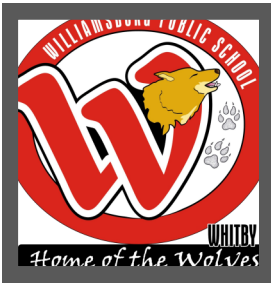


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Williamsburg P.S.

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The Williamsburg Connection

Happy December WPS Families,

November flew by and was a busy and fun month at Williamsburg. We have continued to welcome new students and families into our community. Our three new portables are ready to go and students and teachers have moved into them. We now have the library and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) lab spaces available for classes to work with their teachers and our Teacher-Librarian in partner and STEM activities. We thank our amazing custodians for their hard work in cleaning and setting up our portables and preparing the library and STEM lab. What a team!

We had a wonderful Family Movie Night on Nov. 29th and we thank all families who came to have some fun. We will be hosting another Family Fun Night at the end of January– more details to follow in the new year.

Healthy Selection cookie sales are back. Cookies are \$1 each and money can be brought into home room teachers from Monday-Thursday. Cookies will be distributed to classes on Friday mornings to end the week with a treat.

Last week, we sent home detailed information about our Raffle Baskets so students know what exciting items are available to try to win. Thank you all for your support by both sending in items and for donating money for staff to buy items to create the baskets. Tickets are \$2 each or 3/\$5. Winning tickets will be drawn on Tuesday Dec. 19th and families can pick the baskets up before we head to the holiday break. All proceeds go to support our students re teams, extra-curriculars, guest speakers and items for classrooms.

We have our next School Community Council Meeting on Wednesday December 6th at 6:30 pm. We invite all parents/guardians to attend the meeting to get updates about the school and find out ways to get involved with supporting activities and initiatives at Williamsburg. We hope to see you there.

Students had a great time last month working with the dance instructor during physical education classes and they learned some fun new routines and dance steps. We are looking forward to seeing all of the talent in on school on the stage during our So You Think You Can Dance assembly on the last day of school before the break.

The last day of classes is Friday December 22nd and it is a regular dismissal time of 2:40 pm. The first day back in the new year is Monday January 8th. We wish all families a safe and happy December break and that you enjoy time with family and friends.

Ms. Spencer and Mrs. Johnson



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Jennifer Kerr

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5 A/ Say Something May Assembly- Students across all grades were recognized for their amazing work and contributions to our WPS school community. Below are the names of the students recognized at our second assembly of the year on December 1st. Congratulations to all of our award winners!



5 A Awards

Amal I.	Yaseen R.
Alex H.	Kyrie J.
Arianna K.	Vritika P.
Ethan K.	Tiffany K.
Eddie H.	Avyan B.
Arya K.	Jayesh V.
Elliotte P.	Naila S.
Kiimarr J.	Keerit S.
Aniketh W.A.	Gyan P.
Naksh B.	Bryan C.
Prabhkirat S.	Lucas B.
Oliver L.	Rithvik M
Akshiha S.	Anvi C.
Krish G.	Dehan O.
Torres Y.	Cooper K.
Aiden B.	Mohammed H.
Moez I.	Tayah L.
Libby	Oliva W.
Rudra P.	Akshita T.
Hashir I.	Akmal M.
Joan Z.	Yu Xuan Z.
Vishwa J.	Manan M.
Sadie S.	Milo S.
Manny S.	Nallia M.
Sophia P.	Keerthana G.
Aleena M.	
Shourya K.	
Charlotte R.	
Ibrahim J.	
Zoravar G.	
Annie W.	
Devansh T.	
Riddhi S.	
Sammy S.	
Seyon T.	

Say Something Awards

Shanaya S.	Prasathi V.
Zoey N.	Advait M.
Vetri V.	Sofia P.
Avyan B.	Alex Z.
Sakshara S.	Joe P.
Neymat K.	Aradhya S.
Akshaya J.	Mariah W.
Aiden A.	Aariz I.
Mia J.	Aaradhya K.
Leandra B.	Chole G.
Maayon T.	Koen G.
Miya H.	Ava K.
Vidhun S.	Liyana K.
Nehansh M.	Rachel S.
Vihana M.	Eva B.
Henry F.	Titus T.
Sofia T.	Hardik S.
Miya W.	Harish S.
Aliya D.	Julianna J.
Nathan T.	Owen M.
Sultan E.	Amitis E.
Enara A.	Kawsar E.
Kiyara N.	Abraham A.
Amayah C.	Laila D.
Reval A-K.	
Hibba A.	
Avin H.	
Israa D.	
Ibrahim M.	
Rishitha S.	
Emma P.	
Austin C.	
Hethika G.	
Connor T,	



Pedestrian Crossing at Medland and Kirkland Place

Please read the message below from the Town of Whitby regarding a change coming with the crossing guard at the corner of Medland Ave. and Kirkland Place.

Currently the Crossing at Medland Ave. and Kirkland Place provides crossing of Kirkland Place only.

As of Monday, December 4th, the Crossing Guard will also cross pedestrians across Medland Avenue on the West side of Kirkland Place. There will be an additional Guard supporting the Crossing Guard for a day or two to ensure those who have been crossing Medland Ave. on their own know they now have to wait to be crossed by the Crossing Guard.

Please contact the Town of Whitby if you have any questions about this change.

Inclement Weather Planning

With colder temperatures approaching, we are sharing information on how the DDSB is handling the cancellation of buses due to winter weather in order to ensure everyone remains safe.

In the event that transportation services are cancelled due to inclement weather, both elementary and secondary schools located within the affected cancellation zone(s) will **remain open**.

In very rare situations, if a decision is made to close schools:

- Elementary schools located in the affected zone(s) would be closed.-
- Secondary schools located in the affected zone(s) would switch to a virtual learning day for all students.

How will I be notified if transportation services are cancelled and/or schools are closed?

Families will be notified as soon as possible (no later than 7:00am) through a posting on the DDSB website, social media and where possible, through local radio stations and media outlets.

What zone am I in?

Students at Williamsburg P.S are in Zone 4. Zone 1 (Brock Area), Zone 2 (Uxbridge Area), Zone 3 (Scugog Area), Zone 4 (Southern Area)]

You can review the inclement weather zone maps by visiting the [DSTS website](#).

Anaphylaxis and Allergies

WPS has several children with allergies in classrooms throughout the school. As such, we are a **Nut Aware** building. Please read the information sent home by the classroom teachers if there are immediate concerns in your child's classroom. We are collecting updated medical information now from families to ensure our records are accurate. Staff do training each year to ensure all are familiar with emergency procedures and how to use Epi-Pens and Allerjects correctly. Do not hesitate to ask questions if you require further information. You can also check out Sabrina's Law on the DDSB web site.

STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Thank you for following the procedures WPS has put in place for the safe arrival and dismissal of all students at the school. This is always a priority and steps have been put in place to help us all remain safe. **The front of the school driveway is for Buses Only.** Please remember the only **Kiss N Ride loop is located at the back of the school during morning arrival.** Students can exit the vehicle, and then walk through the opening at the primary yard to go to their designated class line-up spot. At the end of the day, the loop is closed to allow all students to leave school property in a safe manner. Parents/guardians are welcome to meet their children on the school yard when they are dismissed from their classes.

VISITORS TO Williamsburg PS.

Visitors are always welcome at WPS. If possible, please call the school to arrange a telephone meeting when needed. If meeting in person is required, please come to the front door and press the buzzer and we will open the door. If you need to drop something off for your child, please follow the same procedure as above and we will deliver the item.



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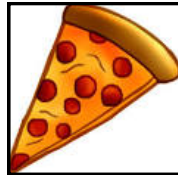
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School Pizza Lunch is back

We are pleased to be able to provide pizza lunch again this year as a school fundraiser. We will hold them on Tuesdays, with our next one being Tuesday Dec 5th. Orders can be placed via School Cash On-Line through to December. Dates for the new year have been added and you can order until March Break. We will provide cheese, cheese and pepperoni and students will have the choice to order a juice box as well. Prices have increased slightly this year due to an increase from Domino's. We appreciate the support for our students and the various school initiatives we provide for them this year.



WPS Oshawa Generals Night

All WPS students and families are welcome to attend the game for our WPS Night.

Our choir will be singing the national anthem at the Oshawa Generals Game on Friday January 19th at 7:35 pm.

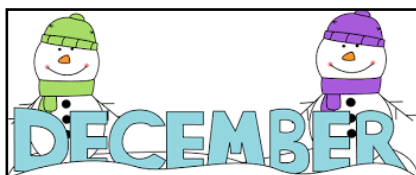
Tickets are on sale via School Cash On-Line. Tickets are \$21.25 each. All students need to be accompanied by an adult.

Hope to see you there!



Dates To for December

Dec. 5	Pizza Day
Dec. 6	SCC Meeting at 6:30 pm
Dec. 19	Pizza Day
Dec. 22	So You Think You Can Dance assembly in the am– student only presentation
Dec. 22	Last Day of school– regular dismissal
Dec. 23– Jan. 7	Winter Holiday Break
Jan. 8	First Day of School
Jan. 16	Pizza Day
Jan. 19	WPS Oshawa Generals Night
Jan. 30	Pizza Day



Season's Eatings... Eating Healthy as a Family During the Holidays

Make lasting memories this holiday season by eating together with your family and friends as often as you can. Sharing traditional holiday meals with your family helps to create a sense of belonging, brings people together and strengthens bonds. Also, children who regularly eat meals with their families are more likely to:

- maintain a healthy body weight
- make healthy food choices
- eat more vegetables and fruit
- eat less of foods that are high in
- salt, sugar and fat
- have less sugary drinks



Check out "Healthy eating for holidays and events" at food-guide.canada.ca.



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If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.

"Try to be a rainbow in someone else's cloud." Maya Angelou