



The Williamsburg Connection



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Welcome Back!

I would like to welcome everyone to our school; our returning families and those that have arrived in our community over the summer months. Williamsburg will always be a place where students are supported and given the opportunity to succeed. We look forward to another great school year! **B. Savard, Principal**

Annual Terry Fox Run-Thursday, Sept 26th

The school will be collecting toonies for Terry and we will gladly accept any donation. Thanks!

Book Fair The first book fair of the year is just around the corner. Book fair sales will begin on Meet the Teacher night on Sept. 19th and will continue until Sept. 25th. Come on out and support the WPS library!

Where 'Learning For All' Comes Alive

Meet the Teacher,

Thursday, September 19th

Please join us for a pizza dinner and "Meet the Teacher" on Thursday, September 19th at 5:30. All food items are available to order on School Cash Online. Classrooms will be open at 6:30 pm for Meet the Teacher. We hope to see you then!

Schoolhouse Playcare Centre

We have before and after school child care at Williamsburg.

Contact Info: 905-430-1080

September 2019



SEPTEMBER 2019

19-25 – Book Fair

19– Pizza Dinner @ 5:30 pm, Meet the Teacher @ 6:30 pm

23– Wolf Packs

26– Terry Fox Event

26– SCC Meeting & Election @ 6:30 pm

30– Orange Shirt Day & Say Something Assemblies

OCTOBER

1– Picture Day for K-3

2– Picture Day for 4-8

11– PA Day

14– Thanksgiving Holiday

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School Community Council (SCC) Our SCC is a very supportive advisory group of parents who will meet 5 or 6 times this year. Our first meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, September 26th at 6:30 pm in the school's library. All parents are welcome to attend and become a member. We will be forming our executive that evening. If you are interested in being the Chairperson, Vice Chair, Treasurer or Secretary please contact the school or attend the first meeting on the 26th. Please feel free to join the SCC Facebook page. We hope to see you on the 26th!



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Search:
Williamsburg Public School (Whitby, ON) - News and Information from SCC
Reminder: The answer to the security question is: Panago. If you have already requested to join and have not answered the question, please do so.

Our New Vice Principal Greetings Williamsburg PS community! I am excited to begin the 2019/2020 year as your Vice Principal. I have served the DDSB as a classroom teacher, Literacy and Numeracy Coach and K-8 Facilitator serving schools in Ajax and Pickering. I have spent the last few years as the Vice Principal of Bayview Heights PS where I was able to develop and refine gap-closing strategies in Mathematics and Language. I am most committed to your child's well-being and academics and am honoured to support this learning community. In working with students I have found both challenge and opportunity and look forward to celebrating many "growth moments" at Williamsburg. Thank you to the energetic Williamsburg staff for a most warm welcome. I look forward to a wonderful year ahead! With warm regards, A. Kerr

Welcome New Staff Please join us in welcoming Vice Principal, Allison Kerr, Early Childhood Educator Toni Williams, Release Teacher Natasha Eck and Educational Assistant Fiona Young. Welcome!

Email Addresses If your email address has not changed since last year you will receive information from the school through email. If you are new to our school community or your address has changed please send your new address to: **williamsburgps@ddsb.ca** or phone the school at **905-668-6613**. All future communication will be done via email. If you do not have e-mail access please let the school know and we will provide a paper copy of the monthly school newsletters. Thanks.

School Cash Online Once again, all school payments will be done through this online payment system. If you did not register last year, please register on the school's website at: <https://williamsburg.ddsb.ca/en/index.aspx#>. To register you will need your child's OEN # which can be found on an old report card.

The First 20 Days of Wellness We like to think our school is very welcoming and a great place to learn. This year we would like to make it even more welcoming and supportive. We have decided to initiate this program that sets out to build a sense of community with various daily activities that all classes will be participating in during the first 20 days of school. The activities promote student voice, identity and empathy. To find out more, please ask your child about the program.

Pizza Lunch This year we will be offering Panago pizza lunches bi-weekly starting Sept 19. All pizza orders will be made using School Cash Online. It is a "pay as you go" system as long as the order is made before the deadlines listed in the ordering system.



Pizza Days will be returning as our primary school fundraiser. Since Panago has increased their pricing for the second time in 5 years, we will be increasing our price for the first time. Each large slice will be \$2.75.

Reminder: Each slice is very large.

2019-2020 Pizza Days:

September 19	February 6, 20
October 3, 17, 31	March 5, 26
November 14, 28	April 9, 23
December 12	May 7, 21
January 9, 23	June 4, 18



Orange Shirt Day Sept. 30 Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of the account of a young girl, Phyllis, having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission. This has provided us with an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

Safe Arrival Many of you are aware that there is a system in place for reporting your child as absent or late. Please visit attendance.ddsb.ca on the web or call 1-844-350-2646 if your child will be away. Once on the Safe Arrival page you will see our new communication link called School Messenger. Please click on the link and follow the prompts. If you have any questions please call the school for assistance. You can also download the School Messenger App.

Gifted Testing If your child is in Gr 3-8 and you are interested in having your child tested for giftedness there are nomination forms in the office and an information session will be held at the Education Centre on Thursday, September 26th at 6:30 pm. If you need further details please feel free to call the school at 905-668-6613.

Kiss n Ride Our school is very fortunate to have a well defined and safe Kiss and Ride program. Please pay close attention to all signage and staff when you pick-up and/or drop-off students before and after school. Thanks!

Insurance Forms Student school insurance is an optional program that is provided by Insure My Kids. A flyer will be sent home with students this week and you can visit their website at www.insuremykids.com for more information.

Picture Days– Please mark Tuesday, October 1st for Kindergarten to Gr. 3 picture day and Wednesday, October 2nd for Gr. 4-8.

Parent Portal– Information about this important school tool was sent out electronically in August. If you have not created an account as of yet, please visit Williamsburg's website to find a handy link to the portal and all of its benefits by clicking the button. If you need any assistance please don't hesitate to contact the school. Thanks.

September 2019 Dates of Significance

2019 is the International Year of Indigenous Languages

Each month we will share some dates of significance in the table posted below.

Sept	DATES OF SIGNIFICANCE	
7	Ukrainian Heritage Day	Canada
8	International Literacy Day	UN
21	International Day of Peace	UN
26	Franco-Ontarian Day	Ontario
23-27	Ally Week	Canada
30	Orange Shirt Day	Canada

RAFFLE BASKET THEMES (BY GRADE) FOR

Sept. 19, 2019 MEET THE TEACHER

Kindergarten Crayola

Grade 1 ... Kids' Books (Primary Appropriate)

Grade 2 Baking With The Kids

Grade 3 Lego

Grade 4 Car Wash

Grade 5 Griller's (BBQ) Delight

Grade 6 For The Dog

Grade 7 Gift Cards

Grade 8 Gift Cards

We rely on donations from our families to help fill the baskets. Thanks in advance for those that are able to make a donation!