

Willowdale Middle School



March Break

Next week, our students and staff will have their March Break. Willowdale Middle School will be closed from Monday, March 10th 2025 to Friday, March 14th 2025.

We wish all our students and families a relaxing, safe, and restful March Break. We look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Monday, March 17th 2025.

Our next WMS weekly update will be posted on March 21, 2025.



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!](#)

International Women's Day

March 8th is recognized as **International Women's Day**. It is a celebration that is shared by women all around the world. International Women's Day is a chance to celebrate the economic, political, and social achievements of women past, present and future. It gives focus to issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights, and violence and abuse against women. International Women's Day can be traced back to the early twentieth century. It emerged from the activities of labour movements in North America and Europe and reflected a growing call for women's equal participation in society. Today, International Women's Day is a day of unity, celebration, reflection, advocacy, and action and is celebrated in many countries worldwide.



The Government of Canada's theme for International Women's Day 2025 is:

"STRENGTH IN EVERY STORY"

"This year's theme highlights the importance of amplifying the voices of all women, particularly those who continue to face barriers to success. Creating opportunities for women and girls unlocks their potential and drives innovation, supports Canada's economy, and helps ensure a sustainable future for all.

Every woman's story is a testament to resilience, determination, and the power of opportunity. This International Women's Day, celebrate the women and girls in your life and share their stories."

Happy International Women's Day!

Ramadan 2025

This year, Ramadan began at sundown on Friday, February 28th, and ends at sundown on Saturday, March 29th. We would like to wish all of our Willowdale MS families observing Ramadan,

Ramadan Mubarak!



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.



Willowdale Students at MSEO

Willowdale students from Grades 7 and 8 attended the Mackenzie Science and Engineering Olympics at William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate on March 4th. Students took part in a plethora of activities in subject areas such as Math, Engineering and Physics. We would like to thank all 24 students who participated and represented Willowdale so well. A special congratulations goes out to two of our teams for taking home first place medals in their respected events. Thank you to Ms. Prugo and Ms. Teplitz for preparing our students! Great job, Wildcats!



WMS Science Club

This week in Science Club, students explored the fascinating process of pickling using a vacuum! They observed changes at the cellular level as fruits and cucumbers became translucent and absorbed new flavors. It was a hands-on experiment that combined science with a tasty result!

A big thank you to our amazing teachers, Mr. Hardwood and Mr. Adamski, for guiding our young scientists. Science Club meets **every Thursday after school**—new members are always welcome!



Teachers vs. Students - Ball Hockey Game

The Willowdale ice hockey team challenged a group of our teachers to a friendly ball hockey game. After back-and-forth action, the students ended up beating the teachers 5-4.

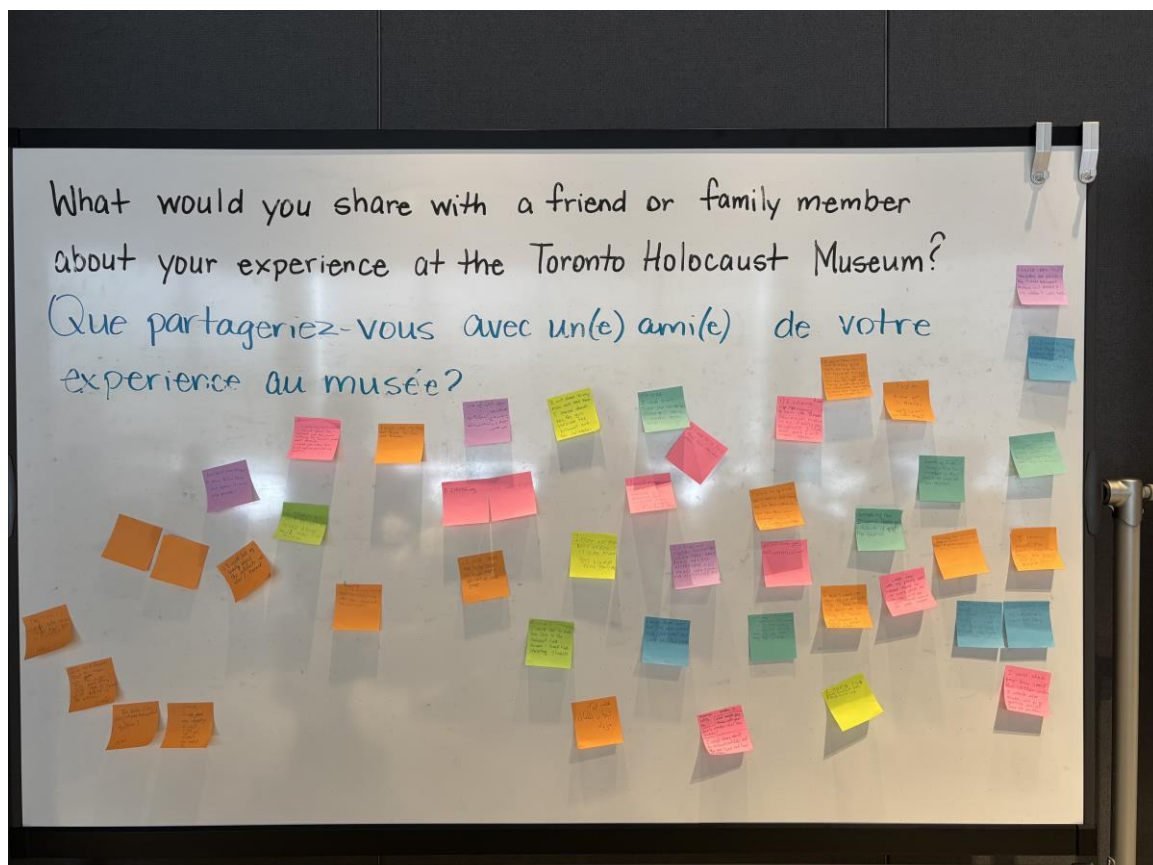
Thank you to Mr. Soriano and Ms. Ziebell for organizing the event, and to Ms. Ishac for being our awesome referee!

Willowdale teachers look forward to taking on our school ball hockey team next!



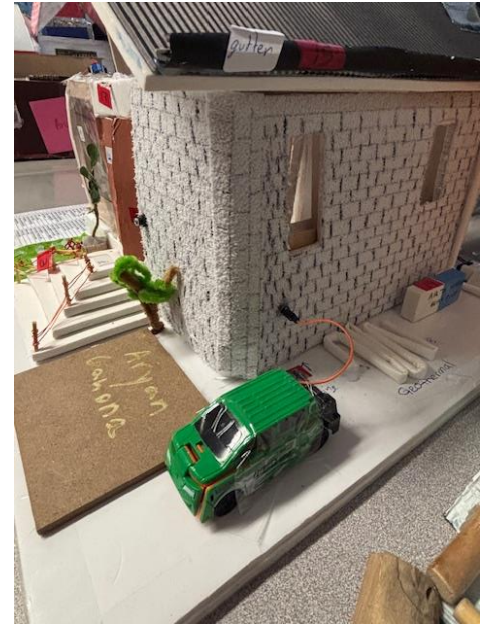
Grade 6 Visit to the Toronto Holocaust Museum

This week, our Grade 6 students had the impactful opportunity to visit the Toronto Holocaust Museum. Through interactive exhibits and personal survivor stories, students gained a deeper understanding of the Holocaust and its lasting lessons. The museum emphasizes the Jewish people's resilience, hope, and humanity in the face of immense adversity. This visit sparked meaningful discussions about history, tolerance, and the importance of standing up against injustice. It was a powerful learning experience that encouraged students to reflect on the past and the role they play in building a more compassionate future. Thank you to Ms. Wyman for organizing the trips.



6B Science Projects

Students in 6B completed an amazing science project focused on electricity, specifically conductors and insulators! Check out the awesome house designs and the thoughtful additions such as electric car chargers! Great job, 6B!



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

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.



Important Upcoming Dates

SAVE THE DATE	
Mon., Mar 10 - Fri., Mar. 14	March Break (No school)
Mon., Mar. 17	School resumes
Thur., Mar. 20	Ms. Miller's class trip to Central Library
	Ms. Wyman's trip to University of Toronto
Mon., Mar. 25	Superintendent Morgan visiting Willowdale MS
Thur., Mar. 27	Pizza Day
	Ms. Douglas' class trip to Art Gallery of Ontario
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
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.