profit was over \$1,800.00.

Without the help of volunteers, the Book Fair could not have taken place. A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Tenorio, Mrs. Patel, Mrs. Butt, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Arora, Mrs. Schmale, Mrs. Kebede, Mrs. Alvarez, Mrs. Lau, Mrs. Owen and Miss Selena Ramlakhan. Your help was very much appreciated. I look forward to seeing everyone at our Book Fair next year.

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."
~Elizabeth Andrew

Mrs. Branje, Library Clerk