

# The Williamsburg Connection



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#### Williamsburg Public School

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#### Say Something Assemblies

Our next Say Something assemblies will be held on Wednesday, October 30th. Many of our students will be recognized for their efforts in the Arts, Athletics, Academics and Attitude. Primary assembly @ 8:15 am. Junior /Intermediate at 9:00

**SCC News** A big thanks goes out to our School Community Council (SCC) for making our "Meet the Teacher" event a very special night. Our parent group coordinated the Pizza Dinner, Finger-paint Auction and Raffle Baskets. Our next SCC meeting will be on Tuesday. October 22 @ 6:30 pm. All WPS parents are welcome!

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**Lockdown Drill** We will be conducting our Fall lockdown procedure during the week of Oct 15. Teachers will prepare students using age appropriate language before we run this school-wide activity. If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher.

**EQAO Results** Congratulations to all of our students and staff who participated in last year's Spring assessments. Here are the 'at a glance' results. Our school continues to perform above the provincial average in all areas except Gr. 6 reading– way to go Wolves! We will continue our EQAO preparation program for this year's Gr. 3 & 6 students.

**Volunteering at Williamsburg** We are always looking for volunteers at our school. Volunteering opportunities come in a variety of forms. Some examples are: going on a class trip, reading with children, helping out in a classroom, or helping out with the SCC. If you are interested in volunteering at our school please contact your child's teacher or the school's office at 905-668-6613. Thanks.



#### October 2019



#### OCTOBER

**14** Thanksgiving Holiday **17** Pizza Day 21 to Nov I We **Scare Hunger Food** Drive 22 Wolfpacks 22 SCC Meeting @ 6:30 pm 24 Volunteer of Distinction Ceremony- Ed. Centre @ 7 pm **30 Say Something** Assemblies 3 Halloween

Parade/Dance-a-thon

31 Pizza Day

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Niki Lundquist Scott Templeton Christine Thatcher niki.lundquist@ddsb.ca scott.templeton@ddsb.ca christine.thatcher@ddsb.ca HALLOWEEN All students are invited to wear their Halloween costumes on Thursday, October 31st. Each class will be participating in various age-appropriate activities on the 31st.

From Oct 21 to Nov 1 our Gr 7 & 8 students are once again coordinating the "We Scare Hunger Campaign" food drive. We are collecting nonperishable food items for those in need. We kindly ask if you can help out by donating non-perishable food items such as canned beans, canned soup, Kraft dinner etc. We will be collecting these items in front of the main office. You could also help out by collecting non-perishable food items while going trick or treating on Halloween. The class that collects the most nonperishable food items will win a prize. The Gr. 7 & 8 Action Team will also be coordinating a Dance-a-thon for October 31st. Please be on the look-out for additional details that will be sent home soon.

**TERRY FOX RUN** Thanks to all community members who made a donation to our annual Terry Fox Run that took place on Sept. 27th. All funds will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation. We will share the total amount raised in November's newsletter. Some pictures from the event are on page 5. Thanks again!!







# Dates of Significance- October 2019

#### October is... Women's History Month, Islamic History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month (Ontario)

**Some significant dates** . . .October 14– Thanksgiving Day, October 17 - International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, October 24- United Nations Day, October 31 – Hallowe'en



**Extra- Curricular Activities at WPS!** Our students are very fortunate to have many opportunities to participate in activities outside the classroom. Currently we have the following teams and clubs up and running at WPS: Flag Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Soccer, Latin Dance, Action Team and Athletic Council.



Hello, my name is Mrs. Edmonstone and I am a full-time EA at our school! This year I have decided to participate in a great cause for children with cancer. It is called "Angel Hair For Kids, A Child's Voice Foundation". This program relies on hair and monetary donations to make custom hair replacements for children that look just like a child's natural hair. I will be donating 12 inches of my hair along with any money that we raise at our school. Students will have the opportunity to buy ballots, from October 15 to October 30, at a cost of \$1 per ballot. The ballots will be collected and the lucky winner that has their name drawn will cut my pony tail at our school assembly! Thank you in advance for helping to make this fundraiser a success.

## Williamsburg at WE Day



### WE Day 2019

Last month, the Grade 8 Action Team leaders had the amazing opportunity to attend WE Day 2019 in Toronto. They got to hear the stories and experiences of many inspirational people such as David Suzuki, Rupi Kaur, Connor Franta, Nav Bhatia and many other great speakers. The students learned that you don't have to be an adult to make a difference, they can make a positive difference right now, no matter how old or young they are. The Grade 8 Action Team Members were fortunate to be able to hear the dynamic and powerful conversations about understanding identity and social justice and about moving beyond tolerance and acceptance to a place of appreciation and celebration of diversity. They enjoyed hearing how others have become entrepreneurs for social change and spent the trip home talking about their own ideas!

The Action Team looks forward to planning events throughout the year.

























# SEPTEMBER SAY SOMETHING /4A CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS!!











# **Congratulations!!**