

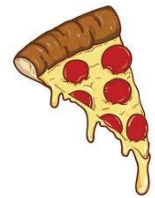
# Willowdale Middle School



## Pizza Lunch is Back! Sign up for March and April!

Get ready for some deliciousness! The Parent Council is excited to announce that Pizza Lunch is back for March and April! Mark your calendars for the following dates:

- \* March 5<sup>th</sup>
- \* March 27<sup>th</sup>
- \* April 8<sup>th</sup>
- \* April 29<sup>th</sup>



For \$40.00, your child will receive a combo including two slices of Domino's pizza, juice, and a bag of chips on all four dates mentioned above. It's the perfect way to fuel up for an afternoon of learning and fun!

IF YOU HAVE NOT ORDERED YET, the last day to register is TODAY! Registration will be open on [School Cash Online](#) until tonight, so don't miss out! This fundraiser helps support our students' enhanced learning.

To make Pizza Lunch a success, parent volunteers are always welcome to lend a hand. Even a few moments of your time would be greatly appreciated. We need help with setting up, handing out pizza, and cleaning up afterward. If you're able to volunteer, please let us know! Your support is invaluable.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [sc.willowdalemiddleschool@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:sc.willowdalemiddleschool@tdsb.on.ca).

## Upcoming School Council Meetings

Our next School Council meeting will take place on **Monday, April 7, 2025**, beginning at 6:30PM in our school library.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view our approved school council meeting minutes.



## Message From Trustee Pei

Trustee Pei and the Ward 12 PIAC Reps are hosting a Willowdale School Council Conference on March 4<sup>th</sup> at Willowdale Middle School. We are hoping you can share this flyer with your school council members, encouraging them to attend. Please see the link for more information: [https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/ward12/docs/2025%2003%2004%20W %20Pei%20Ward %20Willowdale%20School%20Council%20Conf%20Flyer.pdf](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/ward12/docs/2025%2003%2004%20W%20Pei%20Ward%20Willowdale%20School%20Council%20Conf%20Flyer.pdf)

TDSB Trustees and Staff from the Research and Development department will be hosting five public consultation sessions across the city on the draft policy for the Learning Opportunities Index (LOI). These sessions ensure families, students, and community members have the opportunity to learn more about the LOI and how it is used to support schools. The details for the dates and how to register are in the attached flyer. Please see the link for more information:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/ward12/docs/2025%20LOI%20Public%20Policy%20Consultations.pdf>

## Starlab Experience for our Grade 6 Students

On Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, Grade 6 students at Willowdale took a virtual tour of our Solar System and examined our galactic neighborhood. The Fantastic Planets free program from the Canadian Space Resource Centre was a good introduction to the Earth and Space unit. Classes journeyed on a digital trip to each of the eight planets, examining how objects move in space (axis and orbits), and learned about the differences between the different planets. Students experienced just how big the Universe is. The classes also learned about satellites, space exploration, and Canada's involvement in the space race. Thank you to the Canadian Space Resource Center for the amazing experience.



## Toronto Holocaust Museum Visits

Next week, Grade 6 classes from Willowdale MS will be visiting the [Toronto Holocaust Museum](#), at Bathurst and Eglerslie. "The Toronto Holocaust Museum is a space for education and dialogue about the vital history of the Holocaust and its ongoing relevance. The museum serves as a powerful and growing force against antisemitism, bigotry and hatred".

**Please complete the EMA permission form ASAP!**

Class:	Date Scheduled to Attend
6A, 6B	Monday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2025
6C, 6D	Tuesday, March 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
6F, 6/7F, 6I	Thursday, March 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2025

## WMS Sports Update

### Grade 6 Girls Volleyball

Congratulations to the Grade 6 Girls Volleyball team that went undefeated in their tournament at Dublin Heights on Friday! The girls have shown a strong commitment over the last 2 months and it showed in their play. Their best game came against a very good Dublin Heights team where we won in 3 hard fought sets. Your coaches are so proud of you. Thank you to the girls on an amazing season!

Thank you to our coaches, Ms. Wyman and Mr. Soriano for their amazing leadership.

Great job, Wildcats!





## Norooz Celebration at WMS

Willowdale will be hosting Norooz/Novroz at Willowdale this year! Norooz, which marks the first day of Spring (March 20 this year) is celebrated by people all over the world.

On March 19, students from various cultures and religions who observe Norooz will be creating a display to talk about their cultural or religious connection to Norooz.



## Students Signing In and Out of School

### Signing Out:

A reminder to parents that students are not permitted to leave the school unless a parent/authorized designate comes to sign them out in the main office. We will not accept written notes, nor phone calls. If a student falls ill during the day, the office staff will contact parents/guardians and make arrangements for dismissal.

### Signing In:

If a student arrives late to school, they must sign in at the office before going to class. This ensures that attendance is corrected, and the students are accounted for.

We thank our parents/guardians for their co-operation with this.

## After-School Leisure Program for Students with ASD

Welcome to an exciting opportunity to participate in an After-School Leisure program for students with autism. This program is open to TDSB students in Grades 4 -10 with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

This program provides an opportunity for students to develop, build and enhance their social - communication skills through either weekly in-person or weekly virtual sessions. For more information, please see the attached link:

[After-School Leisure Program](#)

## Lunch Box Program



We are excited to offer “The Lunch Box” program for the 2024/2025 school year! A reminder that Parents/Guardians may purchase their child’s lunch through this program by ordering on-line. **Orders must be in by Sunday at noon for the upcoming week.**

You can choose to participate for all five days (Monday to Friday), or you may choose any day/days of your choice. Please [click here](#) for information on how to order!

The restaurants are as follows:

Monday	Mr. Greek
Tuesday	Hero Burger
Wednesday	Osmow’s
Thursday	The Basil Box
Friday	Boston Pizza

## Important Upcoming Dates

SAVE THE DATE	
Mon., Mar. 3, 2025	6A, 6B Trip to Holocaust Museum (AM only)
Tues., Mar. 4, 2025	6C, 6D Trip to Holocaust Museum (AM only) Mackenzie Science & Engineering Olympics
Wed., Mar. 5, 2025	Pizza Day
Thur., Mar. 6, 2025	6F, 6/7F, 6I Trip to Holocaust Museum (AM only)
Fri., Mar 7, 2025	Activity Afternoon
Mon., Mar 10 - Fri., Mar. 14, 2025	March Break (No school)
Mon., Mar. 17, 2025	School resumes

If your child is going to be away or late, please call the **Safe Arrival Program** (School Messenger) at

**1-833-250-2290**

If you are signing your child out during the school day, you are required to come into the office, and send a written note, or email to [willowdale@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:willowdale@tdsb.on.ca)

We acknowledge that Willowdale MS is hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Wendat. We also recognise the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples.