



The Williamsburg Connection



Where 'Learning For All' Comes Alive

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Say Something Assemblies

Our next Say Something assemblies will be held on Jan 30, 2020. Grades K-3 at 8:30 am, Grades 4-8 at 9 am.

January 2020



Happy New Year! We wish all families a happy new year and look forward to all of the exciting learning opportunities that await us in 2020!

SCC News Thanks to our SCC for all of their efforts coordinating our December Movie Night and thanks to all families who attended! At the December SCC meeting, the SCC motioned to support the following items: Mathletics (math software)- \$2600, support for families at Christmas- \$500 and Remembrance Day wreath- \$85. Thanks to all families who support our special lunch programs that help fund our SCC. Our next SCC meeting is on Thursday, February 6th.

Book Fair The book fair is coming! Our second book fair of the year will take place this month. Sales will take place from January 13th to the 16th. Start 2020 out with a new and exciting book!

PA Day– Please be reminded that Friday, January 17 is a PA day. There will be no school for students on that day.

Our 5 Agreements As the new year begins we look forward to a continued commitment to our school's motto:

We See Each Other
We Support Each Other
We Respect Each Other
We Care for Each Other
We Say Something
Go Wolves!!



JANUARY

- 9 Pizza Day
- 13 Book Fair begins
- 13 Kindergarten Registration online begins @ 4 pm
- 15 Gr 8 and SK Grad Picture Day
- 17 PA Day
- 23 Pizza Day
- 29 Sarah Wells presentation
- 30 Say Something Assemblies

FEBRUARY

- 6 SCC Meeting @ 6:30
- 12 Report Cards go home

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Hello parents of children who will be starting JK next year (children with a 2016 birth year). Please register online anytime after January 13. Thanks!

Parents can register online anytime after 4 pm on the 13th by visiting the DDSB's website. Please call the school if you have any questions. Williamsburg's Phone Number is 905-668-6613



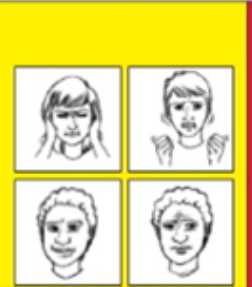
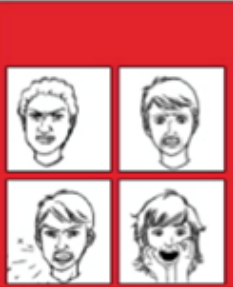
January 2020 Dates of Significance– January is Tamil Heritage Month

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

JANUARY	DATES OF SIGNIFICANCE	COUNTRY
15	Birthday of Martin Luther King	United States
15-18	Thai Pongal	India & Sri Lanka
21	Lincoln Alexander Day	Canada
20	Martin Luther King Day	US/Canada
25	Lunar New Year	Eastern Asia
27	International Day in Memory of Holocaust Victims	UN

Zones of Regulation at Williamsburg

The **ZONES** of Regulation®

			
BLUE ZONE Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	GREEN ZONE Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	YELLOW ZONE Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	RED ZONE Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control

The holidays are over, now it's like September all over again...except with snow! Two weeks is a long time away from friends, teachers and school routines. Here are some activities that you can do that will help students with the transition back to school in 2020.

- Re-visit coping strategies when/if someone is starting to feel outside of the green zone both in the classroom and at home (eg. breathing exercises, music, positive thoughts, a fidget toy, drawing, reading).
- Share goals for the new year as a family. Perhaps they will include more family time together, trying new things, playing with different friends, signing up for an extra-curricular activity etc.
- Create a family schedule. Plan it together so that children feel like they can add value too. Plan when homework time will best work, when chores need to be completed and don't forget to establish a consistent bedtime.

Welcome to 2020! Green goals are smart goals!

Winter Weather Expectations

Winter temperatures have arrived. Outdoor play at all recesses is the rule of thumb for all DDSB schools. If the temperature dips below -20 degrees celsius (including wind chill) we will not go outside. Temperatures that hover around this mark will sometimes direct us to shorten outdoor play times when necessary. All outdoor play decisions will be made in the best interest and safety of our students.



Mental Health Wellness – Resiliency!

In the spirit of Bell Let's Talk, our school is excited to welcome Olympic and Pan Am hurdler Sarah Wells on January 29th. Sarah brings her **Believe Initiative** to our school which focuses on building confidence, resiliency and believing in yourself. Sarah will be speaking to our Grade 5 to 8 classes and working closely with our Intermediate students on creating passion projects.



Toy Drive

A big thanks to all community members who donated an unwrapped toy. Thanks also to Mrs. Lyon's class for taking the lead on this initiative. We were able to donate 148 items to the Salvation Army's Toy Mountain program. Thanks again!





So You Think You Can Dance! Williamsburg Edition!!

