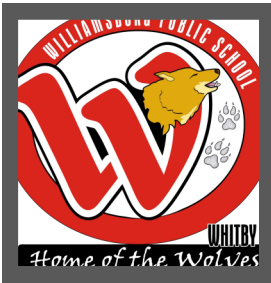


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Williamsburg P.S.

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The Williamsburg Connection

Happy November WPS Families,

It was another very busy month of learning and fun at Williamsburg. Students have been busy in class and playing on sports teams. We give a great big thank you to the staff who have spent time coaching and mentoring our students over these past weeks.

Last month, two families kindly provided delicious treats for the staff to have on the PA Day on October 6th. We thank the Hoevenaars and Dyck families for their generosity. We also thank the Sadie and Fahim families for providing a delicious lunch of pizza and coffee and donuts for the staff as well to thank them for their hard work. Please know your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

We have some staffing news to share. Jodi Brawn has been hired as the Head Secretary at a school in Pickering. Jodi has been working in our office for a few years and we appreciate all of her hard work in helping students, staff and families. We will miss her but wish her all the best as she moves to her new school. We will be hiring a new part-time office secretary in the coming weeks.

As you can see at our site, three more portables have arrived at our school to accommodate our growing school population. It will take a few weeks to get them ready and we will communicate with the families of the classes being impacted by a move in the next few weeks.

We are offering WPS Spirit Wear for students to order. Please check for a separate message next week with ordering information. Orders will be completed on-line this year to help expedite the process.

It is almost time to send home Progress Reports. Reports will be sent electronically on Wednesday November 15th. Parent/guardian/teacher interviews will be held on the evening of Thursday Nov. 16th and during the morning of Friday Nov. 17th. Next week, you will receive information about signing up for an interview. This will be done electronically and you will be able to select times for all children who attend WPS.

Next week, students and staff will participate in Treaties Recognition Week. Students will be engaged in lessons, learning and reflecting about the impact of treaties and treaty relationships in Canada.

We will hold a Remembrance Day ceremony for staff and students on Friday November 10th at 10 am.

Have a wonderful month!

Ms. Spencer and Mrs. Johnson

Follow us @WPSwolves



Principal: Stephanie Spencer

Vice-Principal: Trish Johnson

Administrative Assistants: Amira Azar

Jodi Brawn

Lead Custodian: Kyle Montgomery

Superintendent of Education– Stephen Nevills

Trustees: Michelle Arseneault 905-391-4201

Tracy Brown 905-706-6523

Christine Thatcher 905-655-4370

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 first assembly of the year on October 20th. Congratulations to all of our award winners!



5 A Awards

Say Something Awards

Parsa C.	Muhammed Z.
Brielle C.	Xander C.
Soujanya G.	Manvi P.
Henry F.	Kumud M.
Anisa M.	Shourya M.
Tyson M.	Cameron E.
Riaan C.	Hayleigh S.
Ishana G.	Angelina Z.
Thamizh M.	Sourish D.
Sophia D.	Saba Z.
Irha A.	William R.
Tvesha C.	Asher P.
Leah N.	Amvi P.
Paige M.	Jacob P.
Ayaan R.	Meenakshi N.
Aaryan V.	Abdullah R.
Sohan P.	Tayah L.
Calvin W.	Camryn S.
Agarwin K.	Alyssa G-H.
Ellie F-S.	Mujtaba F.
Advika S.	Camryn B.
Ameya N.	Marcel P.
Sastha U.	Anna A.
Anika G.	Anneet S.
Mandy L.	Myles P.
Ojas M.	Liam K.
Alyssa J.	Fisola O.
Aksaya R.	Chole D.
Maanvita P.	Abinash A.
Kylie G.	
Thanav V.	
Adalyn H.	
Aajesh S.	
Emma O.	
Vyshali S.	
Eveleen K.	
Pahal S.	

Devon C.	Connor T.
Shah I.	Auron S.
Manha S.	Yahia E.
Srinika R.	Minahil A.
Simon J.	Ariana A.
Saber A.	Dhyey P.
Toby M.	Trishanth M.
Anaya D.	Leena J-B.
Ishaan G.	Alex H.
Vivaansh M.	Aisha H.
Eva C.	Braedon F.
Arin T.	Tesa St. J.
Thalir S.	Keira L.
Sierra F.	Ronin G.
Paisley L-R.	Alya O.
Saanvi N.	Peniel H.
Om B.	Fadio D.
Guha D.	Luyan W.
Immanuella J.	Shuruthika N.
Abigail M.	Akshithaa A.
Diyon S.	Malia M.
Austin W.	Ilyas D.
Noah S.	Pavishan S.
Romeo P.	Gillian R.
Kyleigh H.	Priyal P.
Atharv S.	Austin L.
Keira S.	
Iniya S.	
Rylan A.	
Adeena M.	
Jackson L.	
Lochlan K.	
Vahin M.	



WPS is pleased to offer the session below for parents/guardians of students at WPS. You are invited to watch the virtual presentation by Aubrey Noronha from your home via a Zoom link. Below is information about the presenter and the topic being covered during his presentation.

Aubrey Noronha (NA-ROW-NA) is from HelloHope.ca. Aubrey is a recognized Safe Schools, Mental Health and Anti-Racism Speaker speaking across the country with his "2022 Make Hope Viral Tour". He has been presenting to students and families all over as well as to professionals, public servants and municipalities. Aubrey is a former Crisis Negotiator within the justice system and Critical Incident Stress Management facilitator serving those impacted by terrorism and other traumatic events and is the recipient of the town of Ajax 2021 diversity and community engagement award which was recognized by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario and the House of Commons. In 2022, The Humanity Organization (which was founded by Masai Ujiri (U-JEERI), the president of the Toronto Raptors) highlighted Aubrey as a Humanity Hero for his work throughout Canada. Aubrey is also a singer and has sung duets with John Legend, Adele and Pearl Jam...while listening to them on his Bluetooth speaker in the shower.

Zoom Link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89538289222>

Colour^{1.0} Blind?

WHY BEING 'NOT RACIST'
IS NOT ENOUGH ANYMORE



Parent / Guardian Night

TUES NOV, 7 @ 7PM-8:15PM

**THIS EVENT IS FOR ADULTS ALTHOUGH MAY BE SUITABLE FOR GRADE 9 STUDENTS AND OLDER*

FOREST VIEW PS
ROMEO DALLAIRE PS
WILLAMSBURG PS



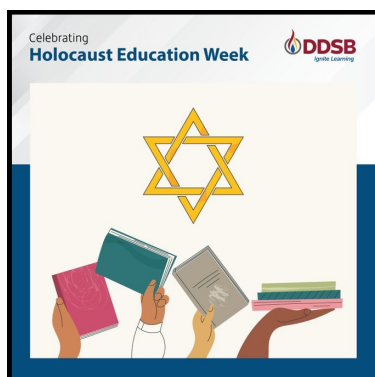
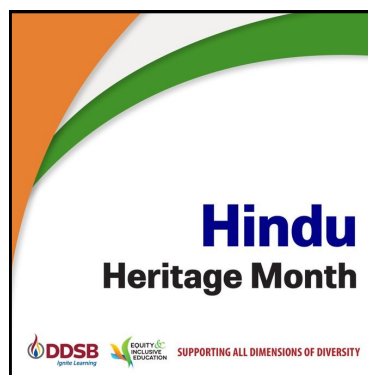
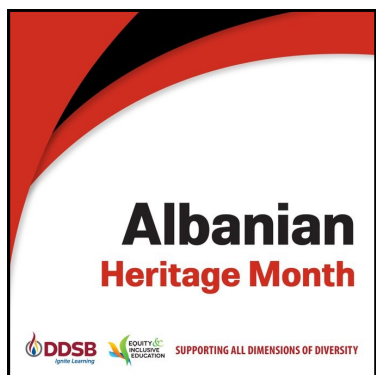
w/ **AUBREY NORONHA**
SAFE SCHOOLS
MENTAL HEALTH
ANTI-RACISM
SPEAKER



Helping give youth, educators, families and professionals hope for a safer community

Autumn Dance-a-thon School Fundraiser

Students had a wonderful time on October 31st participating in our annual Autumn Dance-a-thon. It is a fun way to have some fun while dancing and singing with friends and their teachers. They had fun dancing along to some Just Dance Videos and we certainly have some talented performers at our school. The grab bags were a hit and they generate about \$1600 as a fundraiser for student activities. Thank you for your generosity and support.



Nov. 1-9, 2023

Nov. 5-11, 2023

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.

School Photo Retake Day! November 24th!

*We held our School Photo day on Monday October 23rd. If your child was absent that day or you would like retakes, please mark **November 24th** on your calendar as **Edge Imaging** will return that day to WPS for one last chance for a photo. Please let your child's teacher know you want your child to get a picture that day, and we will make sure it is done.*

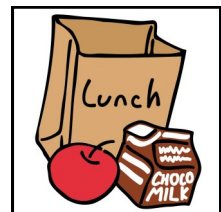


Bicycle Safety

Students are welcome to ride bikes to school in the nice weather. Please ensure bikes are locked up at the bike racks and helmets must be worn. Bikes must be walked on school property to keep everyone safe. We suggest scooters and skateboards be left at home and not brought to school.

LUNCH FACILITIES

Lunch research has clearly shown that it is healthier for students to go home for lunch, if at all possible. Children who stay at school for lunch are expected to behave in a courteous, respectful manner towards staff, supervisors and one another. Eating lunch at school is a privilege. Students who stay at school for lunch are not permitted to leave school property unless they have written permission from parents/guardians.



School Community Council

Calling all interested parents and guardians!

We held our first SCC meeting on October 11th and we thank the parents who attended the meeting to ask questions and to get updates about what is happening at our school. Please look for information about the SCC and how you can support the school in the front foyer during interviews on Nov. 16th and 17th!

The SCC helps to make WPS a better place for learning by discussing ideas with the administrators and running activities to raise funds for our school events. It has been a few years since we have had a full-time SCC and we look forward to a continued positive turnout this year.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday December 6th at 6:30 pm. We look forward to welcoming new and returning members. We will hold our SCC meetings in person at the school .



GRADE 6 BOYS!
FREE BASKETBALL TRAINING
LIMITED SPACES!

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 TO 8 PM
DONALD A WILSON SECONDARY SCHOOL,
681 ROSSLAND RD W. WHITBY.
BASKETBALLBASICS.CA, BASKETBALLBASICS@ROGERS.COM 414-567-2844

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Foodless Celebrations!!

As we have numerous allergies in our school, it is difficult to celebrate holidays and events with cake and treats. There are many different ingredients in foods and some are not always listed. We want our students to be safe while here at WPS. A great way to recognize your child's birthday is to donate a book to his/her classroom with a nice inscription including his/her name and date!

Please refrain from sending in treats for the whole class for parties at holiday times as well. We will honor special events with Foodless Celebrations.

ER TEENS
An Earth Rangers program

ER Teens - Leadership in Action

ER Teens is a free program empowering teenagers to lead community-based projects that make a positive impact on the environment and contribute to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

As an ER Teen, you'll:

- Connect with like-minded teens and network with professionals.
- Unlock your leadership potential! Build leadership skills like communication, problem-solving, and time management.
- Make an impact! Work with a mentor to design and lead impactful environmental projects in your community with the option to earn volunteer hours.

Bring Environmental Action to life

Create your own project that aligns with your interests. Project possibilities are endless, but here are a few examples of what ER Teens have achieved:

- Organized a community litter pick-up
- Set up recycling initiatives for batteries, markers, and other materials
- Hosted an environmental book reading and sustainable craft night for children

Eligibility:

- You live in Canada, are aged 13-18, and care about the environment.
- You can commit to completing your project in 3 months.

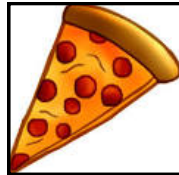
Apply Now:

Join ER Teens and bring environmental action to life! An Earth Rangers staff mentor will guide you every step of the way, from developing your project idea to executing it successfully. If you don't have a project idea yet, no problem! Let us help you brainstorm.

For more information visit <https://www.earthrangers.com/EN/CA/er-teens/or> contact erteens@earthrangers.com.

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 Nov. 7th. Orders can be placed via School Cash On-Line through to December. Dates for the new year will be added soon. We will provide cheese, cheese and pepperoni and students will have the choice to order a juice box as well. Prices will increase 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.



Progress Reports/ Fall Interviews

On Wednesday November 15th, Progress Reports for Grades 1-8 and Kindergarten Initial Learning Observations will be sent home electronically to parents/guardians.

Parent/guardian-teacher interviews will be held on the evening of Thursday Nov. 16th and in the morning on Friday Nov. 17th. As a reminder, that day is a PA day for students.

A Messenger will be sent to all families on Wednesday Nov. 8th with instructions on how to schedule an on-line interview.

We look forward to meeting with you to discuss the progress of your child.

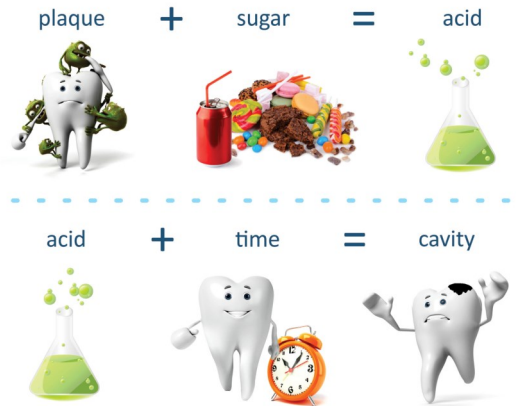
Dates To for November

Nov. 7	Pizza Day
	Parent Engagement Night– Zoom presentation from 7-8 :15 pm
Nov. 10	School Remembrance Day Ceremony
Nov. 15	Report Cards sent home
Nov. 16	Parent/Guardian– Teacher interviews in the evening
Nov. 17	Parent/Guardian– Teacher interviews In the morning PA Day for students
Nov. 21	Pizza Day
Nov. 24	School Photo Retake Day
Nov. 29	School Movie Night
Dec. 6	SCC Meeting @6:30 pm



Cavity Connection

Cavities occur when sugar in snacks and drinks combine with the bacteria in the mouth to create an acid. This acid attacks the teeth causing cavities over time.



- Cavities are NOT normal and can be avoided
- Cavities are the most common chronic disease in children
- Plaque starts as a clear film on teeth and continues to grow day and night
- Plaque is made up of food debris, cells from the mouth, and bacteria
- These bacteria cause cavities and gum disease - oral diseases are infectious
- Plaque is removed by careful brushing and flossing



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

“Say something positive, and you’ll see something positive.” Jim Thompson