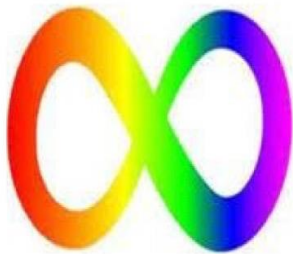


Willowdale Middle School



World Autism Awareness Day



Each year, on April 2nd, TDSB recognizes [World Autism Day](#), in an effort to raise awareness, and to remind us of the importance for all to ensure each and every member of our school community is respected and valued. The day is also important as we work to gain a better understanding of neurodiversity.

Lumenus Autism Services is offering a fun therapeutic summer camp during July 7 to August 29, 2025. For more information, please see the flyer attached on our website.

International Day of Pink

[International Day of Pink](#) is honoured every year at the Toronto District School Board in support of creating a more inclusive and diverse world by encouraging young people to challenge social norms, and to stand up against bullying towards their 2SLGBTQIA+ peers.

This year, TDSB is honouring the 35th anniversary of the coining of the term “Two-Spirit” at the 3rd Annual Intertribal Native American, First Nations, Gay and Lesbian American Conference in Winnipeg (1990).

This live production from TDSB’s boardroom (and broadcast to all middle and high school classrooms who wish to view) will feature student performances from Kapapamahchakwew - Wandering Spirit School, remarks from the Director, Chair, Mayor Chow, and Superintendent for Indigenous Education Tanya Senk, and Indigenous leaders John Sylliboy and Lyndon George. For more information, please visit this link: [TDSB International Pink Day](#)



This year, the International Day of Pink is on Wednesday, April 9. We encourage all students at Willowdale to come to school **wearing pink** to raise awareness and to stop discrimination, gender-based bullying, homophobia, and transphobia.

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.



Indoor Shoes

Spring is here! This means that our field is very muddy, as the ground continues to melt. It is essential that all students bring indoor shoes to wear while inside the school. We thank you for your assistance with this.



Pizza Day

A reminder that our next Pizza Day lunch is on Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

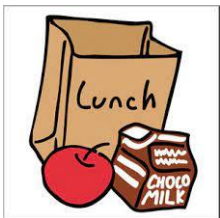


Reach Ahead Program

The Grade 8 to 9 Reach Ahead credit course is available only in person. If your child is interested in applying, please see the link for more information: [Conedsecondarycreditprogram](#)

Please see under the ***Continuing Education Summer School 2025*** heading.

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

Elementary Summer School 2025



The Elementary Literacy and Numeracy Summer School Program offers the opportunity for students to continue learning in the summer.

Programs are offered in-person at various locations to students in Kindergarten to Grade 8, from **July 2 to July 25, 2025**. A remote program is available for students in Grades 6 to 8.

Registration Information:

- Program Dates and Hours - Monday, July 2 to Friday, July 25, 2025, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Registration is online. To fill out an application, please click on the school registration form link: [Elementary-Summer-School](#)

Afternoon Jays Camp RBI Summer Edition

[RBI Summer Edition](#) is a free afternoon baseball-for-development program for Grades 3 to 8 hosted at 13 schools. Throughout July, students registered for half-day morning summer school can opt to join the RBI Summer Edition program for the afternoon. Please note that spaces are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

In the afternoon, students will engage in a wide range of recreational activities including cooperative games, arts and crafts, team-building, and inclusive baseball training. Throughout July, the program runs from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm, with the opportunity to extend to 5:30 pm for aftercare. After TDSB summer school ends, students can register for a full-day program from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm during the first two weeks of August. **Please note** – students enrolled in the afternoon program must bring their lunch.

Note: Jays Camp RBI Summer Edition is a distinct and separate program from the TDSB's Elementary Summer School program. The registration link for Jays Camp is provided at the end of each participating elementary summer school's form. We encourage everyone to review the specific details, procedures, and policies for both programs in the registration requirements before enrollment.

Please note that limited spaces are available for all programs.

Grade 6 Co-Ed Volleyball Update

Congratulations to our Grade 6 Co-ed volleyball team on their amazing performance at St. Andrew's Middle School. The team won 2 games and lost 2 games, but more importantly, they did an amazing job of representing our school. The team showed an tremendous improvement in just one week of intense practice. They went from playing "ping pong" to "bump, set, spike" in just a short amount of time. A special thank you to all our Grade 7 assistant coaches, Ms. Wyman and Mr. Soriano for their hard work and dedication.



WMS Science Club



This week in science club we performed a dissection on a rat. Rodents are in the kingdom Mammalia, meaning they are an excellent proxy to understand human anatomy. Science club members learned how to use various dissection implements effectively to open, analyze, and identify organs and tissues.

Science Club meets **every Thursday after school**—new members are always welcome!

Gr. 8 Trip to Montreal - Rooming

Next week, students will be asked to identify the students they would like to share a room with during their graduation trip to Montreal. Rooming for the graduation trip will be based on quad occupancy (4 students to a room) and the number of rooms we are provided is based on the number of students who have registered. To ensure that we can balance student experience and the needs across the trip, the process is as follows:

1. This week, students were asked to begin thinking of which partner they would like to room with.
2. This week, students were also asked to begin discussing with friends and classmates which other pair they would **LIKE** to room with.
3. On Monday, **partner groups will complete the form as a pair**. At that same time, on that same form; they pair will identify another pair (two participants) who they would **like** to be roomed with. Please note that we will do our best to guarantee the one partner (if it is a mutual match), but there are no guarantees that partners will room with another partnered group.

This process is in place to ensure students have the best time possible, while also balancing the needs of the trip and the school. If you have any questions, please e-mail Mr. Jones at Troy.jones@tdsb.on.ca.

Greek Heritage Month



Willowdale MS and the TDSB are proud to honour [Greek Heritage Month](#) during the month of March. “March is a significant month for the Hellenic community and March 25 is celebrated each year as Greek Independence Day. Proclaiming March as Hellenic Heritage Month provides an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the outstanding achievements and contributions of the Hellenic Canadians in the province.”

2025 marks 10 years of recognizing GHM at the TDSB! For this reason, our theme for this year is:

Odyssey - A Decade of Celebrating Greek Heritage Month
Οδύσσεια - Μία Δεκαετία Εορτασμού του Μήνα Ελληνικής Κληρονομιάς

Check out the TDSB Greek Heritage Month activities [here!](#)

Ramadan 2025

This year, Ramadan began at sundown on Friday, February 28th, and ends at sundown on Saturday, March 29th. Students who are fasting are welcomed to stay in the library during lunch time if they prefer.

We would like to wish all our Willowdale MS families observing Ramadan,

Ramadan Mubarak!



Important Upcoming Dates

SAVE THE DATE	
Wed., April 2	Marlies Game trip
Mon., April 7	School Council meeting at 6:30PM in Library
Tues., April 8	Pizza Day
Thur., April 10	ECO Council Conference
Tues., April 15	Gr. 8 Graduation Photo Day
Thur., April 17	WMS Track & Field Day
Fri., April 18	Good Friday (No school)
Mon., April 21	Easter Monday (No school)
Tues., April 22	Superintendent Morgan visiting Willowdale MS
Tues., April 29	Pizza Day

May 7	Final Parent Council meeting for the year- 6:30PM in Library
May 16	Gr. 7 School Vaccination Clinic
	Gr. 8's visiting Northview Heights SS
Wed., May 28 - Fri., May 30	Grade 8 Graduation Trip to Montreal

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

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.